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

**Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent**

February 14, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 109 , s. 2025

**BIOWEEK 2025 Inter-High School Quiz Bowl and Research Expo**

To: All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. This has reference to the Regional Memorandum No. 0131, s. 2025 dated February 10, 2025, titled **BIOWEEK 2025 Inter-High School Quiz Bowl and Research Expo**
2. This Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) would like to invite high school students in the division to participate in the BIOWEEK 2025 Inter-High School Quiz Bowl and Research Expo on March 20, 2025 (Thursday) at the UP Cebu Performing Arts Hall from 1:00-5:00 PM.
3. Kindly refer to the attached letter from Kate Cananea, Chairperson.
4. The participation of the learners and teachers from both public and private schools is subject to the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendent and is subject to compliance with the no-disruption-of-classes policy outlined in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task". Additionally, participation in the activity must adhere to the no-collection policy as articulated in Section 3 of RA No. 5546, "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Projects of Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

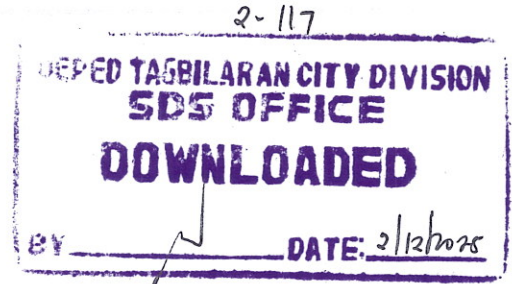
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0131, s. 2025

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To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

- Attached is a communication from Kate Cananea, Chairperson, UP Ecological Society, inviting high school students in Region VII to participate in the BIOWEEK 2025 Inter-High School Quiz Bowl and Research Expo on March 20, 2025 (Thursday) at the UP Cebu Performing Arts Hall from 1:00-5:00 PM.
- For further details about the event, please email at [upecsociety@gmail.com](mailto:upecsociety@gmail.com).
- The participation of the learners and teachers from both public and private schools is subject to the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendent and is subject to compliance with the no-disruption-of-classes policy outlined in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task." Additionally, participation in the activity must adhere to the no-collection policy as articulated in Section 3 of RA No. 5546, "An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Projects or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools."
- For information and dissemination.

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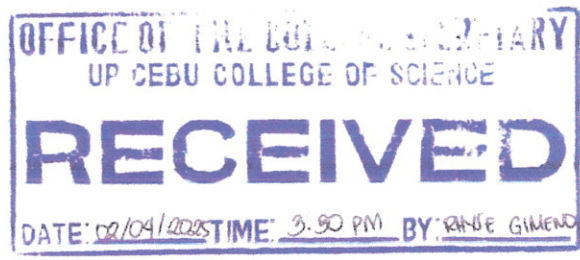


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February 5, 2025

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Good day!

We, the University of the Philippines Ecological Society (UPECS), are an organization composed of the BS Biology student body of the University of the Philippines - Cebu, aiming to s. In fulfillment of its mission of serving the people and its constituents in promoting an appreciation of the biological sciences, the organization will be holding its annual **BIOWEEK** event, this coming March 17 to 22, 2025.

The theme of the **BIOWEEK 2025** is "**Seasons of Change: Call for Climate Action**", with the objective of promoting environmental awareness, and uplifting calls to action on the effects of climate change in our society. With that, the highlight event of this week-long celebration is the **Inter-HighSchool Quiz Bowl and Research Expo**, which is an event open to all high schools within the cities and municipalities of the province of Cebu. This event will be held on **March 20, 2025 (Thursday)** at the **UP Cebu Performing Arts Hall**, from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**.

As such, we are inviting high school students from around Region 7 to participate in this Quiz Bowl. Each school is entitled to send **three (3) senior high school students and one (1) coach** for the **Quiz Bowl** event, and **two to four (2-4) students and one (1) coach** for the **Research Expo** event to represent their respective schools. We would also encourage bringing more students as observers so as we could promote the BS Biology program of UP Cebu among the youth. Attached herewith are the mechanics and guidelines of the event.

In line with this, we would like to ask your endorsement to invite representatives from each secondary school to participate in the Quiz Bowl and Research Expo events. However, it is important to note that there will be limited slots available for participants, so we encourage the interested schools to register their participating teams for the event as soon as possible.



For updates and confirmation, you may contact us through email at [upecsociety@gmail.com](mailto:upecsociety@gmail.com).


Thank you and more power!

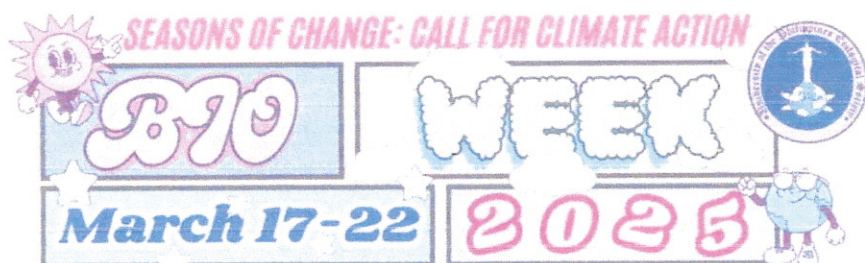
Sincerely yours,

  
 KATE CANANEA  
 Chairperson, UP Ecological Society

Endorsed by:

   
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Noted by   
 DR. ALVIN ROXAS  
 Dean, College of Sciences



### Inter-High Quiz Bowl and Research Expo Guidelines

The Inter-High Quiz Bowl and Research Expo are academic events that will be combined into one program, welcoming senior high school students from all over Region VII. The program will be held in the Performing Arts Hall at the University of the Philippines Cebu, on March 20, 2025, starting at 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. These events aim to foster knowledge sharing, promote critical thinking, and engage students in healthy academic competition and collaboration. An award ceremony will wrap the program up, recognizing the winning schools and every participating school for their participation with prizes.

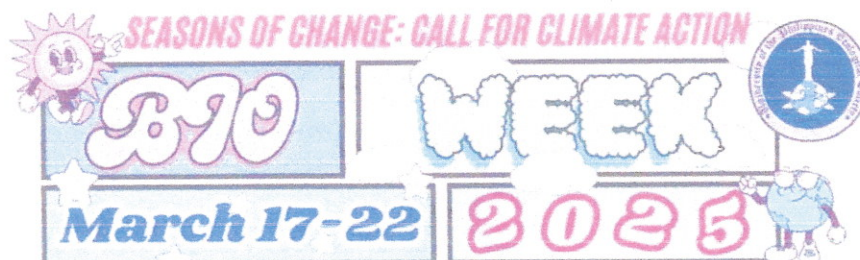
Tentative program flow

TIME	ACTIVITY
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Arrival & Registration of Participants
1:30 PM- 1:35 PM	Opening Prayer Singing of National Anthem
1:35 PM - 1:40 PM	Welcome Speech by DBES Chairperson
1:40 PM - 1:50 PM	I. Introduction to the Research Expo II. Instructions for Quiz Bowl (brief overview)
1:50 PM- 2:00 PM	Preparation for Research Expo
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Research Presentation, Judging, and Audience Interaction
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Quiz Bowl Rounds
4:00 PM - 4:20 PM	Score Calculations and Snack Break
4:20 PM - 4:45 PM	Awards Ceremony

#### I. Inter-High Quiz Bowl Guidelines

##### A. General Guidelines

1. The Inter-High School Quiz Bowl 2025 is open to all senior high school students within the cities and municipalities of Region VII (Central Visayas).
2. Only a single team may represent one school. The participating team shall be composed of only three (3) senior high school students and a coach from the school to be represented.
3. The quiz questions shall cover high school science subjects including Biology (Zoology and Botany), Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and General Science. The questions will primarily focus on topics relevant to the theme, but may also include other concepts in the subjects mentioned.



### B. Mechanics

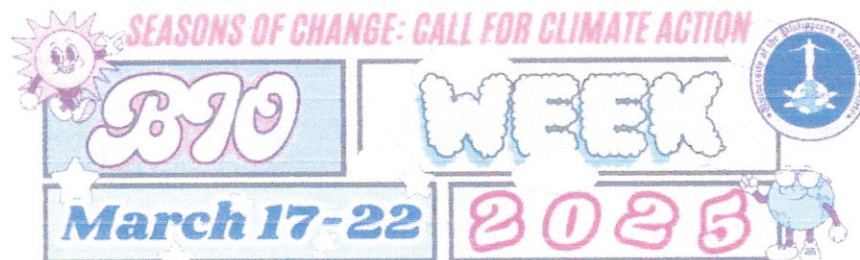
1. The quiz bowl will be composed of three rounds, namely Easy, Average, and Difficult with each round having 10 questions. The following scoring system will be adapted:

	Easy	Average	Difficult
Correct:	1	3	5
Incorrect:	0	0	0
No Answer:	0	-1	-3

2. A proctor will be assigned to each team. The materials needed are provided on the table (whiteboard and marker, erasers, calculators, and scratch papers). The contestants are not allowed to use their own materials except for pens which they should place on the table.
3. These rounds will be composed of different types of questions such as multiple choice, true or false, identification, and problem-solving/computation. Each question shall be read twice by the quiz master. After the question is repeated, they may write their answers on the boards provided.

For multiple choice questions, the teams must write only the letter of the answer, in UPPERCASE. Proper capitalization and notations should be observed. Misspelled answers are considered incorrect.

4. Different time limits will be given to different questions (i.e., 15 seconds, 30 seconds, 45 seconds, 60 seconds, 90, 120 seconds). When the time is up, the board will be taken by the proctor to be presented to the audience. Only answers written in the board will be considered.
5. Different colored indicators will be raised to determine whether the team got a correct (green), incorrect (red). No flag will be raised for no answers.
6. Scores for the Easy, Average, and Difficult rounds will be flashed throughout the quiz.
7. The yellow flag will be raised for questions and clarifications from the contestants after the question is directed to their respective proctors, who will forward the contention to the Board of Arbiters. The decision made by the Board of Arbiters will be final and irrevocable. Any form of protest after the next question has been flashed/read will no longer be entertained.
8. In case of a tie, the tied teams will undergo a clincher round where questions with randomized difficulty will be given to serve as clincher. The first team to



give the correct answer will be declared the winner of the clincher round.

9. The top 3 teams with the highest garnered scores will be awarded as the champion, 1st runner up, and 2nd runner up. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams and certificates will be given to all the contestants and their coaches.

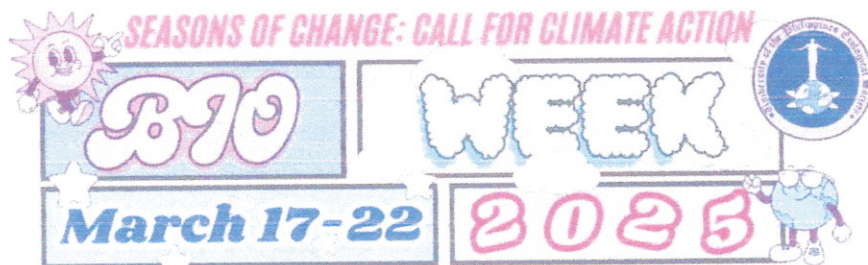
## II. Research Expo Guidelines

### A. General Guidelines

1. The Research Expo is open to all senior high school students within the cities and municipalities of Region VII (Central Visayas).
2. Only a single team may represent a school. The participating team shall be composed of 2-4 members.
3. Students must choose a research topic that aligns with their academic interests and is relevant and suitable for high school-level research. Possible areas are biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science.

### B. Mechanics

1. The research/project of each team should focus on a research problem, clear objectives, and methodology. It should cover a semester's worth of work.
2. Each participating team should submit a research paper on or before March 1, 2025 11:59 PM. The Subject Line upon submitting must be: "Bioweek Research Expo entry\_School Name". The research paper in PDF format must be submitted to the official email address of UP Ecological Society ( [upecsociety@gmail.com](mailto:upecsociety@gmail.com) ).
3. The research paper should detail the research problem, hypothesis, methodology, and conclusion. Specifically, the following sections should be present: (1) title page, (2) abstract, (3) introduction, (4) methodology, (5) results, (6) discussion, (7) conclusion, and (8) references. The paper must be 20-30 pages long only, with 1.15 paragraph spacing.
4. For the presentation, students must create a visual poster presentation to accompany their research. The poster must contain the same parts mentioned in number 2 but must be briefly explained and presented.
5. The poster must be printed on a tarpaulin with a 3-foot by 4-foot size. The poster tarpaulin must be printed in a portrait orientation.
6. Each participating team must present a 3- to 4-minute research pitch. Right after, a Q and A forum will commence, with questions depending on the visiting judge. The public audience may also interact with the research teams.
7. The research presentation must be presented according to the following judging criteria:



Criterion	Percentage (%)
Originality - Is the research unique and creative?	15
Clarity of Purpose - Does the research clearly define a problem or question, and does it have a clear goal?	20
Methodology - Were the methods well-designed, thorough, and systematic?	15
Data and Analysis - Was the data presented logically? Did the data and analysis connect directly to the hypothesis?	20
Delivery and Q & A - Did the researchers demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the topic and answer thoughtfully and engagefully with the audience?	20
Visuals - Are all photographs, figures, and charts clear and appropriate? Is the poster not crowded and used an appropriate color palette?	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

- The participating team must be at the venue 20-30 minutes before the event program starts. They must be able to register first before setting up their visual aids. Ushers will accompany and guide the participating teams and their coaches to their assigned areas.