

Phil-Science High holds unique Science – Math Quiz Bowl

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Philippine Science High School-Central Visayas Campus (PSHS-CVisC) successfully hosted a one-of-a-kind computer-based 5th Science and Mathematics Quiz Bowl on September 16, 2011 in Talaytay, Argao, Cebu, attracting elementary students representing schools all over Region VII.

Usually quiz bowls use projectors to display questions on screen, but in this competition, each team was provided their own computer monitor where quiz bowl's questions were shown through networking.

Cebu City – based Paref-Springdale emerged as the champion in Science Quiz Bowl with a whooping 97 points. Cebu Eastern College of Cebu City was the first runner-up with 88 points. West City Exceptional Child Learning Center of Dumaguete City was the second runner-up with 74 points.

In the Math category, West City Exceptional Child Learning Center of Dumaguete City was declared winner with 50 points. Minglanilla Special Science Elementary School and Bethany Christian School had a neck-and-neck fight with only a point difference in their score of 39 and 38 points, placing them second and third respectively in the Math category.

The winners brought home trophies, medals, certificates and cash prizes, Php5,000 for the champion, and Php3,000 and Php2,000 for the first and second runner-ups.

“We hold this competition to make our school known in the entire region and to attract students who will be taking the National Competitive Examination (NCE). This is also to give schools from far places a chance to experience a unique quiz bowl. It promotes interest in Science and Mathematics among pupils as early as elementary”, said a visibly-elated Joseph P. Hortezuella, CVisC's Science, Math and Technology Head and overall coordinator of the event.

There were three levels of difficulty in the competition: easy, average and difficult rounds. What made the quiz bowl unique was that every round, two *diskarte* questions were asked and the team would decide in ten seconds whether to answer the questions or not. A team who got a *diskarte* question right, three points were added in the easy round, five points in the average round, and seven points in the difficult round. If wrong, the team got a point deduction of three, five and seven for the easy, average and difficult rounds, respectively.

The quiz bowl is the largest yet in PSHS-CVisC's history, as the number of schools that participated this year reached 32. Four more schools served as observers. Previously, only ten schools participated in the contests. This is also the first time CvisC's quiz bowl reached the Regional Level.