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**Biology Teachers Association of the Philippines Inc.  
(BIOTA) Regional Conference**

With reference to the letter of Dr. Aimee Lynn Barrion Dupo, President, BIOTA CALABARZON, this Office informs the Schools Division Offices of the BIOTA Regional Conference to be held on January 24, 2026, at Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna.

The said activity aims to explore how biology instruction can respond to the urgent challenges of planetary health – bridging ecological understanding with public well-being, sustainability and resilience in alignment with key Sustainable Development Goals.

Kindly refer to the attached letter for more details about the activity.

Furthermore, those interested in joining are reminded of the following conditions:

- a) that the Schools Division Office be informed, in writing, of participation in the said activity;
- b) participation to the event is strictly on a voluntary basis;
- c) expenses to be incurred shall be on a personal basis or sourced from a legitimate local government unit or donor; and
- d) strict observance of Time-On-Task Policy or the No Disruption of Classes Policy of the Department.

For information of all concerned.

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## BIOLOGY TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

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### Subject: Invitation to the BIOTA CALABARZON Regional Conference 2025

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II  
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ATTENTION: DR. VIERNALYN M. NAMA  
Chief Education Supervisor

Dear Atty. Escobarte:

Warm greetings from BIOTA CALABARZON!

We are pleased to invite you as our KEYNOTE SPEAKER to the BIOTA CALABARZON Chapter Regional Conference, with the theme: "Mainstreaming Planetary Health in Biology Education."

This year's conference brings together educators, researchers, and advocates to explore how biology instruction can respond to the urgent challenges of planetary health—bridging ecological understanding with public well-being, sustainability, and resilience, in alignment with key Sustainable Development Goals such as SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water), and SDG 15 (Life on Land).

Date: 24 January 2026

Venue: Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Baños

Format: In Person

Highlights include:

- Plenary talks from leading experts in planetary health and biology education
- Parallel sessions on biodiversity and environment, teaching pedagogy and bio-research
- Poster presentations by students and educators
- Networking opportunities with fellow biology educators and researchers

We respectfully invite your office to endorse this activity among biology teachers in your region and to encourage interested high school students to participate as poster presenters. This is a valuable opportunity to showcase student-led inquiry and deepen engagement with planetary health themes.

Kindly confirm your attendance by 15 December 2025. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues and schools who may be interested.

For inquiries or registration details, please contact the undersigned.

Let us work together to make biology education a powerful force for planetary well-being.

Sincerely,

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