



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

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

June 24, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2026-702

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public School District Supervisors
Public School Heads
Public School Teachers
All Others Concerned

Subject: **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS**

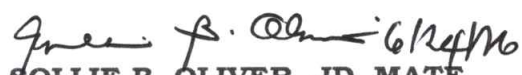
1. This is in reference to the 1st Indorsement dated June 22, 2026 signed by Allan G. Farnazo, Director IV, the herein invitation letter from Alvin Punongbayan, PhD, Chairman and Founder – Instabright International Guild of Researchers & Educators, INC., re: “Fifth Instabright National Literary Awards on June 16 – August 3, 2026 (sending of entries) and the Awarding Ceremony will be on August 29, 2026 at View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City.
2. Participation in the activity should only be voluntary and prior arrangement of the concerned school heads and teachers shall be made in compliance with DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 re: “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith” ensuring that no classes shall be disrupted and no DepEd funds shall be used.
3. Relevant details and information are provided in the enclosures.
4. Attendance/participation is on official time only.
5. For information and wide dissemination.

For and in the absence of the
Schools Division Superintendent

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Enclosed: As stated,
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Indorsement
June 22, 2026

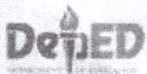
Respectfully referred to all Schools Division Superintendent, inviting attention to the attached letter of Alvin Punongbayan, PhD, Chairman and Founder - Instabright International Guild of Researchers & Educators, INC. re: "Fifth Instabright National Literary Awards," on June 16- August 3, 2026 (sending of entries) and the Awarding Ceremony will be August 29, 2026 at View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City. Participation to this activity is at the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendents. Further, the No Disruption of Classes Policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2025, entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, must be strictly observed.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

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Mr./Ms./Atty./Dr. ALLAN G. FARNAZO
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Sir/Madam:

Greetings of Peace!

Every year, the Philippines celebrates "Buwan ng Wika" or Filipino Language Month. This is the time that we show how we pay respect and honor our national language.

In celebration of the "Buwan ng Wika" this August 2026, the Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc. will be conducting the **FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS**.

This is a national competition that will showcase the talents of the teachers and students in writing literary articles especially poems and short stories.

Categories:

Inspirational Poems of the Year (English and Filipino Category)

Creative Short Stories of the Year (English and Filipino Category)

In lieu with this, we humbly request from your good office to help us disseminate this information to teachers, students, and writers within your supervisory control in the most convenient way for you.

Rest assured that proper health protocols and social distancing will be highly observed and implemented on the event.

Attached herewith are the details, mechanics and the criteria for judging.

Thank you very much!

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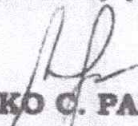
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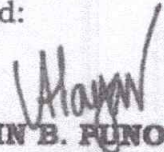
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Respectfully yours,


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Instabright Secretariat

Noted:


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Chairman & Founder - Instabright International Guild of Researchers & Educators, Inc.



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FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS

In celebration of the "Buwan ng Wika" this August 2026, the Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc. will be conducting the **FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS**.

This is a national competition that will showcase the talents of teachers, students, researchers, and writers in producing literary works, particularly poems and short stories that reflect Filipino values, culture, and aspirations.

Categories:

Inspirational Poems of the Year
(English and Filipino Category)

Creative Short Stories of the Year
(English and Filipino Category)

Details

1. All literary entries that meet the set standards will be recognized during the awarding ceremony. Authors will receive a **Certificate of Recognition** and an **Instabright Medallion**.
2. All qualified entries will be published in the **Instabright e-Gazette** free of charge.
3. The judging committee will select the **Top Three (3) Best Entries** in each category. Authors of the winning entries will receive a **Certificate of Recognition** and a **Medal**.
4. Sending of entries is from **June 16, 2026 to August 3, 2026**.
5. The **Awarding Ceremony** will be held on **August 29, 2026** at **View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City**.

Mechanics for Poem

1. The poem must consist of **4–8 stanzas**.
2. It may be written in **English or Filipino**.

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3. Theme: **"Boses ng Bayan, Wika ng Pag-asa: Pagtataguyod ng Hustisya at Pagkakaisa"**
4. The poem must be **originally composed** by the author.
5. Submit entries through: <https://tinyurl.com/IBLITPOEM26>

Mechanics for Short Story

1. The story must be **original**.
2. The story shall present the rich culture, traditions, values, or contemporary realities of the Philippines.
3. There is **no restriction on length**.
4. It may be written in **English or Filipino**.
5. Stories with explicit sexual themes shall not be accepted.
6. Submit entries through: <https://tinyurl.com/IBLITSTORY26>

Criteria for Judging (Poem)

CRITERIA	POINTS
Relevance to the Theme	35
Creativity and Originality	25
Coherence of Form and Structure	15
Clarity of Imagery and Language	15
Overall Impact	10
TOTAL	100

Criteria for Judging (Short Story)

CRITERIA	POINTS
Originality	25
Relevance to the Topic	15
Characterization	15
Plot Structure	20
Quality of Writing	10
Use of Language and Literary Devices	15
TOTAL	100

For inquiries and updates regarding the competition, participants may coordinate with the Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc.

Celebrate the power of words, honor Filipino identity, and inspire change through literature. Join the Fifth Instabright National Literary Awards and let your voice be heard!

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