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In reference to a letter from the Education Committee Head UP Cell Biological Society Princess Imee R. Dellosa this advisory is issued for the information of all PSDSs, Secondary School Heads, Science Teachers and other Science enthusiast.

**SIHAY National Biology Olympiad (SIHAY NBO)**

The UP Cell Biological Society will hold the SIHAY National Biological Olympiad (NBO) from April 22 – May 1, 2021. Given the present crisis SIHAY takes over the virtual domain through an online installment called SIHAY.plugged. The event comprises a series of biological symposia for students and teachers, poster-making contest, scientific writing contest, research competition, and inter-high school biology quiz competition.

For more information, please see attached communication.

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Greetings!

The **UP Cell Biological Society (UP Cells)** is an organization composed of Biology students at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. Since its inception in 1990, UP Cells has been a cradle in shaping dedicated and talented young scientists.

Committed to its ideals, the organization annually spearheads the **SIHAY National Biology Olympiad (SIHAY NBO)**, uniting high school students across the country through Biology. As the current healthcare crisis prevents physical gatherings, SIHAY's 23rd year takes over the virtual domain through **SIHAY.plugged**, from **April 21 to May 1, 2021**.

Given the event preparations, we humbly ask your participation in bringing Biology closer to the people by endorsing our event. Please see the attached file that expounds on the event details.

We look forward to your positive response as we recognize the criticality of your institution's expertise in making the event possible. Thank you very much!

Towards shaping the future of Biology,

Princess Imee R. Dellosa  
Education Committee Head

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Greetings of wisdom through science!

The **University of the Philippines Cell Biological Society (UP Cells)** is a duly-recognized academic, student-led organization based at the **Institute of Biological Sciences (IBS), University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)**. It is the first regional member and the only affiliate organization in UPLB of the **Biology Majors' Alliance of the Philippines**, an association uniting more than 4000 biology majors across the country. Since its establishment in 1990, UP Cells continues to foster more appreciation and interest in Biology. Moreover, the organization has always encouraged its members to holistic development through service to the community and personal development.

True to its aim in stimulating enthusiasm and awareness in the field of Biology, the UP Cell Biological Society will be holding its annual, flagship activity, **SIHAY National Biology Olympiad (SIHAY NBO)** on **April 21 to May 1, 2021**. In its 23 years of existence, SIHAY has evolved to become a more extensive platform in shaping the future of Biology through the Filipino youth. Given the present health crisis, SIHAY takes over the virtual domain through its first-ever online installment called **SIHAY.plugged**. The event comprises a series of **biological symposia** for students and teachers, **poster-making contest**, **scientific writing contest**, **research competition**, and **inter-high school biology quiz competition**.

With the theme **"Decoding Archives: Unravelling the Biologic Code through Molecular Data Acquisition and Analysis,"** SIHAY.plugged aims to tackle **Bioinformatics**, an interdisciplinary field of study that employs Computer Science and Statistics in the analysis of huge amounts of biological data sets. The rapid developments in the field provide valuable information that are vital in producing cutting-edge solutions to problems in various fields such as agriculture, fisheries, health, and medicine among others. However, many people are not sufficiently cognizant of the relevance and progression of bioinformatics and its application. Therefore, authentic efforts are undertaken by various institutions and organizations to promote the knowledge and importance of bioinformatics to the next generation of the youth and to inspire them to contribute to its further development.