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PHILIPPINE BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2025: *SIKLAB*

The Department of Biology of the Ateneo de Manila University and the Ateneo Biological Organization – eXplore.eXperience.eXcel. (Box) will hold its Philippine Biology Olympiad (PBO) 2025: *SIKLAB* from January to April 2025.

Formerly known as the Ateneo Biology Camp (BioCamp), the PBO is a national biology convention for students in Grades 7–12. It shall select the four student representatives of the country for the International Biology Olympiad (IBO), which will be held in the Philippines next year.

This year, PBO 2025: *SIKLAB* will be held as an onsite competition with three different rounds. The first round, eliminations, will be held in various schools in the country which will serve as the satellite testing centers, while the semifinal and final rounds will be held onsite at the Ateneo de Manila University.

The activities arising from the competition aim to

1. enhance high school students to cultivate their interest, skills, passion, and appreciation for Biological Sciences;
2. instill supplementary academic support and awareness on the issues concerning the Biological Sciences; and
3. promote camaraderie among the participants from the different regions in the country.

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. 009, s. 2024 titled Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2024–2025 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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