



R08 stirs EVRAA '23 Solidarity Confab, underscores new rules, venues

Tacloban City- Thronged by coaches, assistant coaches, chaperones, officiating officials, tournament managers, SDOs Key Personnel, and Region 8 Officials, the Solidarity Conference marked the official dash of the 2023 Eastern Visayas Regional Athletic Association (EVRAA) Meet, Leyte Sports Development Center, April 23, Sunday.

In his opening lines, Dr. Ronelo Al K. Firmo, CESO V, Assistant Regional Director, stressed the slew of changes in the rules and format in conformity with the Palarong Pambansa guidelines. "We should clarify all these to the players and parents so they will be aware of the foregrounding rules that will prevail in each game, so as to avoid complaints at the end of the sporting event," underlined ARD Firmo. For group games, winners shall proceed to the cluster meet before qualifying to the national tilt. Eastern Visayas is grouped with Western Visayas (Region 6), Central Visayas (Region 7), and Region 9 (Zamboanga Peninsula).

Further, Dr. Firmo also relayed to the coaches and officiating officials the updated changes in



SDS Magan of Leyte Division - Host Division, delivers a message encouraging athletes to participate actively in their sports events.

the venues of some field events and schedules, which resolved various predicaments such as the rise of heat index in the region as reported by PAG-ASA. "We are expecting that we will really have a successful conduct of EVRAA 2023," jovially uttered ARD albeit inevitable circumstances.

Dr. Harvie D. Villamor, CLMD Chief and Regional Sports Officer, presented the delegation officials, division sports officers, technical officials, and coaches. The region tallied specific number coaches coming from different competing divisions: Baybay City (47), Biliran (80), Borongan (52), Calbayog City (60), Catbalogan City (55), Eastern Samar (72), Leyte (80), Maasin City (88), Northern Samar (69), Ormoc City (79), Samar (69), Southern Leyte (57), and Tacloban City (68).

"Thank you, Lord. We are back in circulation in terms of sports. Back to normal na tayo! God is so providential," acclaimed Dr. Evelyn R. Fetalvero, CESO III, Regional Director, as she genially expressed her appreciation and commendation to the host division Tacloban City and co-host Leyte Division. She also extended her thankfulness to the supportive



Local Government Officials of Tacloban City headed by Mayor Alfred Romualdez and Leyte officials with Governor Carlos Jericho Petilla at the helm.

All the contingents were also oriented about the police security and operational groundings to avoid mishaps and other violent incidents that may goad. PLtCol. Dexter L. Astacaan, Event Commander, encouraged all the divisions to be cognizant in all the actions and walks around the playing venues and other amenities.

This year's edition of EVRAA is not the usual regional event that measures up people's expectation as emphasized by Dr. Mariza S. Magan, CESO V, Schools Division Superintendent of Leyte Division. "Please bear with us as this is still a work in progress," added SDS Magan.

After the ceremony, coaches and officiating officials were prorated by event led by the tournament managers, which helped clarify and explicate rules and guidelines per sports game.



Scheduled Games for April 24, 2023

Badminton Secondary Girls
Basketball Secondary Boys
Futsal Secondary Girls
Billiards
Basketball Elementary
Archery
Baseball Elementary
Baseball Secondary
Volleyball Secondary Girls
Chess

PNHS holds Welcome Night for CCAA Delegation

by Erwin Purcia and Bernie Abing



As one of the billeting schools of Eastern Visayas Regional Athletic Association 2023, Palo National High School Faculty through its School Principal II, Betsy Grace V. Navarette welcomed Calbayog City Athletic Association Delegation headed by Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Moises D. Labian Jr., CESO VI and its Division Sports Officer, Dr. Marilyn S. Tahil tonight, April 23, 2023 at the school quadrangle.

PMaj. Roniel M. Perlas, PNP Chief Police Inspector, Dr. Melfe Sanchez, Palo District Supervisor, S/Insp. Rey A. Goyone, BFP Municipal Fire Marshall and Hon. Cherry-Lyn M. Cabrigas, Brgy. Cavite West Chairwoman was some of the honoraries who inspired and showed support to the CCAA Delegation in its ultimate goal of being heralded as one of the top performers in this year's EVRAA.

Hon. Florencio Enriquez, Committee on Education and Sports delivered a message on behalf of the city mayor, Hon. Raymond C. Uy. He gave a cash incentive to the SPA student-performers as city's appreciation of their commendable performance.

CCAA Delegation and other guests who were in attendance were entertained by the different groups of talented SPA students of PNHS such as SPA Chorale, SPA String Instruments, PGT Fam, and SPA Dancers. Music dominated the entire atmosphere with exchange of songs from no less the Bgy. Captain of Bgy. Cavite West of Palo where Palo National High School is located. Mr. Joey Catampo, one of SDO-Calbayog City's school heads also rendered a song as response. Everyone was on foot as the night went on celebrating unity in a flabbergasting way through this remarkable Welcome Night.



Event for April 25, 2023

**EVRAA 2023
Opening Ceremony
at Leyte Sports
Development Center,
4:00 pm**

"Small but Terrible:" Gallano inuwi ang bronze na panalo sa swimming

ni: Rose Ann B. Menieba

Sisid. Langoy. Ahon.

Pagsisid ang unang ginawa ng munting nilalang na si Grazilda Gallano matapos marinig ang hudyat ng pagsisimula ng labanan sa 50-meter Butterfly Elementary Girls ngayong Ika-23 ng Abril. Ito ang unang araw ng paligsahan.

Si Gallano ay isang manalangoy na mula sa San Joaquin Central Elementary School. Matagal nang nagsasanay sa paglangoy gayong lumaki malapit sa karagatan. Mas pinaigting pa ang kanyang bilis at lakas sa pagsasanay ng kanyang coach na si Ms. Mary Meldred S. Normor, guro ng Bantian ES.

At sa araw ngang ito, patuloy namang nilangoy ni Gallano ang kahabaan ng pool ng Leyte

Sports Development Center na siyang pinag-ganapan ng paligsahan. Kanya ring pinagaspas ang kanyang mga pakpak at kumaripas ng langoy upang mauna sa finish line.

Sa kaniyang pag-ahon, halakhak, sigawan, at hiyawan ang sumalubong sa kaniya sapagkat nakapag-uwi siya ng Bronzeng medalya.

Makikitang ibinigay niya ang lahat ng kaniyang makakaya hindi lamang para sa kaniyang sariling kapakanan, bagkus, sa kaniyang pamilya, lalong-lalo na sa buong Calbayog Supersonics na nagbigay-lakas sa kanilang lahat bago sila sumabak sa labanan.

Kung titingnan ay napakaliit na bata, ngunit nakapuwing ng mga kalaban.

Ika niya, "Masaya ako sa medal ko. Sayang pero masaya pa rin ako."

