

Science and Technology Fair for SY 2011–2012

“Never believe in what you see or hear from what people say, unless you have proven it through experimentation.” This is one of the most popular statements of the Board of Judges shared to student researchers especially during the on-site interview and congress.

In schools, our students are equipped with the knowledge and skills of conducting researches in science thereby preparing them for scientific communication, which may serve as an avenue for higher level of competence in research. Thus, a science research competition has been conducted annually to promote science and technology consciousness among the youth. This will serve as an avenue where they can showcase the results/products of their research.

The competition will start at the School level advancing to the Division, Regional, National then to the International levels. Science research projects are clustered with different division fairs and fair categories. There are 2 clusters: **Cluster 1**, which is composed of students from regular high schools; and **Cluster 2**, which is composed of students from science high schools. Each cluster is classified into 2 division fairs: **Life/Biological Sciences** and **Applied/Physical Sciences**; and each fair division is categorized into **individual** and **team**.

For this SY 2011–2012, the Science and Technology Fair competition at the Regional level was successfully conducted on September 17 and 18 at DepEd Ecotech Center. The activity was a region-wide science research competition that aimed to promote science and technology consciousness among the youth. It was conducted among high school students of both public and private schools, as well as laboratory high schools of state colleges and universities, whereby students from all special science classes were expected to join the said competition. Schools were encouraged to promote science investigatory projects that would address the environmental protection and conservation of our ecosystem, thus, the theme was: *“Make a Difference: Protect Our Environment, Save the Ecosystem”*.

This year’s Scientific Review Committee and Board of Judges was composed of Dr. Antonio Batomalaque, Ms. Queenie Marie Maguilang and Mr. Antonio Tamboli for Life/Biological Sciences; Dr. Jack Hess Baricuatro, Mr. John Waruel Liwag and Mr. Richard Jugar for Applied/Physical Sciences. They also shared their expertise and accorded support and inspiration to our student-researchers.

First place winners in the different clusters, division fairs and categories were endorsed to the Bureau of Secondary Education to represent DepEd Region VII in the forthcoming National level competition on October 26 – 29, 2011.

Region VII is hopeful that our regional entries will pass the screening of the National Scientific Review Committee and qualify to the National Science and Technology Fair. This will surely enkindle the gist and enthusiasm of our student- researchers. **JMC**