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To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

This Office informs all concerned that the EdCalibre International will be conducting the 21<sup>st</sup> Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award on May 4-5, 2024, at Angel's Hills, Tagaytay City.

Attached is the letter from Dr. Eugenio Sonny O. Calapit, EnP, for further details and inquiries.

  
**CAROLINA S. VIOLETA, EdD, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent 

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March 19, 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Greetings of good health!

Summer is not over until we finally get together in the most awaited **21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award** on 4-5 May 2024 at Tagaytay City.

In all Word Cup events, we have prided ourselves with reality-based experiential learning approach outside the classrooms before the world was clobbered by the pandemic. Pivoting to a technology-led learning reality only expands the base for authentic experiences as our schools have become the fruition of blended physical and virtual spaces.

We choose to be different by inviting everyone who feel and believe that they have what it takes to become a winner to slug it out in a free-for-all wrestle with ideas and contextualized realities.

Let's make May a truly memorable one; have your students and school paper advisers sign up now and be among the champions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Word Cup!

Register using the link below:

Event Name	Date	Venue	Registration Links
21th Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Awards	4-5 May 2024	Angel's Hills, Tagaytay City	<a href="https://bit.ly/21stWordCup">https://bit.ly/21stWordCup</a>

If there is anything that you may wish to clarify, please do not hesitate to reach us at: [edcalibre.intl@gmail.com](mailto:edcalibre.intl@gmail.com) or at mobile number (+632) 968.297.3049.

Sincerely yours,

  
DR. EUGENIO SONNY O. CALAPIT, EnP

## 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.

### Participation Fee per person

	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.

## > INCLUSIONS

### Accommodation:

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

> Actual seminar is on 4-5 May 2024; Activities/Venues may be subject to change;

> 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.\*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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# 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

### 5 May 2024 (Sunday)

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		



## Climate action now

By JOHN STAN M. JACOT

**W**orsening global temperatures. Rising sea levels. Melting ice sheets. Blazing 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 sphere and disrupt the dynamics of ecosystems.

Urban and industrial transformation assist 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 fruits of industrial development, ecological sustainability continues to be compromised which further worsens the damage caused by climate change.

For instance, a 2019 United Nations report concluded that the world's coastal cities are under duress 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 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 25 cities are found to be highly vulnerable in a one-meter sea level rise according to a 2017 study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). This will

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**'Effectively flood cities around the world.'**

The actions made against climate change are heavy chains 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 anchored 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 Sealito Pado 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?

Just, it is a JERMS student at the Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepcion in Marikina, Cebu

### EDITOR'S NOTE

During the 18th Word Cup held in Sulu, campus journalists and school paper editors all over the country converged to learn about journalism and broadcasting, and to listen to experts on various topics such as mental health and climate change. After the talk, participants were assigned to submit an article on their reaction on climate change. Here are some of the best ones. — Johnney K. Chua

## No one is spared

By JONATHAN B. EMBANUEL

Climate change is inevitable to ignore. It is no longer an abstract scenario of the future. We feel it now. We see it 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 if not all, actually only know little about it.

With overwhelming scientific evidences, reports, and data revealing extreme weather, record-breaking temperatures, melting glaciers, we tend to just submit ourselves at the mercy of nature. Well, perhaps not anymore especially in the case of the Philippines.

According to Sealito Pado from the Climate Change Commission, under the Paris Agreement,

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the Philippines has committed to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent by 2030.

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

Scientists 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, nuclear-trapping gases and global temperatures. The argument now must be beyond the portals of forests burning, coral reefs dying, and water supplies shrinking.

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.

Emmanuel has 10 years of experience in advising school papers. He is currently teaching at Koronadal National Comprehensive High School.



**Write about climate change**

Dr. Origen C. Maslog, author and columnist at SinDex.net, explains to participants, composed of campus journalists and school paper editors, how to report on climate change in the talk "Engaging Various Stakeholders in the Climate Crisis" held during the 18th Word Cup in Sulu. (Photo by Jimmy A. Domingo)

## Take the first step

By RIJ LANSANG

**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 has already become a staple on newspapers and campus publications. And most of these articles focus on one topic – the "blame game."

Blame is 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 books, Dr. Origen Maslog, shared his insights and expertise 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.

Active speak louder than words. It is an adage that has continued to prove that it is easier said than done.

Everyone should take part in alleviating and eventually eliminating this 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. This is the first step.

Lansang is a school paper editor of Columbian College (Sorretto campus) in Zamboanga.

## No classes, yehey?

By RIVELLE P. 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 third 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 inclement weather brought about by Typhoon Nida.

Meanwhile, posts on social media seem to show how most students are in favor of these suspensions. A little rain and they would be putting their hopes up to hear a word from their governor or mayor.

However, this frequent rainfall seems to be just a glimpse of a bigger picture. Dr. Crispin Maslog, a veteran journalist who published books on climate change, talked about how rainfall patterns have changed and how "winds and rains have become more severe."

This was supported by Sealito Pado from the Climate Change Commission, who underscored Maslog's point. Typically, the Philippines encounters about 10 typhoons a year. Though the typhoons visiting the archipelago have lessened in

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

Pado 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.

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 then "changed" the term climate change to make it not only as "climate crisis" but more as a "climate catastrophe."

"It (climate change) has become a threat to the survival of man," warned Maslog. The next time students hope for class suspension, 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, 19, is a communication arts student from Legosom of the Philippines-Cavite



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

Participants of the 18th Word Cup interview Sealito Pado (seated) of the Climate Change Commission to clarify how the Philippines which contributes a meager 0.12 percent compared to China's 28 percent and the US's 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions can reduce it further by more than half without sacrificing industrial growth. Countries are racing against time to limit rising global temperatures due to the greenhouse effect. Breaching the additional two-degree threshold can lead to irreversible threat of sea level rise of close to one meter due to the unabated melting of polar ice. (Photo by Eugene Amado West C. Cagpat III of Misaki Science High School)

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**TABLE 1**



