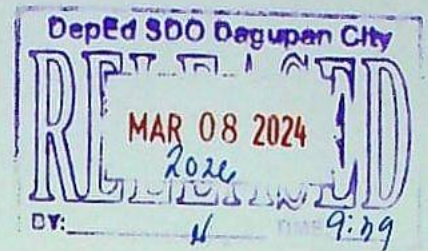




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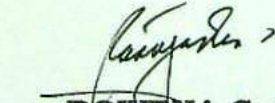
To : **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
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All others concerned**

From : **ROWENA C. BANZON, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Date : **March 7, 2024**

Subject : **21<sup>st</sup> WORD CUP NATIONAL JOURNALISM  
CONFERENCE AND AMBASSADORS AWARD**

1. Attached is the letter from Word Cup Associated Editors Co., EdCalibre International pertaining to the **21<sup>st</sup> Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award**. The Event will take place on **May 4 to May 5, 2024** in **Tagaytay City**.
2. For further inquiries, their association can be reached through [edcalibre.intl@gmail.com](mailto:edcalibre.intl@gmail.com) or at mobile number **0915-960-7268**.
3. Participation in this activity is voluntary.
4. For the information and guidance of all concerned and interested parties.

  
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1 March 2024

**ROWENA C. BANZON**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Dagupan City  
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Dear Madam:

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

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# 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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Please hit the subscribe button: <http://bit.ly/WordCupVideos>

**Participation Fee per person**

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

## Climate action now

By JOHN BYAN M. SACOT

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

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

However, despite the fruits 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 duress with fish populations already declining in many regions. Its failure would be difficult to contain without concerted and sustained ecological action.

In addition, a 2018 report from PAGASA 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 greenhouse emissions.

The global effects of climate change can be seen in the increase of sea levels where 33 cities are found to be highly vulnerable to a sea-level rise level rise. According to a 2012 study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), this will

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The science made against climate change are heavy claims that erode sustainability stakeholders of the environment - civil groups, the government, and all of us - should push business toward promoting simple yet dramatic ways to address climate change as reflected in the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change.

It is best for everyone to answer the call of environmental action now and later. Let us take it from the words of Senator Paolo 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?

John M. Sacot is a DENR student at the College de la Holy Spirit in Marikina, Cavite

### EDITOR'S NOTE

During the 15th Word Cup held in Davao, complex journalistic writing was showcased by the participants. The following are some of the best pieces of work that were submitted. After the full workshop, we hope to publish an article on this topic in the next issue. Thank you to all who participated. — **Alvin S. Cruz**

## No one is spared

By JONATHAN R. ERASMO

Climate change is inevitable to ignore. It is no longer an abstract scenario of the future. The best it can be seen is now. With urgency, we are now doing tangible actions to act now with efforts on combating climate change on a global scale.

A lot of people say they are aware about climate change, but sadly, most find it actually only know little about it.

With overwhelming scientific evidence, reports, and data revealing extreme weather, ever-increasing temperatures, melting glaciers, we need to just adjust ourselves at the mercy of nature. Yes, perhaps not anymore especially in the case of the Philippines.

According to Senator Paolo from the Climate Change Commission, under the Paris Agreement,

the Philippines has committed to not green house gas emissions by 70 percent by 2030.

"The commitment is being extensive education campaigns using all media platforms, curricula, and training on the effects of climate change, and to also relay things which can be done to deal with the issue," he said.

Scientists also suggest with certainty that the issue must be addressed in larger perspective to gain global attention. Climate change must be given significant attention, more than anything else.

Without doubt, the issue now is beyond the use of fossil fuel, industrial emission, levels of carbon dioxide, and forest trapping gases and global temperatures. The required now must be beyond the portals of forests burning, coral reefs dying, and major supply of drinking water.

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 better - because no one is spared. Remember, we can fight climate change. We are the world's greatest resource.

Jonathan R. Erasmo is currently teaching at Koro National Comprehensive High School

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**Write about climate change**

Dr. Dorian C. Maslog, author and columnist of DENRNet, speaks to participants, comprised of outgoing journalists who submit paper articles, how to report on climate change in the local English version of the Climate Change Commission during the 15th Word Cup in Davao. (Photo by Anne A. Domingo)

## Take the first step

By BJ LANSANG

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

Climate change has been a mainstream topic that it has already become a staple in newspapers and various publications. And most of these articles focus on one topic - the blame game.

Blame are not of the backroom it comes to climate change. It's an inherent fact that we are all 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 this book, Dr. Dorian Maslog shared his insights and experience on climate change. Maslog 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," Maslog 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 advocating and eventually eliminating this global crisis. It is never enough to pinpoint the root cause of all of these.

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.

Lansang is a school paper adviser of Columbian College (Marikina campus) in Cavite

## No classes, yehey?

By ANVILLE R. VILLANUEVA

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 6th week of September alone, out of the five school days, students in Cavite have only attended their classes once, since their Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday classes have been suspended due to unmet weather forecast about typhoon Nida.

Meanwhile, posts on social media seem to show how most students are in favor of these suspensions. A lot of them say they would be getting their hopes up to hear a word from their government.

However, this frequent school closure is just a glimpse of a bigger picture. Dr. Dorian Maslog, a columnist who published books on climate change, talked about how rainfall patterns have changed and how words and rains have become more serious.

This was supported by Senator Paolo from the Climate Change Commission, who underscored Maslog's point. Typically, the Philippines encounters about 20 typhoons a year. Though the typhoons visiting the archipelago have increased in

number, they become stronger in intensity. "Monsoons are strengthened and there are now seasons we have never experienced before," said Paolo.

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

These changes are no doubt effects of climate change. However, students are not the only ones affected.

"Farmers don't know when to plant anymore," said Maslog. He also changed the term climate change to make it not only as "climate crisis" but more as a "climate catastrophe."

"A red male charger has become a threat to the survival of man," warned Maslog. The next time students hope for class suspensions, may they be reminded of the bigger battle that all of us are facing. There is more to it than just taking a day off from class.

Villanueva is a communication arts student from Lighthouse of the Philippines-Cavite



**Learn what PH is doing vs. climate change**

Participants of the 15th Word Cup at Marikina Koro National Comprehensive High School (Koro) are seen looking at a document during the workshop. The document is a report from the Climate Change Commission (CCC) on the Philippines' progress in meeting its commitment under the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent by 2030. The report highlights the need for more aggressive action to combat climate change, including the need to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and to increase investment in renewable energy. The report also notes that the Philippines is currently on track to meet its target, but that it will need to take more aggressive action to ensure it stays on track.

# Boracay RENAISSANCE

A year after its closure, what now?



## THE CHALLENGING CASE

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BY THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENT

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### Saving a critical wetland to promote ecotourism

# HAVEN IN METRO

BY THE EDITORS, JOURNAL & METRO



Wetland birds are the primary attraction for ecotourists in the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is a critical habitat for many species of birds, including the California condor, the least tern, and the San Diego redwing. The refuge is also a popular destination for birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts. The refuge is located in the heart of the San Diego metropolitan area, making it a convenient destination for visitors. The refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and it is a member of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The refuge is a vital part of the region's natural heritage, and it is an important resource for the community. The refuge is a beautiful and diverse ecosystem, and it is a great place to enjoy nature and wildlife. The refuge is a must-visit destination for anyone who loves the outdoors and wants to see some of the most beautiful and diverse wildlife in the world. The refuge is a true gem of the San Diego area, and it is a place that everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime. The refuge is a beautiful and diverse ecosystem, and it is a great place to enjoy nature and wildlife. The refuge is a must-visit destination for anyone who loves the outdoors and wants to see some of the most beautiful and diverse wildlife in the world. The refuge is a true gem of the San Diego area, and it is a place that everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime.



Visitors at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge learn about the importance of wetlands and the role of the refuge in protecting the region's natural heritage.



The sign provides information about the importance of wetlands and the role of the refuge in protecting the region's natural heritage.



Volunteers participate in a cleanup activity at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, helping to maintain the park's natural beauty.



A volunteer works on a conservation project at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, helping to restore the park's natural habitat.

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



The United States' business leaders are taking a leadership role in addressing the environmental challenges of the 21st century, according to a new report from the GreenBiz Group. The report, titled "Green is In: Eco-responsibility in the Corporate Sector," highlights the growing importance of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in corporate decision-making. It notes that companies are increasingly being held accountable for their environmental impact, and that this is leading to a surge in corporate-led forest restoration programs. The report also points out that these programs are not only helping to restore natural resources, but they are also providing a valuable marketing and public relations opportunity for companies. The GreenBiz Group is a leading organization in the field of environmental and social responsibility, and its report is widely respected. The report is a valuable resource for anyone interested in corporate sustainability and environmental stewardship. It provides a clear and concise overview of the current state of corporate-led forest restoration programs, and it offers practical advice on how companies can get involved in these programs. The report is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the role of business in addressing environmental challenges.