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Personnel/ Staff, as well the concerned public

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED
ECONOMICS CIRCLE (UPAAEC)
INVITATION TO THE AGRIKONOMIYA 2024**

Attached is a letter from the Office of University of the Philippines Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle (UPAAEC) dated February 6, 2024, on the above-captioned title, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Participation of public and private schools shall be subject to the no disruption of classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled, Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.


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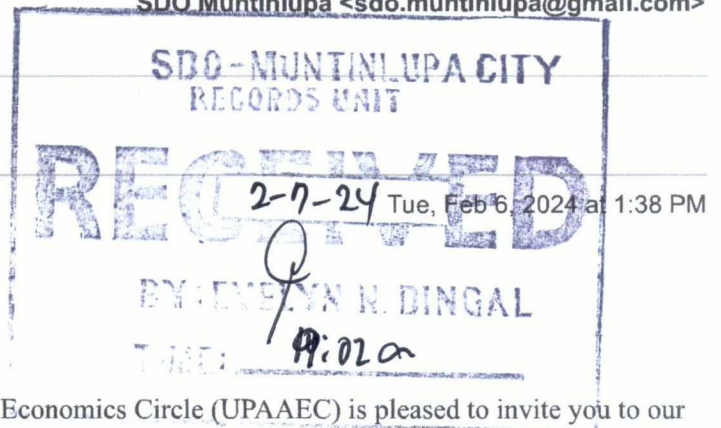
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Invitation to the Agrikonomiya 2024

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Greetings!

The University of the Philippines Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle (UPAAEC) is pleased to invite you to our annual event, **Agrikonomiya 2024**, with the theme “**Beyond Horizons : Realizing Zeniths for the future of Philippine Agriculture** “ which aims to promote agricultural and applied economics as a field of study and as a career. This is a month-long activity composed of three (3) different competitions, one (1) agricultural tour and one (1) seminar.

Individual competition for Agrikonomiya 2024 (Essay Writing) are **FREE** for the first entry while the succeeding entries will be charged **Php 250.00** pesos. On the other hand, group competitions (Agri-Pitch, and Debate) will have **NON-REFUNDABLE** registration fees. The registration fee includes access to both the seminar and agricultural tour, along with handy bundles of supplies for the event. Please refer to the primer for the registration guidelines.

Attached in this letter are the **primer** and **registration forms** that you need to fill out prior to the competition. It is your primary obligation and responsibility to go through all the forms before the competition proper.

Registration will run starting **February 06 , 2024** and will end on **February 16 , 2024**.

REMINDERS FOR FILLING OUT REGISTRATION FORMS:

1. For each participating school, there is an assigned minimum and maximum number of participants/team that should be registered and participate in any of the competitions:
 - a. **Essay Writing Competition:** minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) participants
 - b. **Agricultural Resolutions Pitch:** ONLY one (1) team composed of three (3) members
 - c. **Debate:** ONLY one (1) team composed of three (3) members
2. Upon registration, kindly wait for our reply regarding your confirmation in participating in the competition.
3. Please make sure to fill out the forms for **School Logo and Payment**, which will be sent along with the confirmation email. Failure to do so will result in your school not being published in any of our publication materials.

REGISTRATION FORMS:

1. [Essay Writing Competition](#)

2. [Agricultural Resolutions Pitch](#)

3. [Debate Competition](#)

Should you have any queries, please feel free to email us at upaaec.agrikonomiya@gmail.com. We are very excited to have you with us in this year's Agrikonomiya 2024. We wish everyone the best and good luck in the competition!

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Sincerely yours,



Cid C. Antonio
Agrikonomiya 2024 Registration Committee

 **Agrikonomiya 2024 Event Primer and Guidelines.pdf**
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UP AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS CIRCLE



AGRI
KONOMIYA
2024

EVENT PRIMER

ABOUT AGRIKONOMIYA

AgriKonomiya is one of the UP Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle's flagship events, done yearly ever since the event's establishment in 2018. It is anchored on the organization's objective to promote agricultural and applied economics as a field of study and as a career.

With the theme, "**Beyond Horizons: Realizing Zeniths for the Future of Philippine Agriculture**" Junior and Senior High School students from different schools all over the country may participate and compete with each other in the Essay Writing, Debate, and Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competitions. They will also be more knowledgeable about the country's agricultural sector with other events like the Agri-tour and Culminating Seminar, the former of which will be launched by the organization for the first time.

AgriKonomiya 2024 is aimed to be delivered **face-to-face**, as part of the effort to transition away from an online setup and into a more traditional one. Furthermore, UPAAEC endeavors to influence students to critically assess the issues relating to our agricultural sector and the economic state of our country, as well as to envision its possible future developments and growth.

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

The UP Agricultural and Applied Economics Circle (UPAAEC), formerly known as UP Agricultural Economics Circle (UPAEC), is a recognized academic-student organization based at the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, College of Economics and Management, University of the Philippines Los Baños, which aims to promote Agricultural and Applied Economics as a field of study and as a career.

Guided by the core values of Excellence, Loyalty, and the Spirit of Camaraderie, UPAAEC has continuously lived up to its mission of supporting and advocating for various agricultural and socio-economic initiatives in the country.

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

AGRIKONOMIYA 2024

@AGRIKONOMIYA



10,740
FOLLOWERS

10,791
REACH

UP AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS CIRCLE

@SIRKE1975



9,588
FOLLOWERS

22,093
REACH



953
FOLLOWERS

6,811
IMPRESSIONS



940
FOLLOWERS

1,351
REACH

ABOUT THE COMPETITIONS

AGRICULTURAL RESOLUTIONS PITCH COMPETITION

The Agricultural Resolutions Pitch Competition or Agri-Pitch Competition is a team event wherein the participants are required to formulate innovative resolutions to the topic given by the organizers. This event is a two-part event wherein requires the team to submit a written report of their proposed resolutions and then pitch their proposals in front of the judges and audience.

OBJECTIVES

- To **inform** students about the pressing issues the country's agricultural sector is facing and how they can contribute to solving them;
- To **encourage** students to apply their creativity and problem-solving skills to address real-world agricultural challenges;
- To **provide** a platform for students to showcase their innovative solutions and receive feedback from experts and peers; and
- To **promote** the field of agricultural and applied economics and break the stigma on the sector of agriculture.

GUIDELINES

- Each school can only send **one (1) team** composed of three **(3) members** for this competition. Each team shall be accompanied by one (1) coach. The **first 12 teams** to register in the competition are the official participants. A registration fee of **Php 750** will be required per team. This will be **non-refundable**.
- Each team will be tasked to generate, articulate, or innovate a resolution in the form of a policy (an original or a revision) to solve a current agricultural issue that will be set by the competition's organizers. The issue will be released on **February 17, 2024, Saturday**. The focus should be on **developing a concrete resolution**, rather than on technological advancements.
- The teams' resolution shall be conveyed on a written report. The paper shall consist of the following parts: **Title, Introduction, Statement of the Problem, Resolution, Conclusion, and References**. It must also be written in **English only**.
- The template for the paper will be given on the date the topic is released. The paper should not exceed **fifteen (15) pages**, with the exception of the title page and references. There will be a **deduction of 0.5 points for every 1 additional page**. This will be **deducted from the overall score**.
- The accomplished paper, in **PDF format**, must be submitted on or before **March 8, 2024, Thursday** via **Google Form** sent on March 1. This will allow the judges to thoroughly review and familiarize themselves with the papers ahead of time.

GUIDELINES

- The team must also prepare a **powerpoint presentation** that will be presented at the competition. This must be submitted on or before **March 22** via **Google Form** that will be sent on **March 18**. The presentation must be in **PDF format or PPTX format**. If the latter is chosen, please ensure that all elements and fonts used in the presentation are embedded.
- Each team will be given **seven (7) minutes** to present their paper to the judges during the competition proper. All members of the teams must be present and they should wear their school uniform or any presentable attire. After every presentation, **seven (7) minutes** will be allotted for the Question and Answer portion between the presenting team and the board of judges.
- Plagiarism is **strictly** prohibited. Organizers will check the submitted papers using Turnitin and must ensure a **similarity index not more than 14%**. A **deduction of 0.5 for every 1% additional** in the similarity index will be imposed.
- Academic dishonesty will be **strictly** monitored. Organizers will check the submitted papers and will ensure that the contents are **originally written** by the participants and not AI-generated. Automatic disqualification will be imposed if the entry is AI-generated.
- The **top 3 winning teams** will be announced during the culminating event.

COMPETITION CRITERIA

PAPER – 40%

Criteria	Percentage
Relevance to the Issue	30
Feasibility	20
Sustainability	20
Innovation	15
Coherence	15
Total	100

PRESENTATION – 60%

Criteria	Percentage
Overall Performance	30
Content	25
Pitch Quality	25
Time Efficiency	20
Total	100

IMPORTANT DATES

February 17, 2024	Topic Reveal
March 08, 2024	Submission of Agri-Pitch Papers
March 22, 2024	Submission of Powerpoint Presentation
March 23, 2024	Presentation of Finalists and Announcement of Winners

ABOUT THE COMPETITIONS

ESSAY WRITING

The Agrikonomiya 2024 Essay Writing Competition encourages young minds to think critically and logically concerning issues in agriculture and the economy. Through this contest, the participants are expected to identify the main focus of the issue in relation to the theme, provide a thorough situational analysis, establish their arguments based on facts, and cite recommendations on how to address the identified issues. They must also be able to persuade their target audience through an effective, impactful, and well-written essay that is supported with factual evidence. Unity, coherence, and correctness of the ideas must also be observed guided with the principles in agriculture and economics.

OBJECTIVES

- To **amplify** the voices of the youth, focusing on the current economic landscape of Philippine agriculture through the art of writing;
- To **enhance** writers' perspectives, crafting insightful narratives that delve into the historical context, present challenges, and future prospects shaping the country's agricultural economics; and
- To **cultivate** comprehensive awareness of potential solutions and innovations for advancing the current state of economic affairs in Philippine agriculture.

GUIDELINES

- There shall be two categories for the essay writing competition: a **Filipino category** and an **English category**. Code switching is not allowed except for words that have no equivalent in Filipino or English.
- Each participating school can have **two representatives** in the essay writing competition — **one for the English category** and **one for the Filipino category** accompanied by a maximum of one coach per participant. The **first 25 participants** to register for each category will be the official contestants of the essay writing competition. A registration fee of **PhP 250.00** will be required and is non-refundable.
- The event will be held on a face-to-face setup on **March 23**, from **11:00AM - 12:00PM**.
- Each participant must bring their **own laptops** which are **fully charged** as this will be used to write their essay piece. Those who need to charge their laptops must bring their own extension cord. **Microsoft Word** must be installed as this is the **only application** allowed in the contest proper.
- During the contest proper, the **use of wifi, data, or any internet connection** is **strictly prohibited**. Participants are expected to only access MS Word on their laptops, which will be monitored. Any attempt to open additional tabs or applications is strictly forbidden and may result in disqualification upon observation.
- The essay must be done in this format:
Font style: Times New Roman Size: A4
Font size: 12 Margins: 1" (all sides)
Spacing: 1.15

GUIDELINES

- The essay shall not exceed **750 words**.
- All participants from each school will have **one hour** to complete the essay. The writing duration begins after the topic is revealed **on the same day**.
- The participants will be asked to **raise their hands** after an hour. By this time, their outputs must be ready for submission along with a complete and correct file format.
- The essay piece must be submitted in **MS Word format** and the file name must be as follows:
 - **SURNAME_NAME_NAMEOFSCHOOL**
(e.g., DELACRUZ_JUAN_UNIVERSITYOFTHEPHILIPPINESLOSBAÑOS)
- Using any **AI and Grammar tools** will not be allowed. All laptops will be checked before the contest.
- Plagiarism is **strictly prohibited** in this competition. The similarity index of the essay pieces will be checked by the hosts and a score of over 14% will be disqualified.
- Submissions of those who will not follow the guidelines will not be accepted.
- The winners will be announced on the same day, March 23 during the culminating event.

COMPETITION CRITERIA

Criteria	Percentage
Content and Relevance to the Theme	40
Originality and Creativity	20
Organization/Development of Thought	20
Grammar/Mechanics	20
Total	100

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 23, 2024

08:00AM - 10:00AM	Checking of laptops
10:00AM - 11:00AM	Contest briefing
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Contest proper
03:00 PM	Announcement of winners

ABOUT THE COMPETITIONS

DEBATE

The Agrikonomiya 2024 Debate Competition is a debate tournament for junior and senior high school students in the Philippines. Focusing on the theme of Agrikonomiya 2024, the debate competition aims to create a platform for participants to express their opinions based on facts, present logical arguments, and engage in intellectual and structured discussions in relation to the theme. Through this competition, the participants are expected to foster critical thinking, effective communication, and persuasion skills, as well as develop their awareness of the issues surrounding the agricultural sector of the Philippines.

OBJECTIVES

- To **enhance** the critical thinking of the students in analyzing complex issues, evaluating arguments, and developing logical reasoning skills;
- To **improve** their communication skills in articulating ideas clearly, concisely, and persuasively;
- To **promote** research capability and knowledge of the students by conducting thorough research on the given topic and expanding their knowledge in understanding various perspectives;
- To **encourage** teamwork and collaboration of the students;
- To **build** the confidence of the students in public speaking and expressing their opinions and arguments in front of the audiences; and
- To **cultivate** respectful and civil discourse among them.

GUIDELINES

- The Agrikonomiya 2024 Debate Competition is open to all bonafide and enrolled junior and senior high school students for the academic year 2023-2024.
- The preliminaries and semi-finals of the debate competition shall be conducted on **March 16, 2024** via the **Discord app**. All participants are required to install the said platform on their personal devices.
- Debaters are required to use the name format of "**SCHOOL NAME - FULL NAME OF SPEAKER AS REGISTERED**" (e.g. UPLB - JUAN DE LA CRUZ) upon entering the Discord Server.
- The **finals** of the debate competition shall be conducted **face-to-face** on **March 23, 2024** at the University of the Philippines Los Baños.
- The competition will cater only up to **eight (8) participating teams**. Reservation of slots is on a **first-come, first-served** basis.
- Upon registration, each team must agree to **attend the finals** of the debate competition whether they would advance to the finals of the debate competition or not, as there will be other events in Agrikonomiya 2024 that they could participate in.
- Teams who will advance to the finals are **required to be present** on the said date and venue. Checking-in and the competition proper will be done face-to-face.
- Each team shall be composed of **three (3) members**, following the **Asian Parliamentary Debate** format.

GUIDELINES

- Only **one (1) team per school** is allowed to register accompanied by one (1) coach only.
- Composite teams are **prohibited**.
- Elimination for each stage of the competition (i.e., preliminaries, semi-finals, finals) will be in the form of a "**one-loss-out**".
- There will be a **non-refundable** registration fee of **PHP 900.00** per team. If a team wishes to back out after they have registered, no refund will be given.
- No team is allowed to back out one week before the event.
- Confirmation of participation will be sent through email once they have completed the registration and paid the non-refundable registration fee.
- Debaters are expected to appear as presentable as possible (e.g. polo shirt, collared clothing, etc.) throughout the duration of the competition.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

1. The Debate Format

- 1.1 The debate will consist of two (2) teams with three members, an adjudicator and a panelist from the field of Agricultural and Applied Economics.
- 1.2 Following the Asian Parliamentary Debate Format, the teams supporting the motion are housed under "Government". The teams arguing against the motion are housed under "Opposition".
- 1.3 Side Government will be composed of three (3) members, namely:
 - 1.3.1 Prime Minister,
 - 1.3.2 Deputy Prime Minister, and
 - 1.3.3 Government Whip.
- 1.4 Side Opposition will also have the same number of members, namely:
 - 1.4.1 Leader of Opposition,
 - 1.4.2 Deputy Leader of Opposition, and
 - 1.4.3 Opposition Whip.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

- 1.5 Each member of the teams will deliver a seven (7) minute substantive speeches in the following order:
 - (1) Primer Minister
 - (2) Leader of Opposition
 - (3) Deputy Primer Minister
 - (4) Deputy Leader of Opposition
 - (5) Government Whip
 - (6) Opposition Whip
- 1.6 A reply speaker from each team must present a four (4) minute speech after the Opposition Whip ends their speech. The reply speaker of the Opposition shall present their speech first, which will be followed by the Government Reply.
- 1.7 Whips of each team are highly discouraged to be Reply Speakers for their respective houses.
- 1.8 Each member is highly advised to offer points of information while members of the opposing teams are speaking.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

2. Motion

- 2.1 For this competition, no veto-ing of motions shall be done, as motions will all be fixed in each round.
- 2.2 The members should debate the motion in the spirit of the motion and the tournament.

3. Preparation

- 3.1 The motion will be announced to all debaters before each round at their debate channel.
- 3.2 Preparation time will be twenty-five (25) minutes, at which each team is given the chance to convene with their debaters and prepare their arguments in separate channels.
- 3.3 The teams should arrive at their debate channel within five minutes of the scheduled starting time for the debate.
- 3.4 The debaters may consult any printed or written materials that the debaters may have prepared beforehand during the preparation.
- 3.5 During the preparation time, the involvement of anyone other than the three team debaters is not allowed.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

- 3.6 Consulting online and/or offline materials (i.e. search engines, online forums, softcopy materials) and talking to coaches are strictly prohibited during the debate proper.

4. Points of Information

- 4.1 Points of information (POIs) are questions that are directed towards the member speaking, and may be asked between the first-minute mark and the sixth-minute mark of the members' speeches.
- 4.2 To ask a POI, the member may announce that they would like to ask a "Point of information" or use other words to this effect. Prior to this, the speaker is advised to specify the manner in which POIs are to be made (i.e. POIs through Chat, POIs through speech, etc.) before they announce the start of their timer and the beginning of their speech.
- 4.3 The member who is speaking may accept or decline to answer the POI.
- 4.4 POIs are not to exceed 15 seconds in length.
- 4.5 The member who is speaking may ask the person offering the Point of Information to sit down where the offer or has had a reasonable opportunity to be heard and understood.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

- 4.6 Members are highly advised to offer POIs.
- 4.7 Points of Order and Points of Personal Privilege are not permitted.

5. Timing of Speeches

- 5.1 Speeches should last seven (7) minutes in duration. This should be signaled by a runner through the message box on the debate channel. Speeches over 7 minutes and 20 seconds shall be penalized.
- 5.2 POIs may only be offered between the first-minute mark and the sixth-minute mark of the speech (with which shall be signaled by a runner each mark).
- 5.3 Timing of the speeches is a duty of the runners.
- 5.4 In case that the runners are not present, it is the duty of the adjudicator to ensure that speeches are timed.

6. The Adjudication

- 6.1 The debate will be judged by an adjudicator, assisted by a panelist from the field of Agricultural and Applied Economics.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

- 6.2 At the conclusion of the debate, the adjudicator should confer and rank the teams, to identify the winner for the round.
- 6.3 At the conclusion of the conferral, the adjudicator should provide a verbal adjudication of the debate.
 - 6.3.1 The verbal adjudication should not exceed 10 minutes.

7. Contention

- 7.1 Teams who are unsatisfied with the adjudicator's decision shall direct their concerns/inquiries to the Organizing Committee.
- 7.2 The Organizing Committee shall convene with the participants and the adjudicator, and the adjudicator shall explain how they adjudicated the round (i.e. highlighting the standard they used, the relevant arguments they were able to credit, etc.).
- 7.3 The concerned participant may bring their coaches during the discussion, but coaches are expected to ask and behave with proper decorum.
- 7.4 The call of the adjudicator will be treated with finality in cases of a split decision in a round.

PRELIMINARIES AND SEMI-FINALS

8. Unstable Internet Connectivity

- 8.1 If a speaker is disconnected, the timer will be paused, and the speaker will be given five (5) minutes to reconnect. The timer will resume once the speaker successfully reconnects.
- 8.2 If the speaker fails to reconnect within the given time, only the remaining team members will continue with the debate for that round.
- 8.3 If anyone from the team disconnects while someone is delivering their speech, the timer should not be paused - unless the disconnected member has to speak right after the current speaker (i.e. if the Leader of Opposition disconnects while the Prime Minister is speaking).
- 8.4 The time assigned for each speech will remain the same and shall not take away from the time allotted for other speeches.
- 8.5 If the Adjudicator is disconnected, the timer will be paused and the round will be put on hold. The timer shall resume once the Adjudicator reconnects.

FINALS

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FINALS

- 3.3 The teams should arrive at their debate within five minutes of the scheduled starting time for the debate.
- 3.4 The debaters may consult any printed or written materials that the debaters may have prepared beforehand during the preparation and in the debate.
- 3.5 During the preparation time, the involvement of anyone other than the three team debaters is not allowed.
- 3.6 Consulting online and/or offline materials (i.e. search engines, online forums, softcopy materials) and talking to coaches are strictly prohibited during the debate proper.
- 3.7 The use of cell phones is strictly prohibited during the debate proper. Urgent usage of gadgets for personal matters would require approval of a member of the Organizing Committee.

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FINALS

- 4.3 The member who is speaking may accept or decline to answer the POI.
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- 4.5 The member who is speaking may ask the person offering the Point of Information to sit down where the offer or has had a reasonable opportunity to be heard and understood.
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5. Timing of Speeches

- 5.1 Speeches should last seven (7) minutes in duration. This should be signaled by knocks: one knock at the 1st and 6th minute, two knocks at the 7th minute and continuous knocks after 5 minutes and 20 seconds. Speeches over 7 minutes and 20 seconds shall be penalized.
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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH 16, 2024 Preliminaries and Semi-finals

08:30AM – 09:00AM	Call time
09:00AM – 10:30AM	Opening and Orientation
10:30AM – 10:45AM	Break time
10:45AM – 12:15PM	Debate proper (Preliminaries)
12:15PM – 12:45PM	Break time
12:45PM – 02:15PM	Debate proper (Semi-finals)
02:15PM – 02:45PM	Break Time
02:45PM – 03:45PM	Closing

MARCH 23, 2024 Finals

09:30AM – 10:15AM	Opening and Orientation
10:15AM – 11:45AM	Debate proper (Finals)
11:45AM – 12:30PM	Closing and Awarding Ceremony

* Schedule is not yet final, and is subject to change.

ABOUT THE OTHER EVENTS

AGRITOUR

For the first time since its installment, Agrikonomiya will offer Agritour, a whole day transformative experience crafted to offer participants a profound exploration of the intricate relationship between agriculture and economics, unveiling the innovative practices and initiatives that propel the sustainable development of the agricultural sector in the Philippines.

By partnering with a selected institution connected to the field, attendees will gain practical insights into modern agricultural practices and economic modeling and apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide participants with in-depth insights into the dynamic interplay between agriculture and economics, showcasing UPLB's pivotal role as a leading institution driving advancements in these crucial fields;
- To promote UPLB as not just an academic hub but also a captivating destination for educational tourism, blending academic excellence with the natural allure of our campus;
- To highlight its significance and showcase the diverse career opportunities and contributions it can offer to future leaders of the agricultural sector; and
- To foster a renewed interest among the youth in the agricultural sector of the Philippines, encouraging active participation and collaboration and cultivating a new generation of informed and passionate advocates for sustainable agriculture.

GUIDELINES

- AgriTour is entirely free of charge for registered participants.
- This tour has a limited capacity of 110 students. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If you have registered but are unable to attend, please inform the organizers as soon as possible to allow others on the waiting list to join.
- If all slots are filled, a waiting list will be created. If a registered participant cancels, the next person on the waiting list will be notified.
- Tour booklets and other relevant materials will be provided to registered participants upon arrival.
- Registered participants will be divided into three groups, and will be handled by a resident member.
- Participants are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and bring umbrellas or caps to protect themselves from the sun.
- The students are expected to stay within the group, and are encouraged to prepare questions for the facilitators.
- Stay tuned for further details.

ABOUT THE OTHER EVENTS

SEMINAR

The Agrikonomiya 2024 Culminating Seminar will explore key aspects of the country's agriculture, focusing on the theme "Beyond Horizons: Realizing Zeniths for the Future of Philippine Agriculture."

The event aims to discuss challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector. Given the Philippines' role as an agricultural hub with diverse ecosystems, it has historically made substantial contributions to the nation's economic fabric and livelihoods. However, in the face of a rapidly evolving global landscape, the imperative for sustainable practices, technological advancements, and policy innovations has grown more pronounced.

Against this backdrop, the seminar will examine the economic complexities influencing Philippine agriculture, aiming to move beyond traditional boundaries. "Beyond Horizons" signifies a broader vision for the agricultural community, encouraging innovation for increased productivity, resilience, and inclusivity. Through collaborative discussions, the seminar seeks to shape a collective vision for the future of Philippine agriculture, surpassing current limitations toward unprecedented success.