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**Subject: INVITATION FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
#YAMANGKALAWAKAN POSTER MAKING AND POETRY  
WRITING CONTESTS OF THE PHILIPPINE SPACE AGENCY**

**Dear Dr. Paragas:**

Greetings from the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)!

The Philippine Space Agency, the central government agency mandated on addressing all national issues and activities related to space science and technology applications, is annually celebrating the Philippine Space Week (PSW) every 8 to 14 August. This year, the agency is organizing two (2) competitions for elementary and high school students, as follows:

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|---|--|
| 1. <i>#YamangKalawakan</i><br>Poster-Making Contest   | <p>The activity will serve as the national qualifier to select three Filipino representatives for the annual Asia Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) Poster Contest.</p> <p>Open to <b>students aged 6 to 12</b> from public and private schools, the contest aims to foster interest in space science, provide a creative outlet aligned with the 2025 theme <i>"Lunar City"</i>.</p>   |
| 2. <i>#YamangKalawakan</i><br>Poetry Writing Contest<br>( <i>Tula Para sa Mga</i><br><i>Buntabay ng Pilipinas</i> ) | <p>The poetry competition is open to all Filipinos aged 9 to 25 and is divided into four categories: <b>Elementary (Grades 4-6)</b>, <b>Secondary (Grades 7-12)</b>, Tertiary (undergraduate and Tech-Voc students), and Open (graduate students, professionals, and other interested individuals).</p> <p>Entries must be original, unpublished works written in Filipino, and must not have been submitted to or awarded by any other competition.</p> <p>Each poem should reflect the theme <i>"Yamang Kalawakan, Para sa Mundo, Para sa Bayan"</i> focusing on honoring Philippine satellites—Mula, Diwata, and Maya—and the Filipinos behind these space resources.</p> |

In connection with this, we are requesting your good office to disseminate this invitation to all public and private schools within your region. Attached in this letter are the mechanics and guidelines for the two (2) contests.

PhilSA will contact the finalists/winners who shall also be invited to an awarding ceremony on 9 August 2025 in Quezon City. Similarly, the names of the finalists/winners and their schools shall be promoted in PhilSA's website and social media pages.

For questions and clarifications, interested persons may contact **Mr. Marco D. Melgar** (Poster Making Contest) or **Mr. Neil Juvert F. Valentino** (Poetry Writing Contest), Science Research Specialists of the Space Education and Scholarships Division at [sesd@philisa.gov.ph](mailto:sesd@philisa.gov.ph).

Hoping that this request merits your favorable action.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

**REINABELLE C. REYES, Ph.D.**  
Director IV, Space Science Missions Bureau


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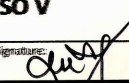
Enclosures: [#YamangKalawakan Poster Making Contest Mechanics and Guidelines](#)  
[#YamangKalawakan Poetry Writing Contest Mechanics and Guidelines](#)  
[Poster Contest Registration Form](#)  
[Poetry Writing Contest Submission Form](#)

June 18, 2025

To: All Schools Division Superintendents

In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance therewith.

  
**BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS EdD, CESO III**  
Director IV/Regional Director

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| <b>MEMORANDUM</b>   |   | Date: <u>06/20/2025</u>  | Relay/Record: <u>hcp</u> |
| To:   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PSDS/DICs   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elem/Sec School Heads                                      |                          |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Schools   | <input type="checkbox"/> Others:   |                          |
| For:  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dissemination  |                          |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Strict Compliance   |                          |
| <b>ORLANDO E. MANUEL Ph.D., CESO V</b><br>Schools Division Superintendent |   |  |                          |
| By:   | <input type="checkbox"/> ASDS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DDO Chief <input type="checkbox"/> SGO Chief <input type="checkbox"/> AG <input type="checkbox"/> Ady | Signature:  |                          |





## #YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest (Country level contest for APRSAF-31)

### MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

The *#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest* aims to foster creativity and artistic expression while promoting awareness of space science and technology applications among elementary learners. It encourages participants to visually communicate complex scientific concepts—in this case, the theme “Lunar City”—thereby enhancing their critical thinking, and presentation skills.

The activity also serves as the local contest to determine the country's official entries to the 31<sup>st</sup> Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) Space Education for All Working Group (SE4AWG) Poster Contest in November 2025.

#### Challenge

Through a poster, showcase your interpretation of the theme “**Lunar City**”.

#### Contest Mechanics and Guidelines

1. The contest is open to Filipino students aged 6 to 12 years by 31 December 2025 (Date of birth between 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2019) from any public or private school in the Philippines. It will be on an individual basis only.
2. Relatives of the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) employees up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of consanguinity and affinity are ineligible from joining the contest.
3. The posters should align with the theme: “**Lunar City**”.
4. The posters must comply with the following:

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Artwork      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each submission must be an original, individual creation by the student as verified through a signed certification/declaration of authenticity.</li><li>• Artwork must be created on a flat sheet of paper.</li><li>• The poster entry must use an A3 paper size (297 x 420mm) in a portrait orientation.</li><li>• Only traditional art materials are allowed, including pencils, crayons, watercolors, and oils (including oil pastel). <b>Digital artwork will not be accepted.</b></li></ul> |
| Prohibitions | Artwork that violates any of the following rules will be disqualified from the Poster Awards voting process:   |

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
|                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not create photo collages or attach 3D objects to the artwork.</li> <li>Artwork must not include letters or characters, artist signatures, national flags, country names or abbreviations, or the names of space agencies.</li> <li>Artwork must not depict or reference any specific person, organization, country, brand, logo, or religious theme.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Submission</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only one entry per person is allowed.</li> <li>Participants must accomplish the registration form (including attachments) and submit it together with a scanned copy/photo of their birth certificate and their completed artwork to the designated point of contact (Space Education and Scholarships Division, Philippine Space Agency) via <a href="https://tinyurl.com/YKPosterContest">https://tinyurl.com/YKPosterContest</a>. The registration form can be downloaded here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/YamangKalawakanPosterMaking">https://tinyurl.com/YamangKalawakanPosterMaking</a></li> <li>Participants must submit their original work via courier to the Philippine Space Agency's office at 29<sup>th</sup> Floor Cyber One Bldg., 11 Eastwood Ave., Bagumbayan, Quezon City.</li> <li>To ensure the artwork remains undamaged, participants must roll and securely place it in a protective scroll or tube that accommodates A3-sized paper. Folded submissions will not be accepted.</li> <li>All poster submissions must be clearly labeled with the participant's name, school, and contact information, using the official entry slip (page 3 of the registration form).</li> </ul> |
| <b>Copyright</b>  | All submitted works will remain the property of their respective owners but may be used by the PhilSA and JAXA/APRSAF secretariats for publications, websites, social media, educational materials, and other informational content exclusively for the promotion of space education.   |

5. The top 20 posters shall be displayed during the Philippine Space Week celebration (8-14 August 2025) and may be opened for public voting.

6. The Panel of Judges shall use the following criteria to determine the winners:

**Originality and relevance to the theme (40%)**  
**Artistic execution and presentation (50%)**  
**Overall impact (10%)**

7. The winners shall be awarded the following cash prizes:

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| First Place              | PhP 20,000.00 |
| Second Place             | PhP 15,000.00 |
| Third Place              | PhP 10,000.00 |
| PhilSA Crewmates' Choice | PhP 5,000.00  |



The top three winning posters shall represent the country in the APRSAF-31 Poster contest. The winning entries shall be available for public viewing both on-site and online:

- *On-site: At the APRSAF-31 venue from November 18th to 21st, 2025*
- *Online: APRSAF-31 Poster Contest website from October 28th, 2025*

**For concerns, contact:**

***Space Education and Scholarships Division***  
Space Science Missions Bureau  
Email: [sesd@philsa.gov.ph](mailto:sesd@philsa.gov.ph)  
Phone: +632 8568 99 31

## **#YamangKalawakan Poetry Writing Contest (Tula Para sa Mga Buntabay ng Pilipinas)**

### **MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES**

Proclamation No. 302 s. 2023 declared every 08 to 14 August as the Philippine Space Week (PSW) to promote space awareness, highlight the contribution of Filipinos worldwide in the field of space science, and espouse the value, benefits, and impacts of space science and technology applications (SSTA) on the lives of Filipinos. The celebration of this year's PSW held under the theme #YamangKalawakan, Para sa Mundo, Para sa Bayan, also marks the 6th Anniversary of the Agency. A series of stakeholder and public engagement activities will take place to commemorate this milestone. One of these activities is the conduct of a poetry contest dubbed "#Yamang Kalawakan Poetry Contest: Mga Tula para sa mga Buntabay ng Pilipinas" which aims to pay homage to the series of satellites designed, developed, and assembled by Filipino researchers and engineers.

This contest provides a platform for students of all genders across all levels of education to showcase their creativity and artistic expression while promoting space science and technology applications. It encourages participants to make connections between science, arts and literature.

#### **Contest Mechanics and Guidelines**

1. This competition is open to all Filipinos 9 – 25 years old and has the following categories:
  - a. Elementary – covers Grades 4 to Grade 6 learners
  - b. Secondary – covers Grade 7 to Grade 12 learners
  - c. Tertiary – covers undergraduate students and students in tech-voc programs
  - d. Open – covers graduate students, professionals and other interested individuals
2. Officials and employees of PhilSA and their relatives up to second degree of affinity or consanguinity are not eligible to join the contest.
3. The entry must comply with the following:
  - a. The poem must be an original composition and must have not been previously submitted to, selected in, or awarded by any other competition, nor published in any form—print, digital, or online platforms (including personal blogs, social media, or literary websites). Simultaneous submissions are not allowed
  - b. The piece must be written in Filipino.
  - c. The poem must be related to the theme "Yamang Kalawakan, Para sa Mundo, Para sa Bayan" with focus on paying homage to the satellites of the Philippines, namely Mula, Diwata and Maya, and the Filipinos who designed, developed and assembled them.



- d. Entries may be written in any form or style of poetry but should NOT exceed 1 page of an A4-sized bond paper.
  - e. AI-generated entries will not be accepted and are automatically disqualified
  - f. In the case of AI-assisted work, participants should declare the extent AI was used. The only acceptable use of AI is when looking for substitute or alternate words such as synonym, antonym, and rhyming terms to enhance word play.
4. Participants will have to download the submission form <https://bit.ly/YKRequiredForms> and prepare the supporting documents before submitting their entries through any of the following:
    - a. Online – Fill out the online application form completely and submit necessary documents through this link:  
<https://bit.ly/YamangKalawakanPoetryWriting>
    - b. By Email – Scan the accomplished submission form and send to [sesd@philsa.gov.ph](mailto:sesd@philsa.gov.ph). Indicate "Poetry Contest Submission" in the subject line.
    - c. By courier – Accomplish the downloaded submission form and send it to:  
Space Education and Scholarships Division  
Philippine Space Agency  
29<sup>th</sup> Floor Cyber One Bldg.  
11 Eastwood Ave., Bagumbayan, Quezon City.
  5. Only one entry per person is allowed. Entries must follow the following format for submission:
    - i. A4 sized document, saved in PDF
    - ii. Font style: Arial, size: 12
    - iii. Single spaced
    - iv. 1-inch margin from the sides, top, and bottom
  6. The deadline for submission is **July 6, 2025**. Only entries with complete documents will be evaluated.
  7. All submitted works will remain the property of their respective owners but may be used by PhilSA for publications, websites, social media, educational materials, and other informational content exclusively for the promotion of space education.
  8. The panel of judges shall use the following criteria to determine the winners:

| Criteria                           | Description   | Weight |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|
| Content and relevance to the theme | Explores the theme in meaningful ways and conveys a clear and engaging message. | 30 %   |

|                          |   |             |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| Artistry and Originality | The poem demonstrates originality of thought and style in an artistic and creative way.           | 30 %        |
| Use of language          | Uses purposeful and effective words to articulate message with clarity, fluid, and clear thoughts | 30 %        |
| Impact                   | The poem evokes intellectual and emotional experience   | 10%         |
| <b>Total</b>             |   | <b>100%</b> |

9. Three winning entries per category shall be awarded during the celebration of Philippine Space Week on August 09 and shall receive the following cash prize

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| <i>First Place</i>  | <i>PhP 10,000.00</i> |
| <i>Second Place</i> | <i>PhP 5,000.00</i>  |
| <i>Third Place</i>  | <i>PhP 3,000.00</i>  |

10. First place winners in each category will present their piece orally during the awarding program.
11. The winning students and their coaches/guardians shall be flown in and billeted for two nights in Manila for the Awarding Ceremony on 9 August 2025 during the Philippine Space Week. The expenses for the air fare/transportation, lodging and accommodation shall be charged against the Education and Scholarships Program (ESP). Participants are required to present and submit the original receipts addressed to the Philippine Space Agency to claim the reimbursement.

**For concerns, contact:**

**Space Education and Scholarships Division**  
Space Science Missions Bureau  
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Phone: +632 8568 99 31





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## #YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest

Theme: Lunar City

### REGISTRATION FORM

Entry # (for PhilSA use only)

#### 1. Participant's Information

|                         |                |  |
|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Poster Title            |                |  |
| Personal<br>information | Name           |  |
|                         | Age            |  |
|                         | Birthday       |  |
|                         | Sex (M/F)      |  |
|                         | Home Address   |  |
|                         | School Name    |  |
|                         | School Address |  |

#### 2. Parent/Guardian, Teacher-Coach and School Head Information

|                                    |                            |  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Parent/<br>Guardian                | Name of<br>Parent/Guardian |  |
|                                    | Contact Number             |  |
|                                    | E-mail                     |  |
|                                    | Signature                  |  |
| Teacher-Coach (if<br>there is any) | Name of Teacher-<br>Coach  |  |
|                                    | Contact Number             |  |
|                                    | E-mail                     |  |
|                                    | Signature                  |  |
| School Head                        | Name                       |  |
|                                    | Contact Number             |  |
|                                    | E-mail                     |  |
|                                    | Signature                  |  |

☐ I/We agree with the Terms and Conditions indicated in the #YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest Guidelines

#### Attachments:

1. Certificate of Endorsement to be signed by School Head (page 2)
2. Certificate of Undertaking (to be signed by Parent/Guardian (page 2)
3. Entry Slip to be pasted at the back of the poster (page 3)
4. Copy of student's school ID (front and back)
5. Copy of parent/guardian's ID (front and back)



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**#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest**  
*Theme: Lunar City*

**CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_, a bona fide student of  
Grade \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (school), is officially  
endorsed to participate in the #Yamangkalawakan Poster-Making Contest organized by the  
Philippine Space Agency.

*Name of School Head:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature and Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKING**

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant),  
currently in Grade \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(school), affirm that the poster I have submitted is my original creation and has not been  
copied, traced, or imitated from any existing work by another person. I understand that  
submitting plagiarized or copyrighted work without permission is a violation of the law and the  
rules of this competition.

As I am a minor, this Certificate is signed on my behalf by my parent or legal guardian. By  
signing below, my parent or guardian certifies that:

- The information provided in this form is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
- They understand and accept the rules and regulations of the competition.
- They consent to my participation and to the Philippine Space Agency's right to use, reproduce, store, adapt, or distribute the submitted poster for official and promotional purposes, with appropriate credit given to me as the original creator.
- They consent that, should I be selected as a winner, I will be allowed to attend the awarding ceremony to be held during Philippine Space Week on 9 August 2025 in Quezon City, Metro Manila.
- They confirm the authenticity of the artwork submitted.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name and Signature of Parent/Guardian*





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**#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest**

*Theme: Lunar City*



**#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest**

ENTRY SLIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Poster: \_\_\_\_\_



**INSTRUCTION:** After completing the form, please cut out the entry slip and securely attach it to the upper-left corner on the back of the poster using glue or tape.



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#YamangKalawakan Poetry Writing Contest  
(Tula Para sa Mga Buntabay ng Pilipinas)

### Submission Form



Entry # (for PhilSA use only)

Category: ☐ Elementary ☐ Secondary ☐ Tertiary ☐ Open

#### 1. Participant's Information

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Title of Poem                               |   |  |
| Personal information                        | Name  |  |
|   | Age   |  |
|   | Signature<br><i>(if above 18 years old)</i> |  |
|   | Birthdate <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>               |  |
|   | Sex (M/F)                                   |  |
|   | Home Address                                |  |
|   | School/ Institution/<br>Affiliation Name    |  |
| School/ Institution/<br>Affiliation Address |   |  |

#### 2. Parent/Guardian, Teacher-Coach and School Head Information (if applicable)

|  |                            |  |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| Parent/<br>Guardian  | Name of<br>Parent/Guardian |  |
|  | Contact Number             |  |
|  | E-mail                     |  |
|  | Signature                  |  |
| Teacher-<br>Coach (if<br>there is any)   | Name of Teacher-<br>Coach  |  |
|  | Contact Number             |  |
|  | E-mail                     |  |
|  | Signature                  |  |
| School Head<br><i>(for Basic Education)</i><br>Unit /<br>Department<br>Head<br><i>(for Tertiary)</i> | Name                       |  |
|  | Contact Number             |  |
|  | E-mail                     |  |
|  | Signature                  |  |

☐ I/We agree with the Terms and Conditions indicated in the #YamangKalawakan Poetry Writing Contest Guidelines

#### Attachments:

1. Submission Form (page 1)
2. Entry Poem (page 2)
3. Certificate of Endorsement to be signed by School/Unit/ Dept. Head (page 3), if applicable
4. Certificate of Undertaking for participants below 18 years old, to be signed by Parent/Guardian (page 3)
5. Certificate of Undertaking for participants 18 years old and above (page 4)
6. AI-Assisted Declaration Form (page 5)
7. Copy of student's school ID (front and back)
8. Copy of parent/guardian's ID (front and back) if applicable



## Entry Poem

Title:



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**(Tula Para sa Mga Buntabay ng Pilipinas)**



**CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKING**  
*(for participants 18 years old and above)*

I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of participant), currently residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (address), affirm that the poem I have submitted is my original creation and has not been copied, or imitated from any existing work by another person nor has it been generated by any artificial intelligence (AI) platform. I further affirm that the poem I have submitted has not been previously submitted to, selected in, or awarded by any other competition, nor published in any form - print, digital, or online platforms (including personal blogs, social media, or literary websites).

By signing below, I certify that:

- The information provided in this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand and accept the rules and regulations of the competition.
- I consent to the Philippine Space Agency's right to use, reproduce, store, adapt, or distribute the submitted poster for official and promotional purposes, with appropriate credit given to me as the original creator.
- Should I be selected as a winner, I will attend the awarding ceremony to be held during Philippine Space Week on 9 August 2025 in Quezon City, Metro Manila.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature over Printed Name*





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(Tula Para sa Mga Buntabay ng Pilipinas)

AI-Assisted Declaration  
(if applicable)



I hereby declare that I have composed this poem independently and have sought assistance of artificial intelligence including, but not limited to, ChatGPT, DALL-E2, Stable Diffusion, Lumen 5, Gen-1, Looka, and Grammarly, the details of which are reflected below.

Signature over Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Direction:** Please list every use and describe your specific intent, the AI service you used, the prompts you used to create the AI output, and the location in your poem where the AI output was applied to. To give a reference, you can follow the APA style guide:

<https://apastyle.apa.org/blog/how-to-cite-chatgpt>

Add the complete list and descriptions to this declaration form.

Example

*When prompted with "Synonymous Filipino words of Kalawakan that rhymes with kahalagahan" the ChatGPT-generated text indicated "If you're working on a poem or song, "kalangitan" would be your best synonym that rhymes well with "kahalagahan" and still maintains the theme of space or vastness." (OpenAI, 2025)*

Reference:

OpenAI. (2025). ChatGPT (May 27 version) [Large language model].  
<https://chat.openai.com/chat>

Location in the poem where AI output was applied:

Stanza 3, Line 1

"Sa ilalim ng sansinukob at ng malawak na kalangitan"



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