



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026- 279

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

Subject : **DISSEMINATION OF REGIONAL ENDORSEMENT ON THE
CONDUCT OF THE 2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG
FILIPINAS COMPETITION**

Date : July 16, 2026

For the information and guidance of all concerned, this Office disseminates the Regional Endorsement dated July 6, 2026, relative to the invitation letter from Joseph J. Cristobal, Director, Philippine Cultural Education Program, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, regarding the conduct of the 2026 Diwang: Sagisag ng Kultura ng Filipinas Competition.

The activity will be conducted by the Philippine Cultural Education Program of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, in partnership with the Department of Education, and aims to introduce, promote, disseminate, and inculcate the importance of Filipino cultural icons to learners, teachers, and stakeholders.

The competition includes the following components:

- a. 2026 Diwang Balagtas Competition* – intends to revive the traditional arts of poetry and debate by discussing contemporary issues; and
- b. 2026 Diwang Kundiman Competition* – intends to revive and promote the traditional Filipino song tradition.

Participation of DepEd teachers and learners in the said activity shall be voluntary and discretionary, subject to the approval of the Schools Division Superintendent and school heads. Interested schools are advised to refer to the attached contest guidelines for the mechanics, eligibility requirements, deadlines, and other details.

In accordance with DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled "Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education," participation shall not disrupt classes. The scheduled instructional block must not be disturbed, and related activities shall be conducted only outside instructional time. No government funds shall be spent for this activity.



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For inquiries and clarifications, concerned schools may refer to the attached communication and contest guidelines.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For and In the Absence of
Schools Division Superintendent

PETER JASON C. SENARILLOS
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1st Indorsement
July 6, 2026

Respectfully referred to Schools Division Superintendents of Region XI, the attached invitation letter from Joseph J. Cristobal, Director, Philippine Cultural Education Program, the conduct of 2026 Diwang: Sagisag ng Kultura ng Filipinas Competition.

Participation of DepEd teachers and learners to the activity is discretionary on the part of the Schools Division Superintendent, in adherence to the policy on "No Disruption of Classes" per DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled: "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith", and no government funds shall be spent for this activity, for information.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Director IV

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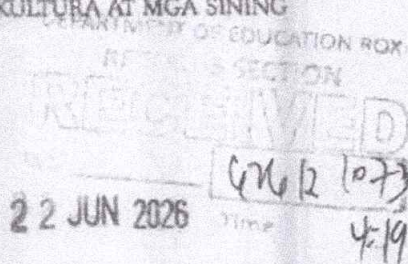




PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

22 June 2026

ALLAN G. FARNAZO, Director IV
REGIONAL DIRECTOR
DEPED REGION 11



ATTENTION: MARY JEANNE B. ALDEGUER
CHIEF EDUCATION SUPERVISOR

Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)-Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP)!

The Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), will conduct the 2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG FILIPINAS COMPETITION for the following components:

- The 2026 DIWANG Balagtasan Competition intends to revive the traditional arts of poetry and debate by discussing contemporary issues.
- The 2026 DIWANG Kundiman Competition intends to revive and promote the traditional kundiman.

In connection with this, we would like to request a DepEd Regional Memo to formally announce the program to the regional coordinators, school divisions, city superintendents, and heads of public elementary and secondary schools.

DIWANG aims to introduce, promote, disseminate, and inculcate the importance of Filipino cultural icons to our students, educators, and all Filipinos.

If you have further questions regarding the matter, please don't hesitate to email us at pcep@ncca.gov.ph.

We are hoping for your favorable and immediate response.

Thank you very much.

Truly Yours,

JOSEPH J. CRISTOBAL
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<https://www.facebook.com/pcepofficial/>
<https://philippineculturaleducation.com.ph/about-pcep/>

Reference: Philippine Cultural Education Program
(PCEP) 2026 Programs - [DM-OUOPS-2026-15-00146 PCEP Project Components](#)

Attachment(s):

1. [2026 DIWANG Balagtasan Contest Guidelines](#)
2. [2026 DIWANG Kundiman Contest Guidelines](#)



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