



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2025-565

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID & SGOD Chiefs
Concerned Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Education Program Supervisors
Concerned Public Secondary School Heads
Concerned Teachers and Senior High School Students
All Others Concerned

Subject : **PARTICIPATION IN THE MINDANAO MICROBIOLOGY OLYMPIAD**

Date : November 5, 2025

This Office disseminates the invitation to participate in the **Mindanao Microbiology Olympiad**, organized by the University of Southern Mindanao - Microbiology Society, as outlined in the attached letter from Paul Zionn S. Aquino, Event Director. The event will take place on January 23, 2026 at the University of Southern Mindanao Campus

Participation in this event is voluntary, subject to the following provisions:

1. **Participation:** As an off-campus activity, participation must include an adult (parent or guardian) and an accompanying teacher/coach. Parental consent must be secured prior to participation.
2. **Non-Disruption of Classes:** Sessions should be scheduled in consultation with school heads to avoid conflicts with regular class hours. This aligns with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2025, entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*. Arrangements for teacher substitutes must be made in advance to ensure that regular classes continue without disruption.
3. **Coordination with School Heads:** All activities related to the Olympiad must have the approval of the School Principal or School Head, with their guidance on the event's execution.



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4. **Adherence to DepEd Travel Protocols:** All participants must comply with the Department of Education's travel protocols to ensure safety and adhere to current health and safety guidelines.
5. **No Collection Policy:** In accordance with Republic Act No. 5546 (Ganzon Law) and DepEd Memorandum No. 41, s. 2024, no fees or contributions shall be collected from students or teachers in relation to this activity.
6. **Funding Source:** Expenses related to the activity may be charged to local funds or other available sources at the discretion of the School Principal, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. **Commitment to Safety, Supervision, and Welfare:** The school must ensure proper supervision of all participants throughout the event. Adherence to safety protocols is mandatory, especially for off-campus activities, to ensure the well-being of all students and staff involved.

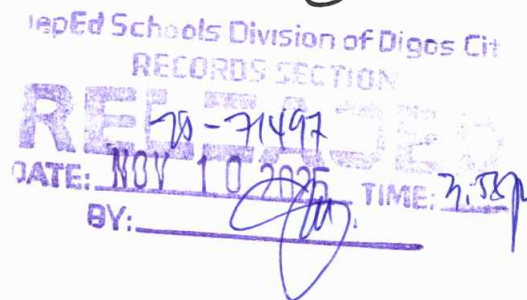
It is emphasized that parental consent must be obtained and properly filed prior to participation. Additionally, students must undergo adequate practice/review sessions and coaching to ensure they are fully prepared for the event. Proper adult supervision must be maintained throughout the activity to ensure the safety and productivity of all participants.

For further details and coordination, participants may contact the organizers via email at mmo.usmmicrooc@gmail.com. Relevant details and other information are contained in the enclosures for guidance and reference.

For information and dissemination.


MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

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1st Indorsement
October 23, 2025

Respectfully referred to all Schools Division Superintendents, inviting attention to the attached letter of Paul Zionn S. Aquino, Event Director, USM Microbiology Society, re: "Mindanao Microbiology Olympiad." Participation to this activity is at the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendents. Further, the No Disruption of Classes Policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2025, entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, must be strictly observed.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

Re: Paul Zionn S. Aquino
Event Director, USM Microbiology Society

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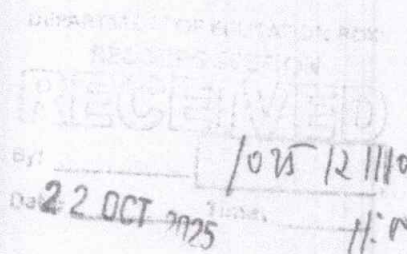




OCTOBER 20, 2025

ALLAN G. FARNAZO

Regional Director IV- DepED Region XI
F. Torres St., Davao City



Dear **Mr. Allan G. Farnazo**:

Greetings of peace and prosperity!

The **University of Southern Mindanao - Microbiology Society (USM MicroSoc)** will be hosting the highly anticipated **Mindanao Microbiology Olympiad (MMO)**. The MMO is a competition open to all Senior High School students from the six regions of Mindanao, to foster excellence in microbiology at the pre-college level.

This year marks the third edition of MMO, centered on the theme **"Tinguha: Igniting Minds Through Microbial Discovery,"** MMO continues to serve as a platform that celebrates the wonders of the microbial world, inspiring curiosity, critical thinking, and collaboration among young scientists. Through the united efforts of the USM Microbiology Society and its dedicated partners, this year's event strives to strengthen the bonds within the scientific community while nurturing a shared passion for discovery and growth. This year's regional eliminations will be held at different regional partners and will commence on **November 24-28, 2025**, while the final rounds of the competition will be on **January 23, 2026**, at the University of Southern Mindanao.

In line with this, **we are cordially inviting senior high school students in your region to participate in this big event.** By joining the MMO, your school will have the opportunity to establish its reputation within the field of Microbiology and provide students with a remarkable experience in the field.

We are anticipating your favorable response. For further information, you may contact us at our official email address mmo.usmmicrosoc@gmail.com. Thank you and more power!

Respectfully yours,

(SGD) PAUL ZIONN S. AQUINO

Event Director, USM Microbiology Society

(SGD) PRINCE NUR-HAKEEM BUISAN, RMicro, MSc

Over-All Chairman, USM Microbiology Society

Noted by:

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Adviser, USM Microbiology Society