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Sir:

The University of the Philippines Mathematics Club (UPMC) will conduct the **14th Annual Nationwide Search for Little Math Wizard** on 21 November 2026 at the University of the Philippines Diliman. The competition is open to learners in Grades 4, 5, and 6 nationwide.

The competition aims to promote a deeper appreciation of mathematics, encourage healthy academic competition, and inspire young learners to explore the diverse fields of mathematics and pursue further studies in the discipline.

In this regard, may we respectfully request your assistance in disseminating information about the competition to elementary schools within your division and encouraging eligible learners to participate. We also seek your support in sharing the official announcements and promotional materials through your division's official website and social media platforms to help broaden the reach of this opportunity.

Attached to this letter are the registration details, competition mechanics, and other relevant information for your reference and appropriate dissemination to concerned schools. The official Facebook pages of UPMC and the competition are also provided below for additional information and updates:

- **UP Mathematics Club:** https://www.facebook.com/upmathclub
- **14th Nationwide Search for Little Math Wizard:** https://www.facebook.com/upmathclub.lmw

For further inquiries, interested schools and learners may contact Ms. Marianne Joice A. Buergo, Vice President for External Affairs of UPMC through upmathclub.exte@gmail.com.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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The 14th Annual Nationwide Search for the Little Math Wizard

ABRIDGED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Qualifications

1. Any bona fide Grade 4, Grade 5, or Grade 6 student of any DepEd-recognized elementary school operating in the Philippines is qualified to join the competition. All registrants will be collectively known as 'contestants' for the purpose of this competition. As such, no distinction will be made based on the grade level of the participating students.

2. Contestants will compete individually and no teams may be formed at any point during the competition.

3. All contestants must be accompanied by at least one (1) coach on the day of the competition. The UP Mathematics Club shall only conduct official business and address registration concerns with these assigned coaches.

4. The school of any participating contestant may send a maximum of twenty (20) contestants only. Every participating school must send at least two (2) students as their official contestants, with at least one (1) student from Grade 4 or Grade 5.

5. Any individual participant who wishes to compete independently is allowed to compete. A participant may join as an individual if their school is not participating or is unable to send at least two (2) contestants.

   Individual participants must:

   a. Have at least one (1) parent or legal guardian to serve as their coach.
   b. Submit the same requirements as non-independent participants, with their parent or guardian officially acting as their coach.

   Should the school of the individual participant decide to join the competition, the individual participant will automatically be a representative of their respective participating school. The participating school is now required to send at least one (1) Grade 4 or Grade 5 student if the formerly individual participant is in Grade 6.

6. Upon registration, the following requirements must be present:

   a. a certification attesting to the contestants' grade levels, signed by the Principal or any duly recognized school representative, stamped with the respective school's dry seal;

   b. scanned copy of School ID, front and back;

   c. consent form signed by the contestants' parent or valid guardian;

   d. and a formal letter stating all the contestants' names and the coach responsible for them, signed by their coach.

7. All immediate relatives of the members and applicants of the UP Mathematics Club are disqualified from joining the competition.

8. The University of the Philippines Mathematics Club shall have the discretion to disqualify any student from participating at any point or during the contest, whenever necessary.

General Rules

1. The contest is divided into two (2) stages: the *Elimination Stage* and the *Finals Stage*.
2. The official competition date is November 21, 2026 (Saturday). There will be two official venues for the competition:
    a. the Elimination Stage will be held at the Institute of Mathematics, UP Diliman;
    b. and the Finals Stage's Venue will be announced soon.
3. Registration will officially start at 7:00 AM on the day of the competition. The Elimination Stage will begin at exactly 8:30 AM, while the Finals Stage will start at 12:30 PM on the same day. Contestants are encouraged to be at the designated venues thirty (30) minutes before the start of the Eliminations and Finals Stages.
4. Late registration may still be allowed, provided that the contestants satisfy the above qualifications. It shall close one (1) hour after the start of the Eliminations Stage. No time extensions will be provided for late registrants.
5. The coverage of the competition shall include the following mathematical concepts: Algebra, Geometry, Number Theory, and Logic.
6. The entire competition will be conducted in English.
7. The use of calculators, slide rules, mathematical tables, gadgets, electronic devices, and the like by the contestants shall be prohibited during the contest proper.
8. Any form of communication with the intent of cheating by the contestants to any of the following:
    a. coaches
    b. parents
    c. fellow contestants
    d. any person unaffiliated with the contest

    is prohibited during any part of the competition.
9. Any verified violation of any of these rules shall be enough reason for any contestant's disqualification.
10. The Academic Affairs Committee of the UP Mathematics Club, with the concurrence of the Board of Judges, holds full rights to interpret, modify, or change the rules and regulations of the contest, in any case that it is necessary. Decisions involving and changing of the rules shall be binding.

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DETAILED EVENT DESCRIPTION

The 14th Annual Nationwide Search for the Little Math Wizard

The Annual Nationwide Search for the Little Math Wizard is one of the UP Mathematics Club's flagship events. Intended to foster and nurture the talents of young aspiring mathematicians, the contest returns this year for its 14th iteration on **November 21, 2026**. This contest will be open to students from **grades 4 to 6**. There will be no segregation based on grade level for this competition.

The contest is split into two phases: a written **Elimination Round**, which only the **top 30 students** will make through, and a **Finals Round**, a live raise-boards contest culminating in a buzzer round between the top 6 contestants. The Finals Round is further split into 3 stages: the **Apprentice Round**, the **Sorcerer Round**, and the **Wizard Round**, each with questions of varying difficulty.

The Apprentice Round sees the **top 30 contestants** from the Elimination Round face off through 15 questions in a **mental raise-boards format**, in which only the top 15 students will proceed to the next round. The Sorcerer Round sees the **top 15 contestants** from the Apprentice Round compete through 15 questions in a similar raise-boards format, with the use of **scratch paper allowed**. After the scores from both this round and the Apprentice Round are tallied, the **top 6 contestants** will proceed to the final round. The Wizard Round is a **bell-and-buzzer round** between the top 6 students of the contest. There will be 25 questions with a time limit of 30 seconds each, and the student with the highest score shall be deemed the 14th Little Math Wizard.

The subsequent pages read the **abridged rules and regulations** for the 14th Annual Nationwide Search for the Little Math Wizard for your perusal.

The 14th Annual Nationwide Search for the Little Math Wizard is officially endorsed by the **Institute of Mathematics, UP Diliman.**

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the **University of the Philippines Mathematics Club (UPMC)** is a duly recognized organization of the College of Science, University of the Philippines, Diliman, for the Academic Year 2025-2026.

Sincerely yours,

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