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### SIHAY NATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2026

The University of the Philippines Cell Biological Society (UP Cells) will host its 28th annual flagship activity, the SIHAY National Biology Olympiad (NBO), with the theme OsCELLations: Echoing the Sonic Revolution of Bioacoustics, at UP Los Baños from March 7-8, 2026.

SIHAY 2026 aims to highlight and explore the growing subfield within mechanotransduction that examines how sound waves can influence cellular functions and be harnessed as tools for biological research and medical applications.

This dynamic event is set to take place over two action-packed days, showcasing a wide range of activities designed to engage, stimulate, and captivate students in the field of Biology. It will feature activities such as Bio-Techniques, Bio-Symposia, On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest, Amazing Race, Science Feature Writing Contest, Impromptu Speaking Contest, Junior Life Sciences Research Olympiad, and the National Biology Quiz Competition to stimulate and enthrall students in Biology.

Target participants are high school learners from both public and private secondary schools nationwide.

The registration link and other details about the SIHAY NBO are available on UP Cells' Facebook Page.

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. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities 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.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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