

## JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE: THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Mabayo National High School experienced a journey to the International Science Olympiad held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. To qualify for the international competition, participants joined the National round. Primrose accomplished this by earning a Bronze Medal at the national level under the mentorship of her teacher-coach, Mrs. Jennifer B. Mangalindan. The National Awarding Ceremony, conducted in Iloilo, marks a significant milestone in this remarkable journey.

The financial support provided by provincial and municipal offices, along with encouragement from key school officials—including Principal Mrs. Odissa Dasilao, District Supervisor Mrs. Mariel Labandillo, and Science Education Program Supervisor Mr. Edwin Bermillo—was crucial in enabling the participation in the international competition. This collective effort highlights the importance of a strong support system in fostering student success, ensuring that young talents like Primrose receive the opportunities they deserve.

The International round held in Chiang Mai, Thailand, was an intellectual challenge and a cultural immersion. Competing alongside top students from countries including Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Thailand, and Cambodia, resilience and critical thinking were challenged. Despite the intense competition, she earned a bronze medal in the international round, a testament to her hard work and determination. Beyond the contest, cultural tours in Thailand allowed participants to explore its rich heritage, providing lasting memories and valuable experiences that will shape their future endeavors.

For Primrose, this experience made her confident and future aspirations. It inspired her to continue striving for excellence and broaden her perspective on global opportunities. This achievement motivates other students, showing them their potential to compete globally.

For Mabayo National High School and the Division of Bataan, success underscores the importance of nurturing young talents and creating opportunities globally prepared. It highlights the effectiveness of the Science programs and mentorship, demonstrating that local initiatives can lead to national and international recognition.

The opportunity and privilege were worthwhile sharing, so the school is encouraged to promote academic competitions further, strengthening awareness of their benefits in fostering student development. Participation in such events can motivate them to aim for excellence. Additionally, collaborating with local government units to secure funding ensures the necessary resources to pursue these opportunities. Mentorship programs are essential for preparing teachers and students for high-level competitions, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed.

The journey to the International Science Olympiad exemplifies the power of collaboration, mentorship, and determination. Showing encouragement for other schools, inspiring students and educators to strive for excellence and compete globally. With the ongoing support and development of student talents by the Division of Bataan, we can anticipate even better achievements in the future. The journey to the International Science Olympiad began with the National Round, held online. In international contests, participants needed to secure at least a bronze medal. Primrose achieved this feat, earning a Bronze Medal at the local contest under the mentorship of her teacher-coach, Mrs. Jennifer B. Mangalindan. The National Awarding Ceremony, held in Iloilo, marked the first significant milestone in this remarkable journey.

The financial support provided by the provincial and municipal offices, along with the encouragement of key school officials—including Principal Mrs. Odissa Dasilao, District Supervisor Mrs. Mariel Labandillo, and Science Education Program Supervisor Mr. Edwin Bermillo—was crucial in getting student participation in the international competition. This collective effort highlights the importance of a strong support system in fostering student success, ensuring that young talents like Primrose receive the opportunities they deserve.

Chiang Mai is a beautiful country and a tourist destination, one of the best in SouthEast Asia. Competing alongside top students from countries such as Vietnam, Malaysia, India, Thailand, and Cambodia. Despite the intense competition, she earned a bronze medal in the international round, a testament to her hard work and determination. Beyond the contest, the cultural tours in Thailand allowed participants to explore the place's rich heritage, providing lasting memories and valuable experiences that will shape their future endeavors.

For Primrose, this experience made her more confident and future aspirations. It inspired her to continue striving for excellence and broaden her perspective on global opportunities. This achievement is a beacon of motivation, determination, and dedication to be globally competitive.

For Mabayo National High School and the Division of Bataan, The success has underscored the importance of nurturing young talents, creativity, and intellect. It also highlights the effectiveness of the science programs and mentorship, demonstrating that local initiatives can lead to national and international recognition.

The school is encouraged to promote academic competitions, strengthening awareness of their benefits in fostering student development. Active participation in such events can motivate them to aim for excellence. Additionally, securing funding through collaboration with local government units ensures the necessary resources to pursue

these opportunities. Mentorship programs are essential for preparing teachers and students for high-level competitions, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed.

The journey to the International Science Olympiad exemplifies the power of collaboration, mentorship, and determination. To inspire our students and educators to strive for excellence and compete internationally. With the ongoing support and development of student talents by the Division of Bataan, we can anticipate achievement in the future.

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