

Dumaguete students ace DOST's nuke quiz

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Winners of the Philippine Nuclear Science Quiz Bee –National Level Competition 2012 with their coaches at the closing ceremony of the 40th Atomic Energy Week on December 14, 2012 at the DOST-Philippine Nuclear Research Institute with sponsor former Congressman Hon. Mark A. Cojuangco (middle). The winning teams were from the Ramon Teves Pastor Memorial Dumaguete Science High School (champion); Philippine Science High School - Western Visayas Campus (second place); and the Philippine Science High School - Southern Mindanao Campus (third place). (S&T Media Service)

Students from Ramon Teves Pastor Memorial Science High School emerged as champions in the Department of Science and Technology 's first ever Philippine Nuclear Science Quiz Bee – national level competition held recently at the Nido Fortified Science Discovery Center, SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City.

The whiz team from Region VII, composed of Alec Benjamin G. Ramirez and Hannah Jael M. Cadusale with their Coach Lourdes D. Lee, bested 21 other qualifiers out of 192 schools that participated from the elimination round conducted per region.

They received P20,000 cash, a Medal of Recognition for each team member, a trophy for the school and a Plaque of Recognition for the coach.

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Placing second was the Philippine Science High School -Western Visayas team who received P15,000, followed by third placer Philippine Science High School –Southern Mindanao team who received P10,000.

“The nuclear quiz show intends to make nuclear science more interesting to the Filipino youth and highlight its benefits to the society,” said Dr. Alumanda dela Rosa, director of DOST's Philippine Nuclear Research Institute, the organizer of said nuke quiz.

The nuclear quiz bee, held in collaboration with the Department of Education to celebrate the 40th Atomic Energy Week, has the theme “Nuclear Science, Technology and Innovation: Engine for Growth and Development.” The event featured exhibits, technical sessions, guided tours of facilities and laboratories, and video showing at the DOST-PNRI in Diliman, Quezon City.

Started in 1973, the annual celebration is mandated under Presidential Proclamation No. 1211 to generate awareness of the Filipino people on the beneficial uses of nuclear science and technology in food and agriculture, health and medicine, industry, energy, and the environment.