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**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 0263, s. 2024

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**21<sup>st</sup> WORD CUP NATIONAL JOURNALISM CONFERENCE  
AND AMBASSADORS AWARDS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
Chief Supervisors, CID and SGOD  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors/ DICs  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. This office disseminates to the field the invitation of Mr. Eugenio Sonny O. Calapit, EdD, EnP of Word Cup Associated Editors Co., Ed Calibre International on the conduct of the 21<sup>st</sup> Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award on May 4-5, 2024, at Tagaytay City.
2. Attached is the invitation letter for more details.
3. Interested party shall signify their intent to participate and inform this office for proper endorsement.
4. Registration, transportation, meals, and other related expenses shall be chargeable against school MOOE, SEF, Journalism fund, PTA, and other local funds, subject to COA rules and guidelines.
5. For widest dissemination.

  
**NERI C. OJASTRO EdD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

4/19/2024

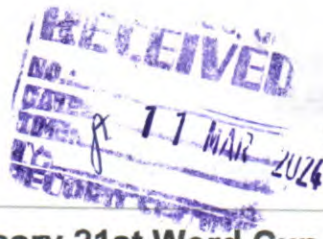
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## Request for Memo/Advisory 21st Word Cup May 4-5, 2024

Edcalibre International <edcalibre.intl@gmail.com>  
To: negros.oriental@deped.gov.ph

Sun, Mar 10, 2024 at 7:15 PM

Dear SDS:

This is the best time to begin your campaign to be among the league of best-performing campus journalists and school paper advisers. And your effort to catapult your schools into that pedestal entails investment in proper training.

Our trainers who have decades of experience in journalism and communication both in the academe and the field would like to extend support in augmenting your campus journalism training program. We are inviting your teachers and students to experience a national level training and competition this summer.

Join the **21st Word Cup Philippines National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award**. We hope that this event can help your schools by learning with us. Our partners are the same professional trainers who have done so much for many of the Top 7 performing regions in the country. We would like to share with you the same training method that we have shared with them.

We fervently pray that you, your teachers and students can join us through a memorandum or advisory on this event. Kindly refer to the attached file which contains the **letter request/invitation**.

With warm regards,

EUGENIO SONNY O. CALAPIT, EnP, Ed.D.  
Conference Director

Please send your reply to [edcalibre.intl@gmail.com](mailto:edcalibre.intl@gmail.com)



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1 March 2024

**NERI C. OJASTRO**  
**Schools Division Superintendent**  
**Negros Oriental**  
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Dear:

Greetings!

Life-long skills are proving to be more important in the learning recovery of our youth. The best way to learn it however may also be outside the four corners of our classroom. Skills, after all, take practice to master. In the application of our language learning, we go to campus journalism for instance. And what better method to learn it but through the **21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award** on 4-5 May 2024 at Tagaytay City.

We believe that our authentic journalism workshops are effective ways to impart life-long learning in journalism. For instance, months before the pandemic in July, we provided 270 Word Cup Masterclass participants an actual news coverage by having them work side by side with media professionals in the live coverage of **seven events**, namely: the *Asian Obstacle Course Racing Championships* back to back with the *ASEAN Para Obstacle Course Racing Championships* at the Quirino Grandstand and the *National Milo Marathon* at the Mall of Asia; the *Pencak Silat demonstration* at Bayview Park Hotel; the press briefings on: *Toward a Livable City: Balancing Environment and Development in the Metropolis* held in Las Pinas-Paranaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area; *The Philippine Cinema's Centennial: Quo Vadis?* and the *Philippines Global Initiative to Decongest Cities* in GSIS.

Thus in August, Manila Bulletin published Word Cup participants' coverage of the Las Pinas Paranaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area. Months prior, on May 30 the newspaper also featured the Boracay rehabilitation. These were your students and teachers embracing life-long learning as a method to reinforce their classroom learning.

In these Masterclasses, in-depth training was delivered by the practitioners themselves. In addition to learning by doing, we ensure that we give feedback to the work of our participants through the insightful critiquing of their outputs. To push them to do more, we bundled a national level contest or learning evaluation as incentive to the activity. As learning leaders, we hope that you too have recognized the uniqueness of our method by allowing your students and teachers to experience the only authentic journalism training workshop in the Philippines and Asia **by issuing a Memorandum or an Advisory cascading the event** chargeable to their school MOOE or Local School Board fund subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

We look forward to your favorable accommodation of this request. For further inquiries, I may be reached through [edcalibre.intl@gmail.com](mailto:edcalibre.intl@gmail.com) or at mobile number 0915.960.7268. You can know more about us on our Facebook account Word Cup Associated Editors.

Thank you and more power!



**EUGENIO SONNY O. CALAPIT, Ed.D., EnP**

# 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Awards

## Matrix of Activities

### 4 May 2024 (Saturday)

7:30-9:00	Arrival and Registration		
9:00-10:30	Opening Program/ Press Briefing and Press Conference		
10:30 – 12:30	News Writing / Pagsulat ng Balita	Feature Writing / Pagsulat ng Lathalain	Editorial Writing / Pagsulat ng Pang-ulong Tudling
2:00 – 4:30	Mobile Journalism	Sports Writing / Pagsulat ng Balitang Isport	Copyreading & Headline Writing / Pag-uulo at Pagwawasto ng Balita
<b>5 May 2024 (Sunday)</b>			
8:30-10:30	Science Writing / Pagsulat ng Balitang Agham	Photojournalism / Pagkuha ng Larawan	Column Writing/ Pagsulat ng Opinyon
10:30-12:00	Ambassadors Award Gold Ambassadors – 30 participants per school Silver Ambassadors – 20 participants per school Bronze Ambassadors – 15 participants per school		
1:00-3:00	Awarding Ceremony		

### Details of Registration

The objectives of the press coverage and national contest are to:

1. Enhance the writing and photography skills of teachers and students;
2. Recognize and award exemplary work, and;
3. Get quality outputs published in national media.

> Contests are open to elementary, junior and senior high school, college students and school paper advisers.

> Actual seminar is **on 4-5 May 2024 (exclusive of travel time)** at Angel's Hills, Tagaytay City; Activities/Venues may be subject to change.

### Accommodation:

#### 1 overnight stay (4 May 2023)

> Check-in is strictly 9:00 a.m on 4 May 2024. Check out is 12 nn on 5 May 2024. Rooms are non-exclusive (male and female may/may not combine in a room). Rooms can accommodate 10 persons, first come, first serve basis.\*Prior to 4 May or beyond 5 May, accommodation may be arranged.

### Meals:

4 May 2024: AM snacks, lunch, PM snacks, dinner

5 May 2024: Breakfast, AM snacks, lunch, PM snacks

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**Participation Fee per person**

21st Word Cup 4-5 May 2024	Regular Registration	Late Registration	Registration Link
	1 – 30 March	1-30 April	
Stay Out	P 4,750	P 5,500	<a href="https://bit.ly/21stWordCup">https://bit.ly/21stWordCup</a>
Stay In	P 5,500	P 6,000	
Additional Night's Stay	P1,000		

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

> Participation fees may be made to:

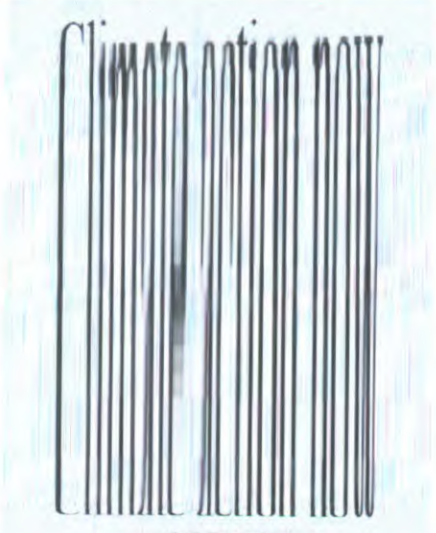
**LandBank** account number **3347037191**

**Gcash** at 09682973049

**Account Name:** Eugenio Sonny O. Calapit

> Please make necessary arrangements if there are no Landbank/GCash in your area.

Take note of the dates indicated for the price adjustment. The deadlines of payment shall be strictly followed. Because of limited seats, prepaid delegates shall be given priority. Upload the scanned copy or picture of the deposit or transaction slip with the subject line "participation fee of (your name)" when registering at <https://bit.ly/21stWordCup> Group payments are accepted but a breakdown must be attached along with the payment screen shot. Your inquiries will be entertained at mobile numbers 09682973049.



By JOHN RYAN M. BACAY

**W**orsening global temperatures, rising sea levels, melting ice sheets, blissing forest fires. The signs of an environmental crisis called climate change are around us and its effects create a colossal impact that continues to rock the ecological system and disrupt the dynamics of ecosystems.

Urban and industrial traditionalism assert that climate change action is a mere obstacle to the advancement of urban hubs that would improve the quality of life, raise income levels, and develop business activities.

However, despite the levels of industrial development, ecological sustainability continues to be compromised which further worsens the damage caused by climate change.

For instance, a 2018 United Nations report concluded that the world's oceans and ice sheets are under stress with fish populations already declining in many regions. Its fallout would be difficult to contain without immediate and sustained ecological action.

In addition, a 2018 report from PANGLOSS revealed that there will be an increase in annual mean temperature which shows a large amount of warming year per year. This change is being driven by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions.

The global effects of climate change can be seen in the increase of sea levels where 25 cities are found to be highly vulnerable to a one-meter sea level rise. According to a 2017 study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), this will

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**'Collectively flood cities around the world'**  
The excuses made against climate change are heavy claims that entangle communities as the world seeks for ecological sustainability. Stakeholders of the environment – civic groups, the government, and all of us – should pool resources toward promoting simple yet dynamic ways to address climate change as enshrined in the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change.

It is best for everyone to answer the call of environmental action now, not later. Let us take it from the words of Senator Pardo from the Climate Change Commission, who said: "Come together because your future is at risk. If we take action now, we can work together toward ensuring that our future and the future of the next generation will be safe."

Are you ready to take action now?

Janet, 18, is a BUSINESS student at the Colegio de Inmaculada Concepcion in Marikina, Cebu



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By JONATHAN G. CERRANOS

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the Philippines has committed to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent by 2050.

"The commission is launching information campaigns using all media platforms, symposia, and trainings on the effects of climate change, and to also relay things which can be done to deal with this issue," he said.

Scenarios also suggest with certainty that the issue must be addressed in bigger perspectives to gain global attention. Climate change must be given optimum attention, more than anything else.

Without doubt, the issue now is beyond the use of fossil fuel, industrial revolution, levels of carbon dioxide nor heat-trapping gases and global temperatures. The argument now must be beyond the portals of forests burning, coral reefs dying, and water supplies dwindling.

It is about finding tangible and sustainable mechanisms to stop the damage. We need to act together as one. We need to do it now – faster and braver – because no one is spared. Remember, we can fight climate change. We are the world's greatest resource.

Cerranos has 19 years of experience in advising school papers. He is currently teaching at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School



Write about climate change

Dr. Crispin C. Masang, author and co-leader at Scrib Net, explains to participants, composed of campus journalists and school paper advisers, how to report on climate change in the talk 'Engaging Various Stakeholders in the Climate Crisis' held during the 5th Word Cup in Manila. (Photo by Jenny A. Santiago)

## Take the first step

By BJ LANANG

**N**umerous national and international interventions have been proven to be inadequate in reversing the devastating effects of climate change.

Climate change has been a roundabout topic that it has already become a staple on newspapers and campus publications. And most of these articles focus on one topic – the "talking game".

Humans are not off the hook when it comes to climate change. It's an inherent fact that we are at fault here.

This is not a matter of judging who is to blame.

It's a matter of do, don't, or die.

In his talk, climate change resource speaker and author of his book, Dr. Crispin Masang, shared his insights and expertise on climate change. Masang encouraged the young journalists to use the "power of the pen" in combating climate change.

"Be involved, take it as an issue, and write in publications." Masang said. Actions speak louder than words. It is an adage that has continued to prove that it is easier said than done.

Everybody should take part in alleviating and eventually eliminating the global crisis. It is never enough to pinpoint the root cause of all of them.

Words are empty if not coupled with the right actions.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

We already know what needs to be done. We have to act now and save the planet. Take the first step.

Lanang is a school paper adviser of Columbian College (Borromeo campus) in Zamboanga

## No classes, yehey?

By ANELLE P. VILLARUEVA

It has been two months into the academic year yet students have already missed a lot of classes due to frequent class suspensions. On the third week of September alone, out of the five school days, students in Camille have only attended their classes once, since their Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday classes have been suspended due to inclement weather brought about by Typhoon Nirmis.

number they became stronger in intensity. "Mentions are strengthened and there are new situations we have never experienced before," said Pardo.

Pardo lamented that local government officials are sometimes caught off guard by these changes but this has improved through time, especially now that they are more active in making decisions such as class suspensions.



# Boracay RENAISSANCE

A year after its closure, what now?



PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SORIANO. The Boracay island is a beautiful sight to behold. The island has been closed for a year to allow the island to recover from the damage caused by the closure. The island is now open to tourists and is a beautiful sight to behold.

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## BE HUMANS, NOT PLASTIC

**M**ay 1 Minister Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is urging Filipinos to be humans, not plastic. He said that the island of Boracay is a beautiful sight to behold. The island has been closed for a year to allow the island to recover from the damage caused by the closure. The island is now open to tourists and is a beautiful sight to behold.



PHOTO BY JIMMY L. SORIANO. A group of people walking on a beach, some carrying bags.

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**Saving a critical wetland to promote ecotourism**

**HAVEN IN THE M-ETRO**

By Tracy A. Bragg  
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Wetlands are critical to the health of the environment. They provide habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals, and they play a key role in filtering pollutants from water. In the Metro area, wetlands are being lost at an alarming rate. This is due to a variety of factors, including urban development, agriculture, and industrial activities. The loss of wetlands is a major concern for environmentalists, as it can have a significant impact on the local ecosystem. Efforts are being made to protect and restore wetlands in the Metro area, and this is a critical step in ensuring the long-term health of the environment.

By Tracy A. Bragg

When the last remaining remnant of the Metro area's wetlands was threatened, a coalition of environmentalists and local businesses joined forces to save it. The result is a beautiful, restored wetland that is now a popular destination for ecotourists. The restoration project was a major success, and it has set a precedent for other wetland restoration projects in the Metro area. The restored wetland is now a beautiful, restored wetland that is now a popular destination for ecotourists. The restoration project was a major success, and it has set a precedent for other wetland restoration projects in the Metro area.



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Ecotourists are visiting the restored wetland. The restored wetland is now a beautiful, restored wetland that is now a popular destination for ecotourists.

Urbanization is a major threat to wetlands. As cities and towns expand, wetlands are often the first to be lost. This is because wetlands are often located in low-lying areas that are easy to develop. The loss of wetlands is a major concern for environmentalists, as it can have a significant impact on the local ecosystem. Efforts are being made to protect and restore wetlands in the Metro area, and this is a critical step in ensuring the long-term health of the environment.



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**GREEN IS IN!**

**Eco responsibility**

Since 2008, the company has been committed to environmental responsibility. This commitment is reflected in the company's policies and practices, which are designed to minimize the company's environmental footprint. The company is also committed to social responsibility, and it is working to improve the lives of the people who work for it. The company's commitment to environmental responsibility is a key part of its corporate strategy, and it is a source of pride for the company's employees and customers.

**Corporate-led forest restoration program cited by CSR group**

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