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BENJAMIN D. PARAGASRegional Director
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Dear Dir. Paragas,

Greetings from the Science Clubbing Movement!

For nearly 55 years, the **Pambansang Kapisanan ng mga Kabataan Samahan sa Agham (PSYSC), Inc.**, the first and largest umbrella organization for science clubs in the Philippines, has been continuously working in delivering quality programs and activities to elementary and high school science enthusiasts across the nation to promote the core thrust of the organization, the *Public Understanding of Science, Technology, and Environment (PUSTE)*.

This 2026, PSYSC will be holding the 4th iteration of the **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition (STEM Expo)**. This national event for high school affiliates features a two-day showcase of competitions, exhibits, and talks that highlight the youth's innovations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students in **Grade Levels 10, 11, and 12** may join the competitions; however, the event is **open to all** who are interested to watch and experience.

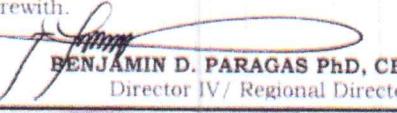
Scheduled for **May 09-10, 2026** in Metro Manila (venue to be finalized), the event promotes the excellence, and ingenuity of the Filipino youth through different competitions such as:

- Ideas Generation (iGen): Innovation** - a 3-month long competition for Grades 10-12 students spotlighting market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges
- Ideas Generation (iGen): Ideathon** - a 24-hour-long hackathon for Grades 10-12 students to brainstorm and design technology solutions to specific problems.
- STEMposium** - an open conference that brings together scientists, professionals, and students to share and exchange ideas on science research and technology innovations in the Philippines.
- PSYSC ResearchCon** - highlighting different studies and contribution of Grades 10-12 students in the STEM field, thereby promoting knowledge and awareness among the public in any of the four categories: Applied Science, Life Science, Mathematical Science, and Physical Science

December 22, 2025

To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this 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*.



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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS EXPOSITION 2026

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs (PSYSC) Inc. will conduct the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition (STEM Expo) 2026 in Metro Manila on May 9–10, 2026.

STEM Expo 2026 is a two-day event featuring a series of competitions, exhibits, and conferences that highlight innovative ideas, groundbreaking advancements, and the talent of the Filipino youth in the fields of STEM. It promotes the excellence and ingenuity of Filipino youth through various competitions for Grades 10–12 learners, such as:

- Ideas Generation (iGen): Ideathon – a hackathon to brainstorm and design technological solutions to real-world problems;
- iGen: Innovation – a competition that spotlights market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges;
- STEMposium – an open conference to share ideas and exchange knowledge on science research and technological innovations;
- PSYSC ResearchCon – a research fair and competition that highlights studies in four categories: physical science, applied science, life science, and mathematics;
- PSYSC Science Journalism Contest – a competition that aims to sharpen critical thinking through its sub-events: Editorial Writing, Editorial Cartooning, News Writing, and Feature Writing; and
- PSYSC Science Film Festival – a nationwide amateur filmmaking competition and film festival that promotes public understanding of science, technology, and the environment.

High school and undergraduate students, teachers, and all others interested in watching and experiencing the event are invited to take part in developing young minds and encourage contributions to society through collaboration and innovation.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities and DO 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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