

DepEd Bicol all set for RFOT 2023 promoting 21st Century learning and creative industries

Legazpi City, May 31, 2023 – The Department of Education (DepEd) Bicol in collaboration with the Schools Division Office of Albay, is ready to hold the 2023 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) to reinforce the 21st-century learning and foster creative industries through a showcase of talents and skills.

Spearheaded by the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), the competition will be held from June 16 to 18, 2023, in different venues within Albay. The opening ceremonies for the said event will be held at the Daraga National High School, Daraga with DepEd Bicol Director Gilbert Sadsad, Assistant Director Bebiano Sentillas, and Daraga Mayor Awino Baldo as the guest of honor.

This year's theme is "Reinforcing 21st Century Learning and Fostering Creative Industries through Talents and Skills Exhibition." The event aims to provide an inclusive platform for learners from both public and private elementary and secondary schools, as well as for those in the Alternative Learning System (ALS) and Indigenous People Education, to demonstrate their exceptional abilities and talents.

"The Regional Festival of Talents is an excellent opportunity for learners to explore their passions, discover new talents, and interact with peers from different schools and divisions. It underscores the commitment of DepEd Bicol to nurturing holistic development and fostering a culture of lifelong learning among its students." said DepEd Bicol Director Gilbert Sadsad.

The said competition will highlight events such as STEMazing for Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; Sining Tanghalan for Music and the Arts; Population Development for Social Studies; Technolympics for Technology and Livelihood Education; Read-A-Thon for English and Filipino; and SNED Expo for Special Needs Education.

The "STEMazing" competition will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) wherein participants are expected to engage in various challenging activities that test their problem-solving abilities and scientific knowledge, showcasing their skills in these critical areas.

Meanwhile, the "Sining Tanghalan" category will provide a platform for participants to display their musical and artistic talents. Through performances and exhibits, learners will demonstrate their prowess in music, dance, theater, and visual arts, captivating the audience with their creativity and passion.

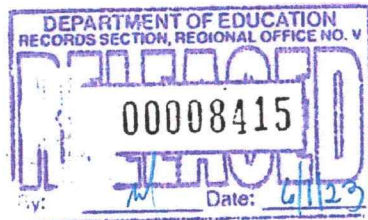
Another exciting component of the festival is the "Population Development" segment, which will explore the intersection of social sciences and studies. This event category will allow learner-participants to showcase an oratorical presentation focusing on Comprehensive Sexuality Education.

The festival will also include a "Readathon" event, focusing on English and Filipino literacy. Participants will engage in reading competitions, showcasing their proficiency in both languages, and promoting a love for reading among learners.

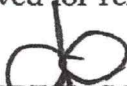
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Moreover, the event will feature an "SNED Expo" (Special Needs Education Expo), dedicated to learners with special needs. This segment aims to provide an inclusive platform for these students to showcase their abilities and talents, promoting understanding and acceptance within the education community.

The event is expected to gather participants, educators, and education stakeholders from across the Bicol Region, creating a vibrant atmosphere of collaboration and learning. Through this festival, DepEd Bicol hopes to reinforce 21st-century learning skills and foster the growth of creative industries, ensuring that learners are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in the modern world.



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