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NATIONAL CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (NCES)

Attached is a letter dated February 21, 2024 of Ms. Pamela Mae Gonida, Delegate Relations Head of UP Environment and Tourism Society (UP Ecotour) regarding the conduct of National Congress on Environmental Sustainability (NCES), on April 20, 2024 at the School of Statistics Auditorium, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, for appropriate action.

Participation of public and private schools shall be subject to **no disruption of classes policy** stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the **no collection policy** as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project of Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private School, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law).

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Greetings!

The UP Environment and Tourism Society (UP Ecotour) from the University of the Philippines Diliman will be conducting the National Congress on Environmental Sustainability (NCES), a whole-day event composed of different activities geared towards promoting awareness regarding pertinent environmental issues, sustainable and cultural development, and inculcation of the arts.

As a leading student organization in the University since 1996, UP Ecotour never ceased dedicating itself to various projects and initiatives that help raise awareness about environmental protection and conservation through sustainable tourism and development. It focuses on advocating for change consumption responsible and production environmental and cultural consciousness for the people and the planet.

UP Ecotour shall hold NCES 2024 on April 20, 2024 (Saturday) from 8 AM to 5 PM at the School of Statistics Auditorium, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City.

With these goals and on behalf of the organization, we humbly request your good office for support and recommendation of NCES 2024. We would like to request a DepEd advisory for an official announcement of our event to all the schools within your [region/city/province].

For more information on NCES 2024, attached herewith is the primer of the event. For questions and other matters, you may contact us through our email address nces.ecotour@gmail.com.. We are confident that, with your help, we can take our advocacies further as we create bigger projects not only for the organization but for the benefit of the environment and tourism of our country.

We look forward for you favorable response. Thank you!

For a sustainable tomorrow,

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UP ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM SOCIETY

DEPED ADVISORY FOR THE NATIONAL CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL **SUSTAINABILITY (NCES) 2024**

MEMORANDUM

No.____s, 2024

NATIONAL CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY SUBJECT:

(NCES) 2024

TO: **School Divisions Superintendents**

Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

All Others Concerned

- 1. The organization, UP Environment and Tourism Society, from the University of the Philippines Diliman announces the National Congress on Environmental Sustainability (NCES) 2024 with the theme "Initiating Climate Action towards a Sustainable Tomorrow" to be held on April 20, 2024 at the School of Statistics Auditorium, UP Diliman, **Quezon City.**
- 2. The UP Ecotour is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-partisan, and advocacy organization from the Asian Institute of Tourism of UP Diliman committed to create awareness and promote ecotourism and the further integration of tourism development and environmental protection and preservation. The organization promotes empowerment of the youth and the recognition of their role towards championing environmental advocacies and achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 3. NCES 2024 aims:
 - o to provide a platform for the youth to actively contribute to building a sustainable society
 - o to empower delegates to think, act, and create visions grounded in the concept of sustainable development
 - o to foster camaraderie and connection between delegates and practice collaboration
 - o to address environmental issues and lessen the impacts of climate change to guarantee the preservation of biodiversity, the protection of ecosystems, and the welfare of the present and future generations; and
 - o to become an investment both for the Earth and mankind as we nurture a generation of environmentally conscious individuals through raising awareness, understanding, empowerment, and critical thinking.
- 4. NCES 2024 is comprised of the following events:
 - Plenary Discussions
 - o Domestikwhiz
 - kallKHsan Art Competition



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- 5. The participants of NCES 2024 shall be students of **Grade 7 to Grade 12** from public and private schools and collegiate students from private and state colleges/universities.
- 6. NCES 2024 is an on-site event.
- 7. Interested delegates of all NCES 2024 events must register and pay the corresponding registration fees.
 - Early Bird Registration (discounted) period is until March 11, 2024.
 - o Regular Registration period is until April 12, 2024.
 - Walk-in Registration on the day of NCES 2024 is available.
- 8. Inquiries and concerns may be sent to nces.ecotour@gmail.com or to Pamela Gonida (Delegate Relations Head) at 0956 126 0466.
- 9. The participation of public and private schools shall be subjected to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.
- 10. The organization ardently requests the immediate and widespread dissemination of this memorandum cognizant of *RA 11032* otherwise known as the "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery" Act of 2018.



Initiating Climate Action towards a Sustainable Tomorrow

WHO WE ARE

Environment UP and (UP Society Tourism **Ecotour)** is committed to protect and preserve the environment, and is cognizant of the need to create awareness and promote ecotourism among its fellow students and countrymen.

organization The connects its mission and objectives to the greater public by organizing seminars and programs beneficiaries whose range from street public sweepers, high agencies schools, and who are in need of help or simply those people who driven by are environmental causes.









BY THE NUMBERS

28 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

Awards and Nominations

8-time Best Student Organization in UP Asian Institute of Tourism Nominasyon para sa Natatanging Samahang Mag-aaral Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations 2019 (TAYO) Nominee

Social Media Following

6.9K+ likes/followers on the UP Ecotour Facebook page 7.1K+ likes/followers on the NCES Facebook page 3.1K+ likes/followers on the Rockalikasan Facebook page 3.2K+ likes/followers on the EkoLoco Facebook page 2023 Total Organic Reach: 148,000+

Network

76 Current Members 120+ Alumni



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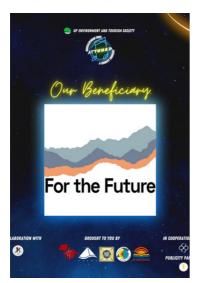
The Manila Times



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FLAGSHIP EVENTS

ROCKALIKASAN













ROCKALIKASAN is an annual event created as a celebration for Earth Day. It is a balance of work and play - creating awareness of various environmental issues and enjoying the beats of local music. Every year, Rockalikasan chooses a beneficiary to whom a huge portion of the proceeds is given.

Rockalikasan 2023 was held in Fitness Playground PH with over 200 attendees and six (6) rising local performers. For the Future, a youth-run NGO with the goal of providing environmental action to the Filipino youth served as its beneficiary.



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FLAGSHIP EVENTS

ECOTOURISTA



ECOTOURISTA is an annual coastal or mountainous cleanup activity that promotes sustainability and preservation. Following this year's theme, "Into the Thick of It: An Exploration of the Philippines' Flora and Fauna," the organization held Ecotourista 2023: Lakbay-Linang sa Kalikasan last December 18, 2023 at the Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP).

It is a protected area in Manila Bay that serves as a critical habitat for various flora and fauna, a sanctuary for both local and migratory birds, a spawning habitat for fish, and a vital ecosystem service for urban communities. The event also included educational discussions, attended by the members of the organization and Batch 23A applicants to raise awareness about the state of LPPWP and other similar areas.



SMALL SCALE EVENTS

ECOTREESTA







ECOTREESTA is a one-day event that incorporates tourism with environmental action. The organization visited one of the remaining green open spaces in Metro Manila to understand its situation better. Envisioning a harmonious relationship between tourism and the environment, the preservation of green spaces and communities is a step towards more walkable cities and sustainable transportation.

Ecotreesta 2023 was held last July 22, 2023, at UP Arboretum, a man-made forest park within the grounds of the University of the Philippines Diliman. It is one of the most significant green places in Quezon City, with 18 hectares of almost 500 unique and exotic trees, as well as a diversity of fauna and flora.

SMALL SCALE EVENTS

ECOSKOOL







ECOSKOOL is an initiative that aims to teach children the basics of the environment and its current state in our country; and how their actions can contribute to its preservation at such an early age.

ECOCARAVAN







ECOCARAVAN is an internal event that aims to widen the knowledge of UP Ecotour members on different activities that can be helpful to the environment.

ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM LEARNING EXPERIENCE







ALTERNATIVE CLASSROOM LEARNING EXPERIENCE (ACLE) is a public event wherein chosen speakers tackle issues ranging from pop culture, fashion trends, media, etc. and how these are related to the preservation of the environment.



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PREVIOUS BENEFICIARIES

FOR THE FUTURE

UP Ecotour's Rockalikasan 2023: ATTUNED - a Benefit Concert focused on rekindling awareness and advocacy for environmental protection and sustainable development. The event aims to empower college students and working individuals to actively contribute to solutions through the universal medium of music. We partnered with For the Future Philippines, a youth-led non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 2019 that originated as a small reforestation project. With a simple goal to create a better future for everyone, they have mobilized to over 60 areas across the Philippines and have raised \$400,000. Over half of its operational expenses are covered by donations and grants to support its diverse projects, including tree planting, student sponsorship, food security, immediate aid, community support, and wildlife conservation. The organization envisions a self-sustainable Philippines, preserving nature and empowering communities, and UP Ecotour's raised funds play an important role in supporting these initiatives and forwarding the cause of environmental protection.

UP ARBORETUM

EcoTreesta 2023 centered its efforts on **UP Arboretum**, a man-made forest park on the Diliman campus of the University of the Philippines. Covering 18 hectares and featuring nearly 500 unique and exotic trees, as well as a rich variety of fauna and flora. It has evolved from a wildlife sanctuary to a community housing around 6,000 residents, including the designated area known as Pook Arboretum. The organization aimed to foster a harmonious relationship between tourism and the environment, actively promoting awareness and advocating for the preservation of green spaces in cities and communities. The organization also played a role in seed and tree planting efforts. **Recognizing the urgency of creating more natural spaces for an enhanced quality of life in urban areas**, UP Ecotour remains committed to its journey with UP Arboretum, emphasizing the need for preservation in compliance with legislation.



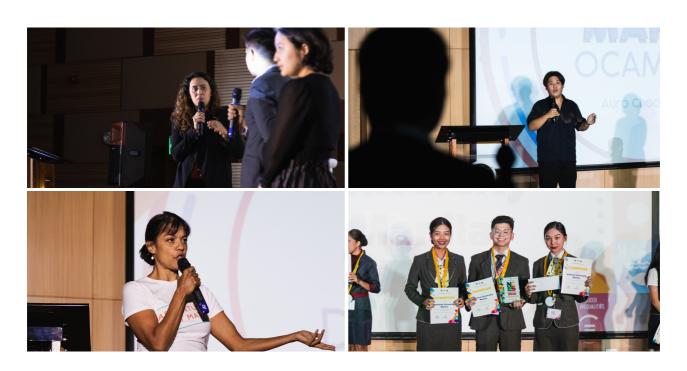
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WHAT WE OFFER

Having been successful for the past 22 years, **Domestikwhiz** is prized by UP Ecotour as its biggest flagship project. This annual educational campaign specifically aims to (1) encourage the appreciation and promotion of domestic tourism among the youth, and (2) foster camaraderie among universities.

Since its debut in 2002, Domestikwhiz has provided a platform where students from the Tourism and Hospitality sector to showcase their knowledge, ideals, and awareness. The event has proven itself to be dynamic, capable of adapting itself to the most current situation affecting both the environmental and tourism sectors of the Philippines. In previous years, Domestikwhiz has continually evolved with an increasing number of participating schools. In our efforts to surpass limits and promote environmental sustainability to our participants and stakeholders, we introduce the **National Congress on Environmental Sustainability (NCES)**.





OUR PROPOSAL

ABOUT NCES

The **National Congress on Environmental Sustainability (NCES)** is a whole-day event composed of different activities geared towards promoting awareness regarding pertinent environmental issues, sustainable and cultural development, and the appreciation of the arts. With the objective of the youth to drive change, the key goals of NCES are aligned with addressing the various 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations.

The last edition of NCES was held in 2020 at the School of Statistics Auditorium, University of the Philippines Diliman with over 200 attendees from diverse high schools, universities, and organizations. After a four-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCES' comeback is expected to involve more students and members of the academe in enjoining us with our advocacy of environmental protection through tourism.

Aligned with our initiative to become catalysts of change, we envision an event with around 300 attendees that will not only increase the significance of environmental sustainability but will also underscore the impact of the youth in addressing global-scale issues.

THIS IS SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW.
THIS IS NCES 2024.



OUR PROPOSAL

Initiating Climate Action towards a Sustainable Tomorrow



NCES 2024 aims to provide a platform for the youth to actively contribute to building a sustainable society. The congress will focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), empowering delegates to think, act, and create visions grounded in the concept of sustainable development.

This year, **SDG 13 (Climate Action)** will be the highlight to amplify the call for **#ClimateActionNow**. This is to address environmental issues and lessen the impacts of climate change to guarantee the preservation of biodiversity, the protection of ecosystems, and the welfare of the present and future generations. By taking action, we support international initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote cleaner energy sources, and build a more resilient planet. In the end, NCES is an investment both for the Earth and mankind as we nurture a generation of environmentally conscious individuals through raising awareness, understanding, empowerment, and critical thinking – a step to **initiate climate action towards a sustainable tomorrow**.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

DOMESTIKWHIZ

Domestikwhiz is the flagship event of the organization. It is an inter-university quiz bee held to promote domestic tourism and to foster camaraderie among college students, as they are among the stakeholders and the future of the tourism industry. With the expansion of the event into the National Congress on Environmental Sustainability, Domestikwhiz now becomes a highlight event of the congress.

PLENARY DISCUSSIONS

Included in the NCES 2024 program are **plenary discussions** that are geared toward fostering environmental protection and cultural awareness. These are a series of short and carefully prepared talks and presentations delivered by esteemed speakers in the industry focusing on topics grounded in situating the role of the youth in the future and sustainable development.

KALIKHASAN

The **kalikhasan** is an art competition that aims to show the intersection of environmental protection and cultural heritage online. By integrating the Philippine culture and environment, the participants of this competition will aim to answer the question, "How can we shape a sustainable future for our cultural heritage and environment?" with a poster to be posted on online platforms. This will serve as an avenue for artists to raise environmental awareness and advocate sustainability through their craft.



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DOMESTIKWHIZ GUIDELINES

CONTESTANTS

- 1. The school may send at most three (3) teams with three (3) students in each team.
- 2.Only one (1) coach must accompany the team/s.
- 3.Only students registered for the competition will be allowed to join. Hence, substitution will be prohibited during the competition proper.

COACH

- 1. The coach must be a faculty member of the college/university.
- 2.The coach shall be the only authorized person to file protests or complaints to the Board of Judges and Programs Committee during instances in the contest.
- 3. They shall be the only authorized school representative who shall participate in decision-making for special cases.

CONTEST PROPER

- 1. The coverage of the quiz bee shall include current and past events related to environmental sustainability both local and international; as well as topics associated with sustainable tourism development, and domestic tourism.
- 2. There will be three (3) rounds elimination, semi-final, and final.
- 3.The elimination round will be a written examination conducted simultaneously with the speakers' talks while the semi-final and final rounds will be conducted live on stage.
- 4.During the semi-final and final round, overseers will be positioned alongside each participating team.



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DOMESTIKWHIZ GUIDELINES

CONTEST PROPER

- 5. Colored flags will be used to indicate the answers:
 - o Green Correct Answer
 - Red Incorrect Answer
 - Yellow No Answer
- 6. Quiz Bee Rounds:

ELIMINATION ROUND

- There will be fifty (50) questions for the Elimination Round.
- Teams will be given ninety (90) minutes to answer the written exam.
- Each correct answer is worth one (1) point.
- At the end of the Elimination Round, only ten (10) teams with the highest accumulated points will advance to the Semi-Final Round.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

- There will be fifteen (15) questions for the Semi-Final Round.
- Teams will be given fifteen (15) seconds to answer each question.
- Each correct answer is worth three (3) points.
- At the end of the Semi-Final Round, only five (5) teams with the highest accumulated points will advance to the Final Round.

FINAL ROUND

- There will be ten (10) questions for the Final Round.
- Teams will be given thirty (30) seconds to answer each question.
- Each correct answer is worth five (5) points.
- o There will be ten (10) questions for the Final Round.
- Teams will be given thirty (30) seconds to answer each question.
- Each correct answer is worth five (5) points.



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DOMESTIKWHIZ GUIDELINES

CONTEST PROPER

6. Quiz Bee Rounds:

CLINCHER ROUND

- In case of a tie at the end of the three (3) rounds, the teams concerned will proceed to the Clincher Round.
- For the Clincher Round, multiple questions will be asked until the tie is broken.
- The teams will be given fifteen (15) seconds to answer each question.

JUDGING OF WINNERS

- 1.A panel, composed of three (3) faculty members from the UP Asian Institute of Tourism, will serve as jurors for the quiz bee.
- 2.The panel, together with the organizers, will deliberate and compute the scores. The winners will be declared after the scores are tabulated.
- 3.The winning team will receive a cash prize, medals, and a trophy for the declared champion. The remaining teams will be given certificates.
- 4. Winners to be determined are:
 - Domestikwhiz Champion
 - lst Runner-Up
 - o 2nd Runner-Up



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KALIKHASAN GUIDELINES

CONTESTANTS

- 1.One (1) entry is applicable for one (1) student only.
- 2. The competition is open to all public and private high schools and colleges nationwide.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Must be a **digital art** and fit these size requirements:
 - o A4 size
 - o Maximum of 5MB file size
 - o .jpeg file format
- 2.The digital art should have a 150-200 word description answering the question "How can we shape a sustainable future for our cultural heritage and environment?"
- 3. Deadline for submission is on March 31, 2024, by 11:59 PM.
- 4.Photos will be posted on our Facebook Page (fb.com/NCESPH) on April 1, 2024 as a part of the 'Online Reach' criteria.

Relevance to the Theme	40%
Creativity	30%
Coordination of Elements	20%
Online Reach	10%
Total:	100%



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DELEGATE PACKAGES

EARLY BIRD (February 12, 2024 - March 11, 2024)

Early Bird	Price	Inclusions
Conference	PHP 595/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate
Domestikwhiz (Group of 3)	PHP 600/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate
Domestikwhiz + Conference (Group of 3)	PHP 1145/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate
kaLIKHAsan	PHP 400/head	
kaLIKHAsan + Conference	PHP 945/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate

REGULAR (March 12, 2024 - April 12, 2024)

Regular	Price	Inclusions
Conference	PHP 645/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate
Domestikwhiz (Group of 3)	PHP 650/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate
Domestikwhiz + Conference (Group of 3)	PHP 1195/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate
kaLIKHAsan	PHP 450/head	
kaLIKHAsan + Conference	PHP 995/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate

DELEGATE PACKAGES

DOOR PRICE/WALK-IN PRICE (April 20, 2024)		
Walk-in	Price	Inclusions
Conference	PHP 895/head	Conference Kit, Packed Lunch, Certificate

No walk-ins allowed for Domestikwhiz and kallKHAsan. Conference Kit and Packed Lunch will be provided, subject to availability.

PRIZES

	Champion	1st Runner-up	2nd Runner-up
Domestikwhiz	PHP 9000 Certificate and Medal for each member Plaque	PHP 7000 Certificate and Medal for each member	PHP 5000 Certificate and Medal for each member
kaLIKHAsan	PHP 4000 Certificate and Medal for each member Plaque	PHP 3000 Certificate and Medal for each member	PHP 2000 Certificate and Medal for each member

REGISTRATION FORMS

	Links	
Early Bird Period	bit.ly/NCES2024_EarlyBirdRegistration	
Regular Period	bit.ly/NCES2024_ReguralRegistration	

Online registration will start on February 12, 2024. Details regarding the payment and announcements regarding the event will be posted on the official NCES Facebook page.



JOIN US!

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach us through our e-mail at nces.ecotour@gmail.com or 0956 126 0466 (Pamela Mae Gonida).

We are very excited to have you on board as one of our stakeholders in shaping our future. Thank you!