

The local athletes are in the final stage of preparation to participate in the forthcoming four-day Batang Pinoy-Mindanao leg athletic competition here in the region.

City Sports Development Officer Dr. Cecilia Atilano said Monday the Mindanao leg of the Batang Pinoy is scheduled to be held next week from Sept. 10-14 in Pagadian City.

The athletic competition will be participated in by athletic delegations from the different parts of Mindanao.

Atilano said this city is sending a delegation of 287 athletes that will see action in 18 sports events.

The sports events are the following: archery; arnis; athletics; badminton; basketball; boxing; chess; dance sports; football; karate-do; muay thai; swimming; table tennis; taekwondo; tennis; volleyball; weightlifting; and, wrestling.

Atilano said the athletes who will excel and win in the Mindanao leg will qualify to join the Batang Pinoy-National leg to be held in December this year in Bacolod City.

“Meanwhile, she is optimistic that the local athletes will be able to grab the championship crown citing they have prepared well for the forthcoming athletic event.

“Sa mga atleta natin, just do your best. Ipakita niyo na magaling ang mga atletang Zamboangueño,” she added.