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Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
CID-2024 184

TO : Public and Secondary School Principal

FROM : **WILFREDA D. BONGALOS PhD, CESO V**
Schools Division Superintendent 

SUBJECT : **Celebrating Geodiversity Through Arts and Story: Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark Contest**

Date : October 14, 2024

1. This Office announces the conduct of **Celebrating Geodiversity Through Arts and Story: Bohol Island UNESCO Geopark, Contest**. The said contest will run from October 6, 2024 to December 11, 2024 with entries accepted until December 5, 2024.
2. Detailed guidelines and contest rules are attached for your reference.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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 Schools Division Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Bongalos:

Greetings from the Provincial Government of Bohol!

In celebration of International Geodiversity Day (October 6) and the 20th Anniversary of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN), the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark is organizing a localized version of the GGN Contests. This initiative, titled "**Celebrating Geodiversity Through Arts and Story: Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark Contest**," aims to engage the youth, educators, and local communities in exploring and showcasing our rich geological and cultural heritage through photography, storytelling, and sensory experiences.

We would like to seek your valuable assistance in cascading this information to all schools in the province, including school clubs, school publications, youth organizations, and any other individuals who may be interested. The contest will be open to students, teachers, and residents of Bohol, with a specific category designed for young participants aged 12-18.

The contest will run from October 6, 2024, to December 11, 2024, with entries accepted until December 5, 2024. Detailed guidelines and contest rules are attached for your reference.

Your support in sharing this contest with your networks and encouraging participation would greatly contribute to raising awareness about the significance of geodiversity and the cultural richness of Bohol. We hope to inspire creativity and environmental stewardship through this exciting initiative.

Should you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Joanne M. Pinat, Program Manager of Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark at geopark@bohol.gov.ph.

Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,

ERICO ARISTOTLE C. AUMENTADO
 Governor
 Chairperson, Bohol Island UNESCO Global
 Geopark Management Council

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BOHOL GEOPARK CONTEST

Qualifying Round for Global Geoparks Network Contests

PHOTO

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SENSES

Join one of our 3 contests and share your unique bond with Bohol Geopark



Let's celebrate the wonders of our sites and cherish our bonds with nature. Every tale is significant, every voice resonates. Together, we can effectively create history. These contests are not a journey through time, but a journey of the heart, a celebration of our shared bonds with Earth.

VISIT BOHOL ISLAND GEOPARK
FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://www.facebook.com/boholislandgeoparkph>
AND PARTICIPATE
<https://tinyurl.com/boholgeoparkcontest>

SCAN TO JOIN



CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

EARTH VISUAL ODYSSEY (Photography)

PRIZES

1ST PLACE

P8,000 cash prize, certificate, and recognition as a finalist in the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) Contest.

2ND PLACE

P6,000 cash prize and certificate.

3RD PLACE

P4,000 cash prize and certificate.

CONSOLATION PRIZES (TOP 10): P800 cash prize and certificate.

NOTE:

The winners of each category will be automatically qualified for the Global Geoparks Network Contest, where they will represent the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark.

- Additional prizes and recognition may be awarded at the GGN Contest. The top three international winners selected by GGN will receive a special award, with details to be announced later.
- All cash prizes are non-transferable.

PHOTO ALTERATION

Photos must be in their original state, with no alterations beyond standard optimization (e.g., removal of dust, cropping, adjusting exposure, color, and contrast). Violations will result in disqualification and a ban from future contests.

USAGE OF STORIES AND PHOTOS

By entering the contest, participants agree that their submissions may be used by the Provincial Government of Bohol and the Global Geoparks Network for advertising and promotional purposes, including integration into the GGN database. Use of entries for educational, promotional, or research purposes does not infringe on copyright under these conditions.

SUBMISSION CHANNEL

The Bohol Geopark Contest serves as a qualifying round for the GGN Contest. Entries must be submitted to the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/boholgeoparkcontest>

Unofficial submissions will be deleted.

JUDGING

- **Local Contest (Bohol Geopark):** Entries will be judged by experts appointed by the Bohol Island Geopark Management Body.
- **International Contest (GGN):** A panel of GGN-appointed experts will evaluate the entries.

DISQUALIFICATION

All decisions are final.

The Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark reserves the right to disqualify any entry that does not adhere to contest rules.

CONTEST RULES AND GUIDELINES

STONE'S STORIES (Writing)

PRIZES

1ST PLACE

P5,000 cash prize, certificate, and recognition as a finalist in the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) Contest.

2ND PLACE

P4,000 cash prize and certificate.

3RD PLACE

P3,000 cash prize and certificate.

CONSOLATION PRIZES (TOP 10): P700 cash prize and certificate.

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LANGUAGE

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Contest 1

20th GGN ANNIVERSARY

EARTH VISUAL ODYSSEY

Your photograph is a chapter
in Earth's narrative

Join one of our 3 contests
and share your unique bond
with Bohol Geopark



The **Earth Visual Odyssey** is a celebration of the symbiotic relationship between humans and Earth's geology. It encourages you to encapsulate the dialogue between humanity and geology across UNESCO's 213 Geoparks including Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark. The competition revolves around the unspoken narratives of rocks, the tales fossils narrate, and the memories landscapes bear. Your photograph is an affirmation of our intertwined journey with nature. Each snapshot narrates a story and adds a new dimension, and collectively, we can catalyze change. This competition is a spiritual voyage, applauding our shared odyssey with Bohol's geological marvels.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all photographers, regardless of age.

Note: Employees of the Provincial Government of Bohol, those directly involved with the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark, their immediate family members, and contest organizers or judges are not eligible to participate in any of the contests.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Photos must be original and taken within the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Photo must be taken during the contest duration.
- No third party should own or control any part of the photo.
- The photo must not violate any trademark, copyright, moral rights, intellectual rights, or privacy rights.
- Images should be in PNG, or JPEG format with a resolution of at least 1,600 pixels in width (horizontal) or height (vertical). RAW or HD images are to be included in submission, and file size should be at least 5 megapixels but not more than 10 megapixels.
- The photo must include the name of the location and the mention of the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark.

CONTEST DURATION

The contest will begin on October 7, 2024, following the Geodiversity Day Celebration, and will close on December 5, 2024. Winners will be announced on December 11, 2024, during International Mountain Day. GGN winners will be announced in March 2025.



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Contest 2 20th GGN ANNIVERSARY

STONE'S STORIES

Your writing speaks for
the Earth's silent narrators

Join one of our 3 contests
and share your unique bond
with Bohol Geopark

Stone's Stories contest celebrates our relationship with Earth's silent storytellers - stones, minerals, fossils, and landscapes. It invites participants to share narratives expressing their unique bond with these natural wonders. Each story, whether about a pebble or a landscape, contributes to Earth's collective history, reflecting our enduring connection with nature and commitment to its preservation. This contest is not just a temporal journey, but an emotional one, celebrating our shared bonds with nature.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all residents of the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark (Province of Bohol), regardless of age.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Stories and photos must be original, with no third party owning any part of the materials.
- The story must be between 300 to 450 words in PDF file, while the related photos should be submitted in high-resolution, PNG, or JPEG format, with file sizes not exceeding 5 megapixels.
- Stories and photos must mention the location and the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark.

Important: The photo is only an illustration, and the selection will focus on the quality of the text.

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Contest 3

20th GGN ANNIVERSARY

THE 5 SENSES

OF BOHOL ISLAND
UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

Your experience narrates
a journey through the Earth

Join one of our 3 contests
and share your unique bond
with Bohol Geopark



Celebrate your unique connection with Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark. Engage your senses: listen to the morning sounds, inhale familiar smells, capture joyful sights, relish local tastes, and feel the textures that define our Geopark. This contest invites Boholano youth aged 12-18 to express their sensory experiences through writing, photos, and sound. Dive in, explore the beauty of our Geopark, and share your unique perspective with the world.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to young people aged 12-18 residing within the Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark. Each participant may submit one entry. Applications can be individual or joint efforts by a class or youth club, but each group can submit only one entry. The leader of the group must be the one to apply.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Entries must be original.
- Submissions should be in a Word document, divided into five sections (touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste), with 200 to 400 words for each sense.
- Optional: Photos may be included to illustrate the Geopark's characteristics related to the senses.
- For "hearing," a short sound recording (in mp3 format) made via smartphone may be submitted.

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THE 5 SENSES OF BOHOL ISLAND UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK

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