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**INVITATION TO SUPPORT EDC'S POSITIVE ENERGY
BATTLE OF THE BRAINS 2019**

To : Asst. Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, CID & SGOD
Division Education Program Supervisors/Division Coordinators
Public Schools District Supervisors/District In-Charge
Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads

1. Attached is a letter from Mr. Harris R. Guevarra, Project Lead of the Positive Energy Battle of the Brains 2019 inviting schools to join the 2019 Battle of the Brains.

2. Schools interested to join may read the attached invitation and contact the organizers at botbnegros@gmail.com or through the mobile number 0906-4800036 for more details.

3. For wide dissemination.

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INVITATION TO SUPPORT EDC'S POSITIVE ENERGY BATTLE OF THE BRAINS 2019

Dear Dr. Bongalos,

Good day!

We hope this letter finds you well. My name is Harris Guevarra, the project lead of the 2019 *Positive Energy Battle of the Brains* (BOTB) of the Energy Development Corporation (EDC). I represent Drink, the event partner and communications agency of EDC for this activity.

Battle of the Brains (BOTB) is an inter-school quiz bee which aims to educate the junior and senior high school students of Negros Island on important topics such as renewable energy, climate change, and environmental sustainability. By educating them on these topics, the quiz bee seeks to empower the youth of Negros Island and encourage them to play an active role in the conversations and actions geared towards sustainable development.

For the past three years, more than 200 schools have participated in the BOTB, seeing this as a great learning opportunity for their students.

On this note, we would appreciate if your kind office could extend its support in officially endorsing our event to your area of jurisdiction. We would like to seek your assistance in disseminating information and encouraging participation in the quiz bee among high schools in the Division of Negros Oriental and all the City Divisions of the province.

For your reference, the quiz bee will be held in the following municipalities on these dates:

SEMI- FINALS	August 19	Bacolod City
	August 20	Bago City
	August 23	Kabankalan City
	August 28	Bais City
	August 29	Dumaguete City
GRAND FINALS	September 27	Dumaguete City

For more information on the said event, please see the attached briefer. Should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me via email (botbnegros@gmail.com) or mobile (0906-4800036).

Thank you very much for your kind consideration, and we look forward to your favorable response!

Sincerely,

HARRIS R. GUEVARRA
Project Lead,
Positive Energy Battle of the Brains 2019

INVITATION TO JOIN EDC'S POSITIVE ENERGY BATTLE OF THE BRAINS NEGROS 2019

Good day! It is with great pleasure that we announce the fourth wave of the Energy Development Corporation's (EDC) *Positive Energy Battle of the Brains Negras*, which will be held this third quarter of 2019. I am writing to you on behalf of Drink Editorial and Design, Inc., the event partner of EDC for the said competition.

Battle of the Brains (BOTB) is a quiz bee for junior and senior high school students in Negros Island. The quiz bee aims to educate the youth of Negros on renewable energy, climate change, environmental sustainability, geothermal energy production, and other related issues through this engaging, challenging, and fun event. For the past three years, more than 50 schools have participated in the BOTB, seeing this as a great learning opportunity for their students.

THIS YEAR, YOUR SCHOOL COULD BE THE NEXT BATTLE OF THE BRAINS GRAND CHAMPION!

We would like to invite you to send a team composed of two (2) students and one (1) faculty adviser to represent your school in the **2019 Positive Energy Battle of the Brains Negras**.

The **Semi-Finals** will be held in five major cities in Negros Island on the following dates:

Date	Municipality
August 19	Bacolod City
August 20	Bago City
August 23	Kabankalan City
August 28	Bais City
August 29	Dumaguete City

Upon registration, we will assign you to your nearest city for the Semi-Finals. The **first twenty-five (25) schools** from each municipality to complete the registration process will qualify for the Semi-Finals. The winning teams from each municipality will then move on to the **Grand Finals**, which will be held in **Dumaguete City on September 27, 2019**.

To register, please fill out the registration form here: <http://bit.ly/botbnegros2019>.

You may register until **July 31, 2019, Wednesday, at 5:00 PM**. Upon registration, you will receive the complete mechanics, sets of reviewers, and other important materials. Please note that **previous BOTB contestants cannot be fielded for this year's competition**. Should you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact us via email (botbnegros@gmail.com) or mobile (0906-4800036).

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,



Harris R. Guevarra
Project Lead, Battle of the Brains 2018

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Battle of the Brains

Negros Island



2017

46 participating schools

5 semi-finals in Bacolod City, Bago City, Kabankalan City, Bais City, and Dumaguete City

670+ audience during the finals held in Dumaguete City

Live Facebook coverage via SkyCable and increased social media mileage

2018

71 participating schools

5 semi-finals in Bacolod City, Bago City, Kabankalan City, Bais City, and Dumaguete City

2,000+ audience during the finals held in Dumaguete City

Live Facebook coverage via SkyCable and increased social media mileage

How?

Each participating school sends a team composed of two student representatives and one faculty adviser, who will serve as the team coach, to compete in the district level semi-final competitions. Winners from each division or district will then compete in the grand finals. Subject matter experts in the fields of energy utilities, environmental science, and climate change are consulted and tapped as judges for the quiz bee.

When?

August to September

Where?

Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental

EDC Positive Energy Battle of the Brains (BOTB) Quiz Bee

What?

Positive Energy Battle of the Brains (BOTB), organized by the Energy Development Corporation (EDC), is a region-wide inter-school competition that aims to spread information about climate change, renewable energy, and environmental and sustainable development among the youth.

Why?

It is important for the next generation to be informed about current and pressing issues regarding the environment; learn about renewable energy and sustainable practices to help address those issues; and be inspired and feel empowered to secure their future with the knowledge that they gain.