

Name of Extension/Public Service (The name of the service being offered)	Stargazing
Objective (Description of the service being provided; History of service provision)	The stargazing activities are offered by UP NISMED to groups of 50 to 100 students upon request of the school/organization. It seeks to provide opportunity for students and teachers to understand Earth and Space Science topics using telescopes by conducting lectures right under the night sky. It also allows students and teachers to observe astronomical phenomena such as eclipse and meteor showers.
Duration/Date	Friday nights of January to March 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Target Beneficiaries	Students, teachers, and astronomy enthusiasts
Cost of Participation	Php 75.00 per person for the overnight stargazing
Office in Charge	National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development (NISMED) through Mr. Eligio C. Obille Jr., Ms. Ivy P. Mejia, and Mr. Anthony Guiller Urbano
Office Profile Degree granting or non-degree granting Purpose of creation Location in the hierarchy (Background of the office providing the service i.e. Number of personnel and Key personnel providing the service)	<p>The National Institute for Science and Mathematics Education Development is a research unit and an extension arm of the University of the Philippines. It aims to raise the level of teaching and learning of science and mathematics in the Philippine educational system. It also aims to be a major source of quality information and services for stakeholders in science and mathematics education. For five decades, UP NISMED has engaged in research, curriculum development, professional development in science and mathematics education, and extension work.</p> <p>With the establishment of the Science Teacher Training Center, a Japanese Grant-Aid in 1989, the Institute has acquired, for its programs, state-of-the-art facilities designed for research, curriculum development, and professional development. These include the following: a library, with a collection of over 18,000 volumes of print and non-print materials; eight fully-equipped teaching laboratories; microteaching room; astronomical observatory; video studio and control room; a workshop for prototype development; printing and photographic equipment; and a 48-room hostel. These provide support for the Institute's operations.</p> <p>Through its programs and projects, UP NISMED strives for relevance,</p>

	<p>responsiveness, innovation, and interdisciplinary and multimedia approaches. It also aims adapt up-to-date global practices by offering programs in research, curriculum development, professional development, as well as by networking with similar institutions in other countries in line with emerging global trends.</p> <p>The Institute has 31 academic (REPS) staff and 39 administrative staff. The members of the High School Earth and Environmental Science Group composed of Mr. Eligio C. Obille Jr. (Chair), Ms. Ivy P. Mejia, and Mr. Anthony Guiller Urbano provide the services for the stargazing activity. The overnight activity includes an orientation, getting started with telescopes, lectures and slideshow, planet viewing using the reflective telescope, and learning how to star-hop.</p>
Awards/recognition received by the office (The awards given by or received by the office offering the service, if any)	None
Official website and Social media accounts (The link to the official website of the service)	http://www.nismed.upd.edu.ph/observatory/ https://www.facebook.com/UP-NISMED-Observatory-577187505714509/
External links for documentation (The external links featuring the service [for the electronic copy, e.g. features in newspapers etc.])	http://www.nismed.upd.edu.ph/stargazing-sessions-and-visits/ http://news.nismed.upd.edu.ph/2009/08/up-nismed-joins-100-hours-of-astronomy.html
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