



SHS Project ECO, CHUMS Launched

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The Senior High School Department launched its **Project Environmental Conservation Organization (Project ECO)** and **Classmate Helping Understand Math and Science (CHUMS)** initiatives to strengthen the aim of fostering a sustainable and collaborative environment at the Edgar V. Bondoc Gymnasium on July 30, 2025.

In his opening remarks, **Dr. Alexander S. Acosta**, the school principal, welcomed the students back to the new school year. He also emphasized the responsibilities and struggles that come with being a SHS student, as well as motivating them on their path to success. He shared,

“Success isn’t measured by what you can do, but success is measured by what you can be.”

Project ECO is a green initiative founded by Philippine School Doha’s alumnae and moderated by **Dr. Evelyn S. Mariñas**, which aims to promote the school’s environmental values and foster a sense of self-discipline and stewardship among students. The Secretary General and the Likha Heads of each committee introduced the organization’s goals and committees, highlighted previous initiatives such as the *Basura Ko Uwi Ko, Beach Clean-Up, Recycled Art Competition, No to Single-Use Plastic*, and *Green Space Garden*, discussed future activities such as company trips and seminars, and outlined the application process for SHS students.

Below are the students spearheading the organization:

Name	Position
John Danzel Alejandro	Secretary General
Marc Julian Cueto	Likha Head - Amihan
Ram Anthony Medalle	Likha Head - Alon
Raila Ritzi Gatmaitan	Likha Head - Dahon
Fretz Justine Dones	Likha Head - Liwanag

Meanwhile, **CHUMS**, a program headed by **Dr. Belinda B. Abu Khazna**, was created to assist students in improving their grades in Math and Science subjects through peer tutoring. In its launch, **Andre Lawrence Tapusok** and **Rafael Brian Calixtro** covered the program’s objectives, the peer support program’s flow, and also announced its E-Logo Making Contest. **Dr. Abu Khazna** then emphasized the value of CHUMS and its ability to empower students during her speech. She emphasized,

“We are stronger when we are together.”

Additionally, she mentioned that teachers will be dispatching letters to students requiring support in Math and Science, and that sessions are planned ahead of each examination. Moreover, she discussed that deserving Grade 12 students will be awarded during their graduation if they choose to participate in CHUMS.

The event came to a close with a special message from the SHS Department’s vice principal, **Dr. Noemi F. Formaran**. She commended the significance and value of these programs for students and the community, emphasizing that they provide the opportunity for students to learn and innovate, as she urged them to step up. She asserted,

“Together, we are capable of transforming anything.”

The SHS Department's Project ECO and CHUMS initiatives are annual launches aimed at strengthening the school's principles of being pro-environment and pro-people, respectively.