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PHILIPPINE BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2021: *SIBOL*
OF ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

The Department of Biology of the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) and the Ateneo Biological Organization-eXplore. eXperience. eXcel. (BOx) will host the Philippine Biology Olympiad (PBO) 2021: *Sibol*, formerly known as the Ateneo Biology Camp (BioCamp) in Portugal next year primarily through Zoom and Canvas.

The PBO 2021: *Sibol* is a national biology convention for students from Grades 7 to 12 that selects the four student representatives of the country for the International Biology Olympiad (IBO). The PBO is composed of three phases: eliminations, semifinals, and finals. All phases of the competition shall be facilitated using online platforms, which aim to enhance the participants' interest, passion, and awareness on issues in biology.

The target participants are Grades 7-12 students from public and private secondary schools nationwide.

Participation of public and private schools shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance therewith*. This is also governed by DO 039, s. 2020 titled *Strict Adherence to DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2001 (Prohibiting the Commercialization of the DECS Organization Through Endorsements and Accreditation of Goods and Services)*.

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