



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026-120

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 ARDUINO DAY MINDANAO 2026**

Date : March 10, 2026

This Office informs the field that the Schools Division of Digos City has conditionally endorsed Arduino Day Mindanao 2026, organized by CreateLabz, which will be held on March 25, 2026 at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gym, Davao City.

The activity aims to promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education through hands-on learning experiences in programming, electronics, robotics, and intelligent systems, providing learners with opportunities to connect classroom concepts with real-world applications.

In this regard, schools are hereby directed to disseminate the invitation to interested teachers and learners who may wish to participate in the said activity. Participation in the event shall be voluntary and subject to the attached guidelines and conditions for participation.

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

For information and guidance.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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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.



Request for DepEd Endorsement – Arduino Day Mindanao 2026 (Regional STEM Learning Event)

From Ian Larioza (CreateLabz Integrated) <ian@createlabz.io>

Date Tue 3/3/2026 9:40 AM

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MELANIE P. ESTACIO

Schools Division Superintendent

DepEd - Division of Digos City

Dear **Dr. Estacio**,

Warm greetings.

My name is **Ian Fel Larioza from CreateLabz**, a Davao-based organization supporting hands-on learning, electronics, and innovation initiatives in Mindanao.

We respectfully seek the endorsement and support of your office for **Arduino Day Mindanao 2026**, a FREE university-hosted, education-focused STEM event scheduled on **March 25, 2026 at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gym, Davao City**. This event is in collaboration with **USEP**, its **Knowledge and Technology Transfer Division (KTTD)**, and **AGILAB TBI**.

Arduino Day is part of a global celebration of open hardware and experiential learning. The Mindanao edition aims to gather approximately **700–1000 students, educators, and innovation stakeholders** across Mindanao for a full-day program that will focus on:

- **Technical Talks about Arduino hardware, software, and the broader open-source ecosystem**
- **Featured Talks on innovation thinking and project building**
- **Mini workshops and guided learning sessions**
- **Student challenges and competitions**
- **Project showcases and live demonstrations**
- **Networking opportunities with schools, industry, and innovation stakeholders across**

Mindanao

The event is **non-commercial and education-centered**, aligned with experiential and project-based learning approaches that complement the objectives of the STEM strand under DepEd.

Participation will provide students meaningful exposure to real-world applications of **programming, electronics, robotics, and intelligent machines**, helping them connect classroom theory with practical and innovative use cases in engineering and technology.

In this regard, **we respectfully request your office's endorsement and assistance in disseminating this opportunity** to:

- **Senior High School STEM strand students**
- **Junior High School robotics and science clubs**

- **STEM coordinators and science teachers**

We would be grateful for the opportunity to **coordinate with your designated Science/STEM focal person** should this request be favorably considered.

Attached is a **Event Overview with registration details for easier routing and internal circulation.**

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of working with DepEd in advancing STEM engagement among learners in Mindanao.

Respectfully,

Ian Fel Larioza
Founder / Managing Director



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