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PHILIPPINE BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2024: *SULONG*

The Department of Biology of the Ateneo de Manila University and the Ateneo Biological Organization – eXplore. eXperience. eXcel. (BOx) will hold its Philippine Biology Olympiad (PBO) 2024: *SULONG*.

Formerly known as the Ateneo Biology Camp (BioCamp), the PBO is a national biology convention for students in Grades 7–12. It shall select the four student-representatives of the country for the International Biology Olympiad (IBO), which will be held in Kazakhstan next year.

This year, PBO 2024: *SULONG* will be held as an onsite competition with three different rounds. The first round, eliminations, will be held in different satellite testing centers or partner schools across the country. The semi-final and final rounds will be held in the Ateneo de Manila University campus over a three-day weekend.

All activities arising from the competition aim to

1. enhance the students' interest, passion, and skills in the biological sciences;
2. increase awareness on issues in biology, particularly biodiversity; and
3. promote camaraderie among young biologists in the making.

The target participants are high school learners from public and private schools.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 34, s. 2022 titled School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022–2023 and DO 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

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