



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026-257

To : Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

Subject : **DISSEMINATION OF THE FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS**

Date : July 7, 2026

This Office disseminates the attached communication from the Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc. regarding the conduct of the Fifth Instabright National Literary Awards in celebration of Buwan ng Wika this August 2026.

The activity is a national literary competition intended to showcase the talents of teachers, students, researchers, and writers in producing poems and short stories that reflect Filipino values, culture, and aspirations.

The competition categories are Inspirational Poems of the Year and Creative Short Stories of the Year, both with English and Filipino categories.

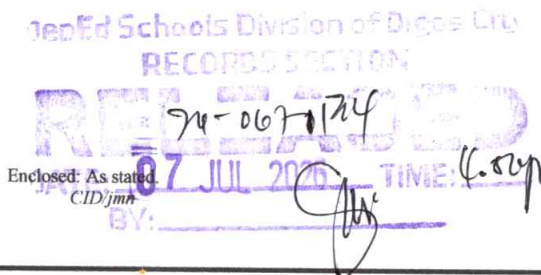
Submission of entries is from June 16, 2026 to August 3, 2026. The awarding ceremony is scheduled on August 29, 2026 at View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City.

Interested schools may disseminate the information to teachers, learners, and other concerned writers. Participation shall be voluntary and subject to existing DepEd policies and guidelines on learner participation in external competitions, including proper parental consent when applicable and non-disruption of classes.

For reference, the details, mechanics, submission links, and criteria for judging are provided in the enclosure to this Memorandum.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For and in the absence of the SDS:



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Mr./Ms./Atty./Dr. MELANIE P. ESTACIO

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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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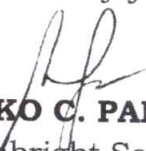
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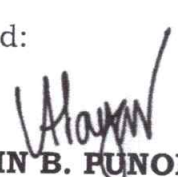
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Categories:

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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