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**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
EXPOSITION 2026**

Please find attached DepEd Advisory No. 228, s. 2025 and communication from Grace H. Dela Cruz, Secretariat, STEM Expo 2026, inviting the participation of students and teachers from the private and public schools on May 9-10, 2026 in Metro Manila.

The activity is open to Grades 10-12 learners and teachers.

Interested participants may contact Mr. Shanne Erwynn M. Maurin, Director, STEM Expo 2026 through his CP no. 09600349823 for details regarding their participation.

Participation in this activity is purely voluntary. Schools and participants are reminded of the strict observance of the Time-on-Task Policy under DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, which mandates that:

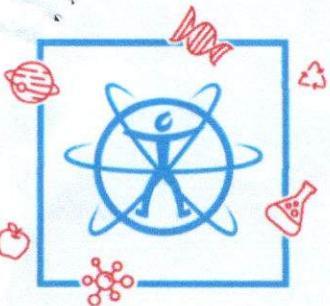
- The prescribed number of school days shall be strictly devoted to instructionally relevant activities;
- Any activity that disrupts regular classes shall be minimized or avoided;
- Participation in off-campus or co-curricular activities must not compromise the required instructional time; and
- Any class disruption, if unavoidable, must be properly authorized and justified to ensure that learners still receive the full benefit of curriculum-based instruction.

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Dear Superintendent Mendoza,

Greetings from the Science Clubbing Movement!

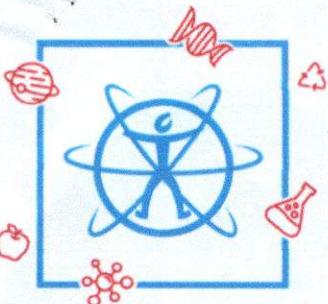
For nearly 55 years, the **Pambansang Kapisanan ng mga Kabataan Samahan sa Agham (PSYSC), Inc.**, the first and largest umbrella organization for science clubs in the Philippines, has been continuously working in delivering quality programs and activities to elementary and high school science enthusiasts 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)**, with the theme "**Fueling Filipino Curiosity, Forging Progress Through Discovery**." 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 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12** may join the competitions; however, the event is **open to all** who are interested to watch and experience.

Having been previously issued and requested an amendment to **National Advisory No. 228, s. 2025**, it is to formally inform you of the **ADDITION & RENAMING OF SUB-EVENTS AND EXPANDING THE COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY** of STEM Expo 2026. This decision was made after careful consideration of potential participant count and the necessary preparations for the event. By adding more sub-events, we aim to increase participation and ensure that all competition interests are taken into consideration, enhancing the overall experience for our participants and delegates.

The event will still be held from **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:

1. **STEMGen: Idea Generation Challenge (Formerly Ideas Generation: Ideathon)** - an intense 6-hour challenge where teams respond to a given problem with innovative solutions, prototypes, or proposals.
2. **STEM Spotlight Challenge (Formerly Ideas Generation: Innovation)** - a



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competition for Grades 10-12 students spotlighting market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges

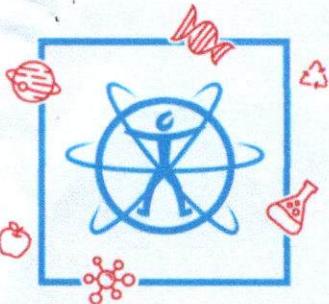
3. **STEMposium** - an open conference that brings together scientists, professionals, and students to share and exchange ideas on science research and technology innovations in the Philippines.
4. **PSYSC ResearchCon** - highlighting different studies from Grades 10-12 in any of the four categories: 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 respectfully request the support of your good office through the issuance of an **SDO Endorsement** to facilitate the immediate dissemination of information to division schools regarding the event invitation, the addition and renaming of sub-events, as well as the expansion of competition eligibility to high schools nationwide.

We believe that your endorsement will widen our reach within your division and ensure that more Filipino learners are informed of and able to participate in these opportunities. Through your assistance, STEM Expo can provide a broader platform for students to explore, collaborate, and innovate in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

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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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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CHANGES IN ADVISORY NO. 228, s. 2025

(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition 2026)

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs (PSYSC) Inc. announces the changes in Advisory No. 228, s. 2025, titled Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Exposition (STEM Expo) 2026.

The event encompasses various competitions, including changes and additional sub-events, which expand eligibility for entry, as follows:

- STEMGen: Idea Generation Challenge – a 6-hour challenge for teams to develop innovative solutions, prototypes, or proposals addressing a given problem;
- STEM Spotlight Challenge – a competition for Grades 10–12 learners that highlights market-ready, innovative products addressing 21st-century challenges;
- STEMposium – an open conference for scientists, professionals, and learners to share ideas and exchange knowledge on science research and technological innovations in the Philippines;
- PSYSC Science Debate Competition – a new addition in STEM Expo 2026, using the Asian Parliamentary format to strengthen critical thinking, argumentation, and public speaking skills of Grades 7–12 participants;
- PSYSC Science Journalism Contest – a competition that sharpens critical thinking through its sub-events: Editorial Writing, Editorial Cartooning, News Writing, and Feature Writing for Grades 7–12 participants;
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- SEARCH: Search for the Most Outstanding Science Club – a program that honors exemplary science clubs across the Philippines for making a meaningful impact in their communities through innovative projects and advocacy campaigns.

All other provisions of the said Advisory remain in effect.

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