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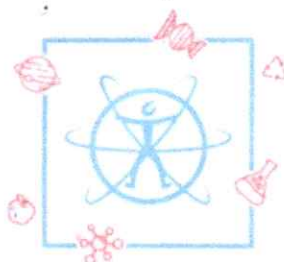
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To: ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

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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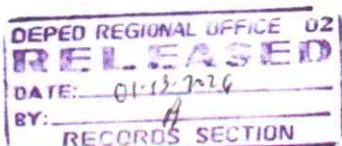
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2. **STEM Spotlight Challenge (Formerly Ideas Generation: Innovation)** - a competition for Grades 10-12 students spotlighting market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges
3. **STEMposium** - an open conference that brings together scientists, professionals, and students to share and exchange ideas on science research and technology innovations in the Philippines.
4. **PSYSC ResearchCon** - highlighting different studies from Grades 10-12 in any of the four categories: Physical Science, Applied Science, Life Science, and Mathematics
5. **PSYSC Science Debate Competition** - a new addition in STEM Expo 2026, in Asian Parliamentary format, to strengthen critical thinking, argumentation, and public speaking of Grades 7-12 student participants.
6. **PSYSC Science Journalism Contest** - with its sub-events: Editorial Writing, Editorial Cartooning, News Writing, and Feature Writing aims to sharpen the Grades 7-12 student participants' critical mindset.
7. **PSYSC Science Film Festival** - a nationwide amateur film-making competition and film festival for Grades 7-12 student participants focused on promoting the public understanding of science, technology, and the environment.
8. **SEARCH** - Search for the Most Outstanding Science Club (SEARCH) is a landmark program to give honor and recognition to exemplary and outstanding science clubs all over the Philippines who have made a meaningful impact on their communities through innovative projects and advocacy campaigns.

In line with this, we humbly request your good office for your support by issuing a **Regional DepEd Advisory** for the immediate information dissemination regarding the addition and renaming of sub-events, as well as widening our competition eligibility to high schools all over the Philippines. We believe that your endorsement will strengthen our outreach efforts and ensure that more Filipino youth gain access to meaningful opportunities for growth. With your assistance, we can provide a wider avenue for students to explore, collaborate, and innovate through STEM Expo.

Should you have any further questions, you may reach us through the contact details provided in this document.

Thank you very much and more power!

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*In service of the Filipino youth.*

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Advisory No. **228**, s. 2025

November 13, 2025

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013  
this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,  
but only for the information of DepEd officials,  
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.  
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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;
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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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