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Department of Education
Region X

SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**INVITATION TO THE HIGALAAY INTERSCHOOL QUIZ SHOW COMPETITION:
"WAR OF THE WITS – BATTLE OF THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST"**

TO: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary School Heads
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
Division Youth Formation Coordinators
All others concerned

1. With reference to the attached invitation from the Rotaract and Rotary Clubs of Carmen Valley, in partnership with the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, the field is hereby informed of the upcoming Higalaay Interschool Quiz Show Competition on August 31, 2025 at the Event Center, Limketkai Mall, Cagayan de Oro City.
2. Attached with their communication are the **Guidelines of the Contest** with detailed information on registration, rules, and other relevant information, for reference.
3. In adherence to the Equal Opportunity Policy (EOP), inclusive and fair treatment is accorded to all participants regardless of age, gender and sexual orientation, disability, religion, and ethnicity.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

ROY ANGELO E. GAZO

Schools Division Superintendent

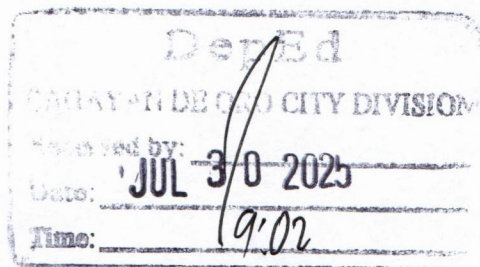
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Higalaay Interschool Quiz Competition

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July 31, 2025

JULY 30, 2025

DR. ROY ANGELO E. GAZO
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Cagayan de Oro City



Dear Sir Roy,

Greetings of Peace and Good Health!

We are writing to inform you about an exciting event that the Rotaract and Rotary Clubs of Carmen Valley, in partnership with the City Government of Cagayan de Oro, will be hosting. We are proud to announce our upcoming Higalaay Interschool Quiz show competition, "War of the Wits - Battle of the Best and the Brightest."

The purpose of this competition is to promote academic excellence, critical thinking, and healthy competition among students from various schools in our city. By participating in this event, students will have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge, wit, and problem-solving abilities, while fostering camaraderie and intellectual growth.

We kindly request your esteemed assistance in inviting all public and private schools (Elementary and Junior High School) within the city to partake in this thrilling academic event. Your support in spreading the word about this competition would significantly contribute to its success and ensure maximum participation from schools and students alike.

Please find the attached guidelines for the competition, which provide detailed information on registration, rules, and other relevant aspects. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in sharing this document with the respective school administrators and coordinators.

We would be truly honored to have representatives from the Department of Education attend the event as esteemed guests and judges. Your presence will not only add prestige to the competition but also inspire the young participants to strive for academic excellence.



Should you require any further information or assistance from our end, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at racofcarmenvalley@gmail.com. We are committed to providing all necessary details and collaborating closely with your esteemed office to ensure the success of this event.

Thank you in advance for your invaluable cooperation and support in making "War of the Wits - Battle of the Best and the Brightest" an enriching experience for all the students in our city.

We eagerly await your positive response and the opportunity to work hand in hand for the advancement of our students' educational journey.

Yours in Service, .

SHAIRA MARIE CAMPILAN

Club President

Rotaract Club of Carmen Valley

FRANCIS ENDAYA

Club President

Rotary Club of Carmen Valley



***"Come Prove You're the Best or
Watch Someone Else Take the Crown."***

Guidelines of the Contest

AREA OF COVERAGE

Questions are taken from the following subjects: History, Science, Physical Education, Sports, Math, Technology and Livelihood Economics, English, Current Events and General Knowledge. *Filipino subject is not included.*

PARTICIPANTS

1. The contest welcomes participation from both private and public Elementary Level (Grade 6) and Junior High School (Grade 10) schools across the city.
2. Each team from the participating schools will be composed of three (3) students. One (1) alternate student should be prepared in case one of the registered members fails to show up on the quiz date.
3. Members of the team must be duly certified by the Principal or School Head or Director as bonafide students enrolled this academic year.
4. The School Principal/ School Head/ Director assigns 1 or 2 teachers as Coach/es of the team.

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. Students representing their respective Schools must wear their **prescribed school uniform** and **school ID**. If there is no school uniform, students must wear decent and proper attire and the school ID.
2. **Coaching is strictly prohibited**. Once caught, the team will be automatically disqualified.
3. Talking to another contestant from another team on the progress of the contest can disqualify both teams.
4. Using mechanical instrument or device to solve mathematical problem is strictly prohibited.
5. Teams are not allowed to bring their cell phones or electronic devices to their seats.



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6. When a "GO" signal will be given, each team should start answering the questions. Once the time is already consumed, a "STOP" signal will also be given and each team should stop answering or writing their answers.

CONTEST MECHANICS

There will be a total of fifty (50) questions to be given in five (5) rounds. This will be categorized as follows:

ROUND 1. "HU Ü?"

Teams will identify the pictures of famous people/groups, living or dead, fictional or real with the given clues flashed on the screen. Every correct answer to questions 1-5 is worth 1 point each. Answer to questions 6-10 is worth 2 points each.

ROUND 2. "THROWBACK"

Teams will give the date of what is being asked. Every correct answer to questions 1-5 is worth 1 point each. Answer to questions 6-10 is worth 2 points each.

ROUND 3. "MATHINIK"

Teams will solve the problems presented/given. Every correct answer to questions 1-5 is worth 1 point each. Answer to questions 6-10 is worth 2 points each.

ROUND 4. "MABUHAY PHILIPPINES"

Teams will be tested on their knowledge about the Philippines—its iconic tourist destinations, rich history, geography, notable personalities, current events, and everything our country is known for. This round celebrates Filipino pride and awareness! Every correct answer to questions 1-5 is worth 1 point each. Answer to questions 6-10 is worth 2 pts each.



ROUND 5. "SARI-SARI"

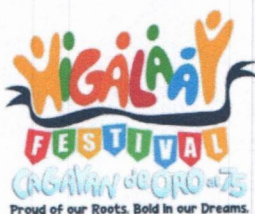
A variety of questions from all topics and subjects. This round will test how much you know about different things and how quick you can think. Show off your general knowledge and curiosity! Every correct answer to questions 1-5 is worth 1 point each. Answer to questions 6-10 is worth 2 points each.

TIE-BREAKER

In the event that there is no clear winner after the final round, those in contention will proceed to a sudden death" tie breaker round to come up with only one winner.

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. There will be a 5-minute interval between rounds from some light entertainment and to allow for the correction and posting of scores. The interval is also provided to accept and resolve any challenge from team coaches. No Challenge will be entertained except during the intervals. The Panel of judges decides on the issue. Their Decision is official and final.
2. The total aggregate points gained from the five (5) rounds by each team shall be added to determine the Champion. The school with the most points earned from their contestants will be declared CHAMPION.
3. English is the medium of the contest.
4. Each team is provided with a pen and answer sheets for them to write their answer. Contestants should write clearly and legibly.
5. Students representing their respective Schools must wear their prescribed school uniform and school ID. If there is no school uniform, students must wear decent and proper attire and the school ID.



6. All teams must be in their respective assigned seats when the QUIZ MASTER announces the start of the contest. A team member, who is not in place when quiz officially starts, forfeits the right to participate. The Team Coach is then requested to pick the alternate (who cannot be removed once fielded.)
7. The Quiz Master announces the time limit to answer a question, the number of points for the question and reads the question twice and gives the signal to begin and to end.
8. Quiz Master announces the end of the time and announces the correct answer.
9. Challenge to answer will be entertained during the 5-minute interval. The Panel of Judges decides on the issue. Their decision is official and final.
10. The scores are announced and recorded on the score board and score sheets.

PRIZES AT STAKE

CHAMPION receives a cash prize of Php 12,000.00, Medals and Trophy.

2nd Placer receives a cash prize of Php 10,000.00, Medals and Trophy.

3rd Placer receives a cash prize of Php 5,000.00, Medals and Trophy.

SPECIAL CASH AWARDS FOR THE COACHES

Coach/es of the CHAMPION receives a special cash award of Php 5,000.00.

Coach/es of the 2nd Placer receives a special cash award of Php 3,000.00.

Coach/es of the 3rd Placer receives a special cash award of Php 2,000.00.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Certificates of Participation are given to all Participating Schools, Coaches, Contestants and Alternates.

