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Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL

SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CATANDUANES

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TO : Education Program Supervisor (Science)
Public Schools District Supervisors
Secondary School Heads (Public and Private)
Secondary Science Teachers (Public and Private)
Secondary Students (Public and Private)
All Others concerned

By Authority of the Schools Division Superintendent:

FROM : 
EVA S. TOLENTINO
Administrative Officer V
Officer-In-Charge

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL GEOLOGY CONGRESS

DATE : February 14, 2023

1. Attached is an invitation from the University of the Philippines Geological Society (UP GeoSoc) to the annual **National Geology Congress** which will be held on **April 5-6, 2024** in a completely face-to-face set-up at the National Institute of Geological Sciences, UP Diliman, Quezon City.
2. Also enclosed are the details of the teachers' seminar, students' workshop, and competition to be conducted on the above-stated date. Participation in the activity is **voluntary**.
3. For information, widest dissemination, and guidance of all concerned.

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References:

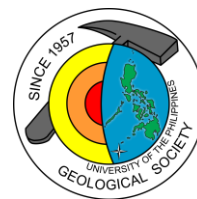
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Warmest greetings!

The **University of the Philippines Geological Society** (UP GeoSoc) is the oldest student organization based in the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS), UP Diliman, dedicated to the pursuit of honor and excellence in the field of geology. The organization takes pride in its alumni who became forerunners in the different subfields of geology, including the industry, geothermal, mineral and oil exploration, and in the academe.

In the 66th year of the society, we are holding the annual **National Geology Congress** (NGC). Even after ten years, UP GeoSoc continues to fulfill the objectives of the NGC: equipping high school earth science teachers and students with knowledge and tools necessary for proper discussion and integration of the theoretical and practical aspects of geology; and promoting the significance and impact of geology in our daily lives. Finally, after three years of online setup, this year's installment of NGC will be held in a **completely face-to-face setup**. It will be conducted at **UP Diliman on April 5 and 6, 2024**.

In accordance with this, we are humbly asking your good office for the **issuance of DepEd Advisory** of the activities we have prepared, and its **dissemination to the secondary schools of your division**. Below are the events of the 2024 NGC.

1. **ARETE: Earth Science Teachers' Seminar – April 5**

A seminar that aims to equip high school teachers with supplementary knowledge on how to effectively teach Earth Science in the K-12 curriculum.

2. **TALAGHAY: High School Workshop – April 5**

A workshop for high school students that aims to widen their understanding of geology through various lectures and laboratory activities.

3. **GEOQUIZ: An Earth Science Competition – April 6**

A contest for high school students that aims to test their earth science knowledge and their ability to think analytically under time pressure. The Top 3 winning teams shall win the following cash prizes:

First Place: **PHP 10,000.00**

Second Place: **PHP 5,000.00**

Third Place: **PHP 3,000.00**

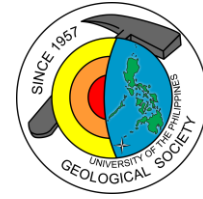


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We are assuring that this year's NGC will be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Attached herewith are more details about our organization and our NGC events.

Should there be any concerns, or if you wish to set an appointment, please feel free to contact us through email (ngc.geosoc@gmail.com) or through mobile (**09396246386**, **09998864112**).

Thank you very much and we look forward to your favorable response!

Sincerely,

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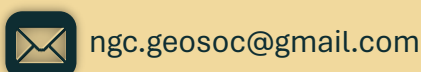
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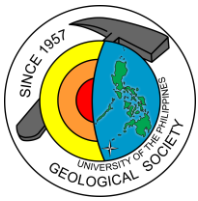
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UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
APRIL 5 to 6, 2024

ABOUT UP GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The **University of the Philippines Geological Society** (UP GeoSoc) is a duly recognized university-based academic organization. Primarily composed of BS Geology students, UP GeoSoc is the oldest and one of the largest organizations based at the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS), UP Diliman. The society promotes the advancement of the geological sciences and the national issues concerning it among the student body and the local community. Founded in 1957, the organization and its members have continuously dedicated themselves to the pursuit of honor and excellence in the field of geology. Currently, UP GeoSoc has been active in its community and regularly partners with different organizations inside and outside the university.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL GEOLOGY CONGRESS

The **National Geology Congress** (NGC) is the flagship event of UP GeoSoc. Through a series of events, it aims to reach out to high school students and their teachers across the country to promote knowledge in geological sciences. With a growing number of participants each year, the event has a track record of successful partnerships with both companies and schools alike.

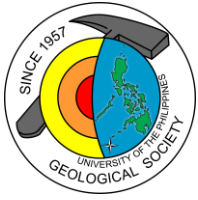
NGC puts its focus in emphasizing the relevance of geology and related fields. More importantly, it aims to bridge the disconnect between the public and scientific knowledge. In its 2024 installment, conducted in a fully face-to-face setup, the NGC aims to bring insightful, relevant, yet fun-filled activities to a wider audience.



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ARETE: EARTH SCIENCE TEACHERS' SEMINAR (ESTS)

PRIMARY EVENT DETAILS

The term *arete* possesses rich semantic duality, encompassing both a specific geological formation and a profound philosophical concept which means aiming towards excellence and knowledge. Through a series of focused lectures, the Earth Science Teachers' Seminar aims to **equip participating educators with comprehensive knowledge in Earth Sciences**, enabling them to foster more effective and practical classroom discussions. Renowned Filipino experts in various fields will deliver insightful presentations on key topics relevant to Earth Sciences education.

Date and Time: April 5, 2024 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Venue: National Institute of Geological Sciences, UP Diliman, Quezon City

Early Bird Registration Fee: PHP 250.00 per teacher (until March 5, 2024 only)

Regular Registration Fee: PHP 300.00 per teacher

Link to Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2024ESTS>

PROGRAM FLOW

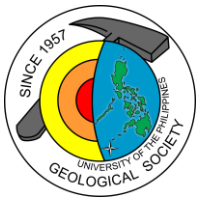
TIME	ACTIVITY	TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00-8:30AM	Registration	11:00AM-1:00PM	Lunch
8:30-9:00AM	Welcoming Remarks	1:00-1:30PM	Lecture 3
9:00-9:15AM	Event Introduction	1:30-1:40PM	Q and A Portion
9:15-9:45AM	Lecture 1	1:40-1:45PM	Awarding of Certificate
9:45-9:55AM	Q and A Portion	1:45-2:00PM	Coffee Break
9:55-10:00AM	Awarding of Certificate	2:00-2:30PM	Lecture 4
10:00-10:15AM	Coffee Break	2:30-2:40PM	Q and A Portion
10:15-10:45AM	Lecture 2	2:40-2:45PM	Awarding of Certificate
10:45-10:55AM	Q and A Portion	2:45-4:00PM	Closing Remarks and NIGS Museum Tour
10:55-11:00AM	Awarding of Certificate		



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OVERVIEW OF ESTS LECTURES

LECTURE 1: EARTH SCIENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

This lecture will tackle the overview on how Earth Science Teaching has evolved over the course of classroom dynamics, with specific highlight given to post-pandemic situations.

LECTURE 2: ENHANCING CLIMATE CHANGE LITERACY IN THE CLASSROOM

Climate change – postulated in the 1970's yet poorly understood. This lecture aims to advance the educators' understanding towards the concept of climate change and the key ideas to be shared with their students, with the ultimate goal of inspiring younger generations to advocate for climate action.

LECTURE 3: RISK MITIGATION AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY

Given that educators are frontrunners of science communication in the community, it is imperative to discuss science and hazard communication from experienced scientists. This lecture will discuss how risk mitigation and hazard assessment is intertwined with earth science.

LECTURE 4: CULTURE OF MAP READING

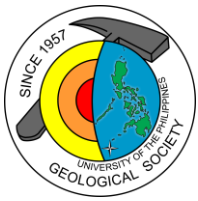
The culture of map reading has been elusive for Filipinos. Hence, teaching map reading and appreciation geared toward its educators would be beneficial. This lecture will tackle how to read basic political and road maps for everyday use.



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TALAGHAY: HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOP (HSW)

PRIMARY EVENT DETAILS

Talaghay is a word that embodies the spirit of courage to overcome adversity. The objective of the High School Workshop is to enlighten the students with some of the most pressing problems faced by our planet and emphasize the role of earth scientists in resolving such problems. Earth science experts will conduct thought-provoking discussions on climate change and disasters, as well as the career paths awaiting them in the earth science field. Furthermore, the workshop aims to boost the interest of the students in pursuing a geoscience degree in college by teaching them the fundamentals of mineral/rock identification and field techniques.

Date and Time: April 5, 2024 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Venue: National Institute of Geological Sciences, UP Diliman, Quezon City

Early Bird Registration Fee: PHP 150.00 per student (until March 5, 2024 only)

Regular Registration Fee: PHP 200.00 per student

Link to Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2024HSW>

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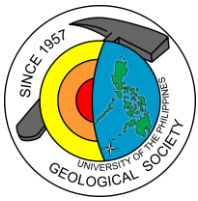
TIME	ACTIVITY	TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00-8:30AM	Registration	10:20-10:25AM	Awarding of Certificate
8:30-9:00AM	Welcoming Remarks	10:25-10:50AM	Lecture 3
9:00-9:15AM	Event Introduction	10:50-10:55AM	Q and A Portion
9:15-9:40AM	Lecture 1	10:55-11:00AM	Awarding of Certificate
9:40-9:45AM	Q and A Portion	11:00AM-1:00PM	Lunch
9:45-9:50AM	Awarding of Certificate	1:00-3:00PM	Workshop 1
9:50-10:15AM	Lecture 2	3:00-4:30PM	Workshop 2
10:15-10:20AM	Q and A Portion	4:30-5:00PM	Closing Remarks and NIGS Museum Tour



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OVERVIEW OF HSW LECTURES

LECTURE 1: ROLE OF EARTH SCIENTISTS IN CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION

Given that climate change poses a major challenge in the present time, it is significant to equip the youth with in-depth understanding of the problem and how earth scientists can help in mitigating its impacts.

LECTURE 2: ROLE OF EARTH SCIENTISTS IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The idea of resiliency in Filipinos has always been connected to the smiling faces of the people after a natural disaster happens. However, this lecture aims to reshape the concept of resiliency by providing a comprehensive discussion on the crucial role of earth scientists in studying disasters and helping the community prepare for and navigate through the impacts of such events.

LECTURE 3: CAREER PATHS IN THE FIELD OF EARTH SCIENCES

This lecture encompasses the different career paths that the student participants may venture into should they pursue a degree in geosciences.

WORKSHOP 1: BASIC MINERAL AND ROCK IDENTIFICATION

This workshop aims to familiarize the students with the basic types of minerals, their primary uses, and the techniques on how to identify them. The students will also be exposed to different types of rocks observed in the Philippines and understand their varying modes of formation.

WORKSHOP 2: FIELD TECHNIQUES

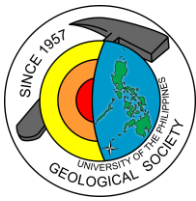
This workshop will introduce the students to the basic field techniques such as describing outcrops and identification of structures. These activities will give them a glimpse of what geologists do in the field.



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GEOQUIZ: AN EARTH SCIENCE COMPETITION

PRIMARY EVENT DETAILS

The GeoQuiz is an earth science competition open to high school students from public, private, and science high schools. It aims to test the students' knowledge in earth sciences and their ability to think analytically while under time pressure.

Date and Time: April 6, 2024 from 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Venue: College of Science Admin Auditorium*, UP Diliman, Quezon City

Early Bird Registration Fee: PHP 400.00 per team (until March 5, 2024 only)

Regular Registration Fee: PHP 500.00 per team

Link to Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2024GeoQuiz>

PROGRAM FLOW

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00-8:45AM	Registration
8:45-9:00AM	Welcoming Remarks
9:00-9:30AM	Presentation of Mechanics
9:30-11:00AM	Elimination Round
11:00AM-1:00PM	Lunch
1:00-1:30PM	Announcement of Top 8** and Mechanics
1:30-3:30PM	Quiz Bee Proper
3:30-3:55PM	Awarding Ceremonies
3:55-4:00PM	Closing Remarks

**Changes in the venue shall be announced through email and social media before the said event. But rest assured that the venue will remain within UP Diliman only.*

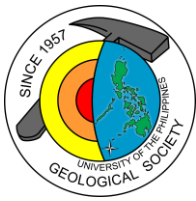
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GENERAL MECHANICS

- The quiz show is **open to high school students** from public, private, and science high schools all over the country, as accredited by the Department of Education.
- A maximum of **two (2) representative teams for each school** is allowed. A team must consist of **three (3) members – two from senior high school and one from junior high school**. Representative teams of each school must be accompanied by a coach. Students and coaches must be bona fide members of the said school.
- The contest will cover the following topics:
 - **Principles of Geology**
 - **Earth's History and Composition**
 - **Geology of the Philippines**
 - **Current Events**
 - **Applications of Earth Science**
 - **Basic Rock and Mineral Identification**
- The entire competition is composed of an **Elimination Round**, consisting of an individual written exam, and a **Final Round** which will be played by team.
- In the Elimination Round, the scores of the members of each team will be added. The top 8* teams with the highest accumulated scores shall advance into the Final Round.
- Scores from the Elimination Round of the qualifying teams will not be added to the scores garnered in the Final Round; thus, all teams will start equally with zero (0) points for the Final Round.
- All questions and clarifications shall be addressed to the panel. The panel is composed of licensed geologists. The panel's decisions are considered **final and irrevocable**.
- A registration fee is required to join the competition.
 - Early bird registration fee (until March 5, 2024 only): **PHP 400.00 per team**
 - Regular registration fee: **PHP 500.00 per team**
- Registration will start at **8:00AM**.
- Certificates will be given to all participating teams.
- The following prizes will be given to the **Top 3 participating teams**:
 - **First Place**: PHP 10,000.00, the GeoQuiz Trophy, medals, and certificates
 - **Second Place**: PHP 5,000.00, medals and certificates
 - **Third Place**: PHP 3,000.00, medals and certificates

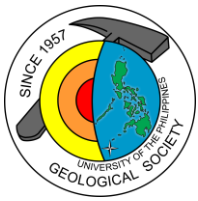
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ELIMINATION ROUND (INDIVIDUAL WRITTEN QUIZ)

- The Elimination Round shall be participated by all competing teams.
- All participants will be answering an individual written quiz worth (100) points.
- The written quiz will be the same for all the participants. It will consist of multiple choice, identification, and/or problem-solving type of questions.
- All answers and solutions must be written on a separate answer sheet provided.
- The scores of the members of each participating team **will be added**. The top 8* groups with the highest accumulated scores from the Elimination Round shall proceed to the Final Round. In case of a tie for the 8th* slot, the concerned teams will automatically be included in the Final Round.

FINAL ROUND (QUIZ BEE PROPER)

- Scores from the Elimination Rounds shall be tallied, and the top 8* shall continue to the Final Round. Scores from the Elimination Rounds, however, will not carry over to the final round. Therefore, the qualified teams will start equally with zero (0) points for the final round.
- Each group will be provided with boards and writing materials.
- The group quiz consists of three (3) parts: Easy, Average, and Difficult, with each part having 15, 10, and 5 questions, respectively.
- Each round will have the following corresponding points and time designation:
 - **Easy Round:** 2 points, 10 seconds per question
 - **Average Round:** 3 points, 30 seconds per question
 - **Difficult Round:** 5 points, 60 seconds per question
- After the “Go” signal of the quiz master, the students will be given time to write down their answers on their answer boards.
- After the “Stop” signal of the quiz master, the students will be required to stop writing and raise their answer boards. Those who fail to do so will forfeit the points for the said question.
- Clarifications/objections regarding the present question will be acknowledged after the quizmaster has given the correct answer.
- Questions regarding a previous question will not be entertained. Participants should call the attention of their team’s usher or the quizmasters by raising their hand.

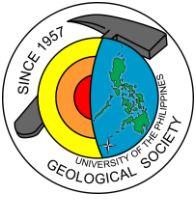
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CLINCHER ROUND

- All ties shall be broken by **sudden death Clincher Rounds**.
- Participants will be given a time of **30 seconds** to answer the questions. After the 30-second timer, the teams involved shall raise their answer boards. Failure to do so will result in disqualification for that question.
- The Clincher Rounds will continue until only one team remains; this team will be declared the winner.



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