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REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026-074

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID & SGOD Chiefs
Concerned Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Education Program Supervisors
Concerned Public and Private School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject : **DISSEMINATION AND CONDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT FOR STEM EXPO 2026 AND RELATED PSYSC ACTIVITIES**

Date : February 25, 2026

This Office acknowledges the letter from the **Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs (PSYSC), Inc.** dated **January 23, 2026** regarding the conduct of the **STEM Expo 2026**, including the addition and renaming of sub-events and the expansion of competition eligibility.

Recognizing the value of this initiative in promoting innovation, collaboration, and excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), this Office hereby issues a **conditional endorsement** for the dissemination of the invitation and participation of interested schools, teachers, and learners in the said event scheduled on **May 09–10, 2026 in Metro Manila**.

All concerned are hereby directed to disseminate this Memorandum to appropriate personnel and ensure compliance with existing Department of Education policies. The **guidelines and conditions for participation** are provided in **Enclosure No. 1** for reference and guidance.

For coordination and further information, you may contact **Dr. Ivy F. Solano, Education Program Supervisor for Science**, at ivy.solano@deped.gov.ph.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent 

DepEd Schools Division of Digos City

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Enclosure No. 1

Guidelines and Conditions for Participation

1. **Participation Requirement:** As an off-campus activity, participation must include an adult (parent or guardian) and an accompanying teacher/coach. Parental consent must be secured prior to participation.
2. **Non-Disruption of Classes:** Sessions should be scheduled in consultation with school heads to avoid conflicts with regular class hours. This aligns with **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2025**, entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*. Arrangements for teacher substitutes must be made in advance to ensure that regular classes continue without disruption.
3. **School-Level Coordination and Approval.** Participation must be duly approved and endorsed by the School Principal or School Head, who shall provide guidance and supervision throughout all preparatory activities and the actual implementation of the program.
4. **Adherence to DepEd Travel Protocols:** All participants must comply with the Department of Education's travel protocols to ensure safety and adherence to current health and safety guidelines.
5. **No Collection Policy:** In accordance with **Republic Act No. 5546 (Ganzon Law)** and **DepEd Memorandum No. 41, s. 2024**, no fees or contributions shall be collected from students or teachers in relation to this activity.
6. **Funding Source:** Participation shall be voluntary and **no government funds shall be utilized**. Any expenses incurred shall be charged to non-DepEd sources, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules.
7. **Commitment to Safety, Supervision, and Welfare:** The school must ensure proper supervision of all participants throughout the event. Adherence to safety protocols is mandatory, especially for off-campus activities, to ensure the well-being of all students and staff involved.
8. **Parental Consent, Preparation, and Supervision Requirement:** It is emphasized that **parental consent must be obtained and properly filed prior to participation**. Additionally, **students must undergo adequate practice sessions and coaching** to ensure they are fully prepared for the event. Throughout the activity, **proper adult supervision must be maintained** to ensure the safety and productivity of the participants.



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Subject: Conditional Endorsement for STEM Expo 2026 and Related PSYSC Activities

Dear Ms. Dela Cruz,

Greetings!

This Office acknowledges receipt of your letter dated **January 23, 2026** regarding the conduct of the **STEM Expo 2026**, including the addition and renaming of sub-events and the expansion of competition eligibility. We appreciate the continued efforts of the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs (PSYSC) in promoting the public understanding of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics among Filipino learners.

In view thereof, this Office hereby conveys its **conditional endorsement** for the dissemination of the invitation and participation of interested schools, teachers, and learners in the said event scheduled on **May 09–10, 2026 in Metro Manila**, subject to strict compliance with existing Department of Education policies and regulations.

Participation shall be voluntary and must be duly endorsed by the School Head. Schools are likewise directed to ensure that participation will not disrupt regular class schedules, that parental consent is secured for all student participants, and that appropriate supervision and safety measures are in place. In addition, no collection of fees from learners or teachers shall be made, and no government funds shall be utilized, in accordance with applicable policies.

This Office supports initiatives that foster innovation, collaboration, and excellence in STEM while ensuring the welfare and protection of all learners and personnel.

For coordination and further information, you may communicate with **Dr. Ivy F. Solano, Education Program Supervisor for Science**, at ivy.solano@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you for your continued partnership in advancing science education.

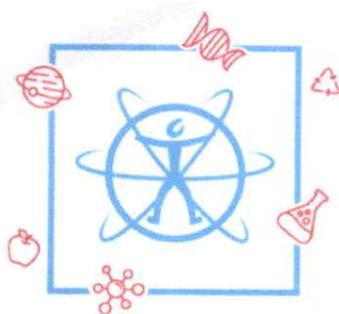
Very truly yours,


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Dear Superintendent Estacio,

Greetings from the Science Clubbing Movement!

For nearly 55 years, the **Pambansang Kapisanan ng mga Kabataan Samahan sa Agham (PSYSC), Inc.**, the first and largest umbrella organization for science clubs in the Philippines, has been continuously working in delivering quality programs and activities to elementary and high school science enthusiasts across the nation to promote the core thrust of the organization, the *Public Understanding of Science, Technology, and Environment (PUSTE)*.

This 2026, PSYSC will be holding the 4th iteration of the **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition (STEM Expo)**, with the theme *"Fueling Filipino Curiosity, Forging Progress Through Discovery."* This national event for high school affiliates features a two-day showcase of competitions, exhibits, and talks that highlight the youth's innovations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students in **Grade Levels 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12** may join the competitions; however, the event is **open to all** who are interested to watch and experience.

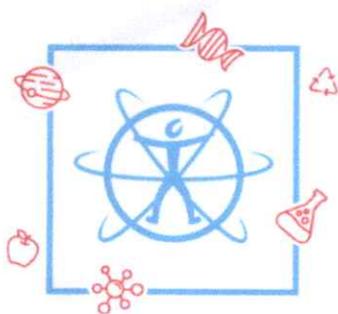
Having been previously issued and requested an amendment to **National Advisory No. 228, s. 2025**, it is to formally inform you of the **ADDITION & RENAMING OF SUB-EVENTS AND EXPANDING THE COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY** of STEM Expo 2026. This decision was made after careful consideration of potential participant count and the necessary preparations for the event. By adding more sub-events, we aim to increase participation and ensure that all competition interests are taken into consideration, enhancing the overall experience for our participants and delegates.

The event will still be held from **May 09-10, 2026** in Metro Manila (venue to be finalized). The event promotes the excellence, and ingenuity of the Filipino youth through different competitions such as:

1. **STEMGen: Idea Generation Challenge (Formerly Ideas Generation: Ideathon)** - an intense 6-hour challenge where teams respond to a given problem with innovative solutions, prototypes, or proposals.

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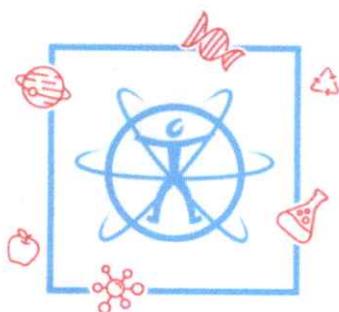
2. **STEM Spotlight Challenge (Formerly Ideas Generation: Innovation)** - a competition for Grades 10-12 students spotlighting market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges
3. **STEMposium** - an open conference that brings together scientists, professionals, and students to share and exchange ideas on science research and technology innovations in the Philippines.
4. **PSYSC ResearchCon** - highlighting different studies from Grades 10-12 in any of the four categories: Physical Science, Applied Science, Life Science, and Mathematics
5. **PSYSC Science Debate Competition** - a new addition in STEM Expo 2026, in Asian Parliamentary format, to strengthen critical thinking, argumentation, and public speaking of Grades 7-12 student participants.
6. **PSYSC Science Journalism Contest** - with its sub-events: Editorial Writing, Editorial Cartooning, News Writing, and Feature Writing aims to sharpen the Grades 7-12 student participants' critical mindset.
7. **PSYSC Science Film Festival** - a nationwide amateur film-making competition and film festival for Grades 7-12 student participants focused on promoting the public understanding of science, technology, and the environment.
8. **SEARCH** - Search for the Most Outstanding Science Club (SEARCH) is a landmark program to give honor and recognition to exemplary and outstanding science clubs all over the Philippines who have made a meaningful impact on their communities through innovative projects and advocacy campaigns.

In line with this, we respectfully request the support of your good office through the issuance of an **SDO Endorsement** to facilitate the immediate dissemination of information to division schools regarding the event invitation, the addition and renaming of sub-events, as well as the expansion of competition eligibility to high schools nationwide.

We believe that your endorsement will widen our reach within your division and ensure that more Filipino learners are informed of and able to participate in these opportunities. Through your assistance, STEM Expo can provide a broader platform for students to explore, collaborate, and innovate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Should you have any further questions, you may reach us through the contact details provided in this document.

Thank you very much and more power!



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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EXPOSITION 2026

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs (PSYSC) Inc. will conduct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition (STEM Expo) 2026 in Metro Manila on May 9–10, 2026.

STEM Expo 2026 is a two-day event featuring a series of competitions, exhibits, and conferences that highlight innovative ideas, groundbreaking advancements, and the talent of the Filipino youth in the fields of STEM. It promotes the excellence and ingenuity of Filipino youth through various competitions for Grades 10–12 learners, such as:

- Ideas Generation (iGen): Ideathon – a hackathon to brainstorm and design technological solutions to real-world problems;
- iGen: Innovation – a competition that spotlights market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges;
- STEMposium – an open conference to share ideas and exchange knowledge on science research and technological innovations;
- PSYSC ResearchCon – a research fair and competition that highlights studies in four categories: physical science, applied science, life science, and mathematics;
- PSYSC Science Journalism Contest – a competition that aims to sharpen critical thinking through its sub-events: Editorial Writing, Editorial Cartooning, News Writing, and Feature Writing; and
- PSYSC Science Film Festival – a nationwide amateur filmmaking competition and film festival that promotes public understanding of science, technology, and the environment.

High school and undergraduate students, teachers, and all others interested in watching and experiencing the event are invited to take part in developing young minds and encourage contributions to society through collaboration and innovation.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities and DO 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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CHANGES IN ADVISORY NO. 228, s. 2025

(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition 2026)

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs (PSYSC) Inc. announces the changes in Advisory No. 228, s. 2025, titled Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition (STEM Expo) 2026.

The event encompasses various competitions, including changes and additional sub-events, which expand eligibility for entry, as follows:

- STEMGen: Idea Generation Challenge – a 6-hour challenge for teams to develop innovative solutions, prototypes, or proposals addressing a given problem;
- STEM Spotlight Challenge – a competition for Grades 10–12 learners that highlights market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges;
- STEMposium – an open conference for scientists, professionals, and learners to share ideas and exchange knowledge on science research and technological innovations in the Philippines;
- PSYSC Science Debate Competition – a new addition in STEM Expo 2026, using the Asian Parliamentary format to strengthen critical thinking, argumentation, and public speaking skills of Grades 7–12 participants;
- PSYSC Science Journalism Contest – a competition that sharpens critical thinking through its sub-events: Editorial Writing, Editorial Cartooning, News Writing, and Feature Writing for Grades 7–12 participants;
- PSYSC Science Film Festival – a nationwide amateur filmmaking competition and film festival for Grades 7–12 students that promotes public understanding of science, technology, and the environment; and
- SEARCH: Search for the Most Outstanding Science Club – a program that honors exemplary science clubs across the Philippines for making a meaningful impact in their communities through innovative projects and advocacy campaigns.

All other provisions of the said Advisory remain in effect.

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