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Dear Parents:

Greetings!

We are happy to inform you that the **first Career Talk for the Sophies** is a success. Our students were able to gain knowledge and interact with the invited Filipino scientists from the *National Academy of Science and Technology- Department of Science and Technology*.

As such, the Guidance Center in cooperation with the National Academy of Science and Technology (DOST-NAST) will again be conducting a **Career Talk on September 9, 2010 at the Grade School Science Laboratories and High School Computer Laboratories from 9:30 – 11:30 in the morning** for our sophomore students. This activity will allow the students to have a bird's eye view of the different careers in the industry and in the government agency as well as to maximize opportunities to secure a good future in the profession they would practice.

Four (4) scientists will grace the one-hour program. They are as follows:

1. Laura T. David, Ph.D. (BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DIVISION)

She is the Deputy Director for Instruction at the University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute (UPMSI) or Marine Science Institute, UP Diliman. She earned her doctorate degree in Marine Science (Physical Oceanography) from University of South Carolina, U.S.A.

Her current projects are Ocean Color for Sustainable Fisheries and Knowledge-Based Decision Support System Application to Lingayen Gulf since her research focuses mainly on the Coastal and shallow water oceanography. These projects aim to contribute to the knowledge that addresses the country's issues on food security and resource sustainability.

2. Dennis P. Mapa, Ph.D. (SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION)

He is a multi-awarded researcher. In 2008, he was awarded Outstanding Young Scientist by the National Academy of Science and Technology for his contribution in Financial Econometrics and Empirical Economic Growth analysis. He has published several papers in academic journals and book chapters. He has presented papers in national and international conferences. He sits in the Board of the Philippine Statistical Association, where he chairs the Annual Conference Committee and Training Committee. He is a member of the Philippine Economic Society, the International Statistical Institute, the East Asian Economic Association, and the Human Development Network.

3. Fernando P. Siringan, Ph.D. (CHEMICAL, MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES DIVISION)

He is recognized for his outstanding contributions for the advancement of science and technology in the realm of earth and marine sciences, having examined the coastal systems at two scales: the last few centuries of historical time and over the last 10,000 years with a view towards their protection and conservation. A prolific researcher, he has published several technical and scientific articles in collaboration with graduate students, making sure that they learn effectively how to communicate their findings with lay people as well as with peers in the earth and marine sciences.

4. Maria Pura Rayco-Solon, M.D. (HEALTH SCIENCES)

She received a BS in Biology degree from UP Diliman and a Doctor of Medicine degree from UP Manila, specializing in pediatrics. In 2000, she obtained a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Royal College of Physicians and an MS in Infection and Health in the Tropics degree (with distinction) from the London School of Hygiene and Medicine.

For several years, Rayco-Solon was a research scientist at the Nutrition Center of the Philippines, focusing on the role of vitamins and nutrients in children's and maternal health. As nutrition specialist of the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), she now manages the implementation of programs on child food security and nutrition, universal salt iodization, and other forms of supplementation.

We deem it necessary for the sophomores to attend this, hence **attendance is compulsory**. Thank you for your usual understanding and cooperation in the school's activity.

Witnessing the Word with you,

(Sgd.) Ms. Terry O. Tan
Head, Guidance Center

(Sgd.)Mrs. Genalyn Alfonso
Head Teacher, HS English Department

Reply Slip

I have read and understood the content of the letter sent on September 4, 2010 about the Career Talk for the Sophies. Since it is compulsory, I hereby permit my child to attend the said activity.

Name of Student

Section

Name and Signature of Parent