



The Link Organizes Nepomuceno's News Conference

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International Biology Olympiad (IBO) bronze medalist **Ethan Nepomuceno** returns to his alma mater on September 3 at the Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium to share his experiences from the competition, his preparation process, and his study methods.

Nepomuceno detailed his journey toward competing internationally, with his high school biology teacher, **Mrs. Maricel Gubat**, serving as his coach. His preparation included self-study and lessons from university professors.

Further, **Nepomuceno** discussed how he balanced preparing for the competition and his studies, emphasizing proper scheduling and time management. He also addressed

handling pressure during the competition and expanding academic boundaries noting that

“Biology was not my strongest subject, but participating in the event helped me gain a wider understanding.”

Nepomuceno concluded the session, encouraging students to view classroom leadership and academic initiatives as preparation for future opportunities.

The International Biology Olympiad is an annual academic competition for pre-university students under the age of 20. The event evaluated participants through theoretical examinations and practical laboratory tests covering molecular biology, ecology, biosystematics, and biochemistry.