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Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education
School Division of Sorsogon Province
Balogo, Sorsogon City

To: Mr. Tanog
In appropriate
action
7/16/25

Dear Mr. Doncillo:

The Department of Science and Technology-Bicol (DOST-Bicol) is pleased to announce that **Tinig Agham: 2025 Regional Science Speech Competitions** is one of the highlights of the upcoming **2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) in Bicol** on 13–15 August 2025 in Legazpi City, Albay. As a valued partner in advancing science, technology, and innovation (STI) in the region, we would like to request your support in disseminating the following contest information to all secondary academic institutions across the Bicol Region through the issuance of a regional memorandum:

A. Science Speech Choir Contest

- Description:** Open to all Junior High School teams. This is your chance to craft and perform original speech choir pieces highlighting the role of STI in achieving the Philippines' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)!
- Registration/ Entry Submission Deadline:** **10 July 2025**
- Registration/ Submission Portal:** <https://tinyurl.com/TASCCRegistration>
- Full Guidelines:** <https://tinyurl.com/TASCCFullGuide>
- Entry Forms:** <https://tinyurl.com/TARSSCForms>

B. Science Oratorical Contest

- Description:** Open to all Junior High School students. This is your chance to craft and present original oratorical speeches highlighting the role of STI in achieving the Philippines' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)!
- Registration Deadline:** **26 July 2025**
- Registration Portal:** <https://tinyurl.com/TASOCRegistration>
- Entry Submission Deadline:** **01 August 2025**
- Submission Portal:** stipromo@ro5.dost.gov.ph
- Full Guidelines:** <https://tinyurl.com/TASOCFullGuide>
- Entry Forms:** <https://tinyurl.com/TARSSCForms>

C. Science Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

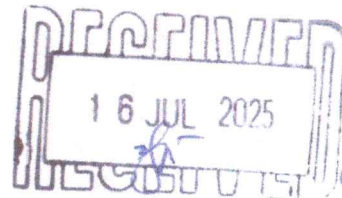
- Description:** Open to all Senior High School students. This is your chance to deliver impromptu speeches highlighting the role of STI in achieving the Philippines' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)!
- Registration Deadline:** **26 July 2025**
- Elimination Round:** **01 August 2025**
- Full Guidelines:** <https://tinyurl.com/TASESFullGuide>
- Entry Forms:** <https://tinyurl.com/TARSSCForms>

All pieces shall be aligned with the theme: **"Building Smart and Sustainable Communities."**
For more information and inquiries, you may contact **Ms. Joyce Ann DR. Baluyo**, Contest Coordinator, at mobile number 09562471082 or email at joyceann.baluyo@ro5.dost.gov.ph.

Thank you.

Truly yours,


ENGR. SANDRO B. NOGUERA
Provincial Director




July 16, 2025

TO: PSDSs/ OIC-PSDSs
Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

Schools are enjoined to participate in these activities. Expenses incurred in relation to the school's participation shall be charged against local funds/ MOOE, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For information and guidance of all concerned.


JOSE L. DONCILLO, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



Tinig Agham: Regional Science Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

Overview

The **Regional Science Extemporaneous Speaking Contest** invites **Senior High School students** to think critically and articulate their insights with clarity and confidence, as they explore how science, technology, and innovation (STI) contribute to the Philippines' progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—in line with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.”

Eligibility

- The contest is open to Senior High School Students enrolled in any private or public secondary schools in the Bicol Region.
- Each participating school is allowed to send one (1) official representative endorsed by the school head.
- Each participating school must complete the registration: <https://tinyurl.com/TASESRegistration>. Deadline for registration is July 26, 2025.
- Each participating school must submit a signed waiver form with consent and a school head-endorsed letter certifying the student as the official representative: <https://tinyurl.com/TARSSCForms>.
- An elimination round will be conducted on August 1, 2025 to identify the finalists who will advance to the main event.

Contest Mechanics

- Topics must highlight how science, technology, and innovation (STI) contribute to the country's advancement toward at least one (1) of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aligning with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.”
- Contestants will draw their topic randomly prior to delivery of speech.
- Contestants will have three (3) minutes to mentally prepare.
- Each contestant shall be given a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes to deliver his/her speech. A green flag will signal the start of the delivery, a

yellow flag will indicate that only one (1) minute remains, and a red flag will signify that the allotted time is up.

- A deduction of two (2) points shall be imposed for every minute or fraction thereof that exceeds the maximum time limit. The same deduction shall apply if the contestant fails to meet the minimum time requirement.
- Delivery must be spontaneous; cue cards, prepared notes are not allowed.
- A microphone will be provided for all contestants.
- Contestants may move within the stage area but should maintain proper stage decorum.
- The language of delivery is English.
- Professionalism, respect, and courtesy are expected at all times.
- Offensive language, discriminatory remarks, or inappropriate content will result in disqualification.
- The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.
- Any unforeseen circumstances will be addressed by the Organizing Committee. The Committee reserves the right to amend the guidelines when necessary.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Description	Weight
Content	Relevance, depth, organization of ideas	40%
Delivery	Voice, diction, fluency, confidence	30%
Logical Thinking	Coherence, reasoning, ability to connect ideas	20%
Stage Presence	Poise, eye contact, audience engagement	10%
Total		100%

Awards and Cash Prizes

- Champion : ₱5,000, Trophy, and Certificate
- 1st Runner-Up : ₱3,000, Plaque, and Certificate
- 2nd Runner-Up : ₱2,000, Plaque, and Certificate
- Certificate of Participation for all contestants
- Certificate of Commendation for all coaches



Tinig Agham: Regional Science Oratorical Contest

Overview

The **Regional Science Oratorical Contest** invites **Junior High School students** to deliver original speeches that showcase how science, technology, and innovation (STI) contribute to the Philippines' progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—in line with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.”

Eligibility

- The contest is open to Junior High School students enrolled in any private or public secondary school in the Bicol Region.
- Each participating school is allowed to send one (1) official representative endorsed by the school head.
- Each participating school must complete the registration: <https://tinyurl.com/TASOCRegistration>. Deadline for registration is July 26, 2025.
- Each participating school must submit a signed waiver form with consent and a school head-endorsed letter certifying the student as the official representative: <https://tinyurl.com/TARSSCForms>.
- Participants' contest pieces will be evaluated based on the contest criteria to determine who qualifies for the final round. Entries must be submitted to sntpromo@ro5.dost.gov.ph on or before August 1, 2025.

Contest Mechanics

Speech Content

- Speeches must highlight how science, technology, and innovation (STI) contribute to the country's advancement toward at least one (1) of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aligning with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.”
- The piece must be original, self-composed, and must not have been used in any previous competition.

- Plagiarism and excessive use of AI-generated content are strictly prohibited and shall result in immediate disqualification. All submitted oration pieces will be subjected to originality and AI detection screening via Turnitin. Only speeches with a similarity index of 15% or below, and AI-generated content within the permissible threshold, will be accepted.

Speech Delivery

- Speeches must be memorized and delivered without the aid of cue cards, scripts, or any written material.
- The language of delivery is English.
- Each contestant shall be given a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes to deliver his/her speech.
- A deduction of two (2) points shall be imposed for every minute or fraction thereof that exceeds the maximum time limit. The same deduction shall apply if the contestant fails to meet the minimum time requirement.

Stage Conduct

- Professionalism, respect, and courtesy are expected at all times.
- Offensive language, discriminatory remarks, or inappropriate content will lead to immediate disqualification.
- The use of props, background music, or visual aids is not allowed.

Technical Setup

- A microphone will be provided for all contestants.
- Contestants may move within the stage area but should maintain proper stage decorum.

Decision of Judges

- The decision of the Board of Judges is final and non-appealable.
- Any unforeseen circumstances will be addressed by the Organizing Committee.
- The Committee reserves the right to amend these guidelines if necessary.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Description	Weight
Content	Relevance to the theme; depth of analysis; originality; clarity and organization of ideas; meaningful message with substance	40%
Delivery	Voice projection; pronunciation; diction; articulation; fluency; vocal variety; confidence and emotional connection	30%
Logical Organization	Coherence of arguments; smooth transitions; clarity of thought progression; well-structured flow of ideas	15%
Stage Presence	Poise; posture; eye contact; gestures; facial expression; audience engagement	10%
Impact	Persuasiveness; ability to leave a lasting impression; relevance to audience and occasion	5%
TOTAL		100%

Awards and Cash Prizes

- Champion : ₱5,000, Trophy, and Certificate
- 1st Runner-Up : ₱3,000, Plaque, and Certificate
- 2nd Runner-Up : ₱2,000, Plaque, and Certificate

- Certificate of Participation for all contestants
- Certificate of Commendation for all coaches



Tinig Agham: Regional Science Speech Choir Contest

Overview

The **Regional Science Speech Choir Contest** invites **Junior High School teams** to create and perform original speech choir pieces that showcase how science, technology, and innovation (STI) contribute to the Philippines' progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—in line with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.”

The competition has two phases:

- Phase 1: Entry Submission and Screening – Teams submit their written pieces for evaluation.
- Phase 2: Live Performance – Finalists perform their pieces onstage during the culminating event.

Phase 1: Entry Submission and Screening

Eligibility and Team Composition

- The competition is open to Junior High School students officially enrolled in the same school.
- Each participating team must be composed of 10 to 15 students.
- Teams are required to submit a photocopy of each member's valid school ID or any other acceptable proof of enrollment.

Performance Piece Requirements

- The speech choir piece must be an original composition, written and developed by the team.
- The content must highlight how science, technology, and innovation (STI) contribute to the country's advancement toward at least one (1) of the 17 United Nations Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs), aligning with the theme “Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.”

- Accepted languages: English, Filipino, Bicol, or a combination thereof.
- Submissions must not include plagiarized content, nor should they be published or previously performed works.
- AI-generated content is allowed up to 20% of the entire piece. While teams are encouraged to showcase their creativity, the inclusion of AI reflects the scientific and technological progress the competition celebrates.

Judging Criteria for Written Piece (50% of Total Score)

- Thematic Relevance & Originality – 60%
- Structure & Language Use – 40%

Submission Requirements

- Deadline: July 10, 2025, 11:59 PM
- Submission platform: Official Google Form <https://tinyurl.com/7n6d4w>

Submit the following as a complete entry:

- PDF copy of the original speech choir piece
- Photocopies of school IDs or proof of enrollment of all members
- Signed Endorsement and Waiver Form at <https://tinyurl.com/TARSSCFForms>

Screening and Selection of Finalists

- All entries will be evaluated based on their relevance to the theme, originality, and overall content quality.
- The Top 5 Finalists will be announced on July 14, 2025, through the official DOST-Bicol Facebook Page.
- Only these five teams will advance to Phase 2: Live Performance.

Phase 2: Live Performance

Event Details

- Date: August 14, 2025
- Location: Legazpi City (exact venue to be announced)
- Teams must check in at least one (1) hour before the event begins.
- Meals will be provided for all team members and one (1) official coach.

- Travel and accommodation expenses shall be shouldered by the participating schools.

Performance Guidelines

- Performance duration must be 7 to 12 minutes, including entrance and exit.
- All lines must be fully memorized; reading scripts is not allowed.
- Costumes and handheld props are permitted, but no elaborate sets or special effects.
- Background music and sound effects are allowed to enhance the performance.

Judging Criteria for Live Performance (50% of Total Score)

- Mastery of Piece – 50%
- Delivery & Vocal Performance – 30%
- Emotional Impact & Stage Presence – 20%

Penalties

- Time Violation: Deduction of 5 points for performances exceeding 12 minutes.
- Team Size Violation: Deduction of 5 points per member exceeding the 15-member limit.
- Disqualification will be imposed for:
 - Late or incomplete submissions
 - Plagiarized content
 - Violation of any major competition rules

Awards and Recognition

- Champion : ₱20,000, Trophy, and Certificate
- 1st Runner-up : ₱15,000, Plaque, and Certificate
- 2nd Runner-up : ₱10,000, Plaque, and Certificate
- Consolation Prizes : Token
- Certificate of Participation for all contestants
- Certificate of Commendation for all coaches

Additional Notes

- All decisions of the Judging Panel are final and non-contestable.
- By joining, participants grant the organizers the right to use submitted materials (e.g., video, written pieces) for educational or promotional purposes.
- Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted or considered.

- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend or clarify the guidelines and mechanics as needed. Any changes will be communicated to registered participants in a timely manner.