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2026 REGIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR (RSTF)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education, Regional Office 1 (DepEd RO1), through the Curriculum and Learning and Management Division (CLMD), announces the conduct of the 2025 Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF) on **December 4 - 5, 2026** at the National Educators Academy of the Philippines –Region 1 (NEAP-R1), San Vicente, City of San Fernando, La Union.

2. The 2026 RSTF aims to:

a.) promote Science and Technology consciousness and a culture of innovation among the youth and identify the most creative and innovative student researchers from the Junior and Senior High Schools who will represent the region to the 2026-2027 National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF);

b.) promote Science and Technology consciousness and a culture of innovation among the youth and identify the most creative and innovative student researchers from the Elementary);

c.) integrate the cultivation of crucial research skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and the stimulation of innovation and creativity; and

d.) propel academic success and prepare the learners for excellence in their future academic pursuits and careers.

3. Relative to this, the following is the schedule of activities:

Activity	Date/Schedule
Submission of Entries (First Placers & Second Placers per category - Secondary and First Place Winner only - Elementary) to the Regional Level	November 10, 2026
Regional Paper Evaluation (SRC Screening)	November 10-20, 2026
Regional Science and Technology Fair	December 4-5, 2026
Submission of Entries for the National Level (SRC)	December 18, 2026

3. The official participants to this activity are the Education Program Supervisors (EPSs) In-Charge of Science and Mathematics, Research Advisers /Coaches, and Student-Researchers who qualified in the regional preliminary evaluation/Scientific Review Committee (SRC) evaluation of their Investigatory Project write-ups during the agreed schedule of paper evaluation.

4. For this year's RSTF, no registration fee shall be charged from each participant. However, their expenses related to meals, accommodation, travel and incidental costs incurred during the conduct of said activity shall be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures. Student-researchers and coaches are encouraged to arrange their own accommodations. For reservations at NEAP-RI, contact Mrs. Marivic Rioveros, Dormitory Manager through telephone number 072-6075813. Reservation shall be on first-come-first-serve basis.

5. Other expenses such as certificates, honoraria of the Board of Judges (BOJs), materials and supplies, shall be charged against PSF and Regional MOOE.

6. The deadline for the submission of the top two winning entries per category (soft copy) from the Schools Division Offices to DepEd Regional Office for the regional Scientific Review Committee (SRC) screening shall be on **November 10, 2026** at **5:00 PM**.

7. Registration and the setting-up of exhibit (Project Display Poster) will commence from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on **December 4, 2026**. The opening Program shall start at 3:00 PM on the same day.

8. Corresponding service credits shall be granted to the Research Advisers/ Coaches in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 and Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) shall be given to the supervisors/non-teaching personnel as stated in CSC and DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004.

9. For further inquiries, all concerned may contact the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) at telephone number (072) 682-2324 local 120.

10. Attached are the List of the Regional Technical Working Group (Enclosure 1), and the Mechanics and Guidelines of the 2026 Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF) (Enclosure 2).

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is enjoined.

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Encl.: As Stated
Reference: As Stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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Enclosure No. 1

Mechanics and Guidelines of the Regional Science and Technology Fair

1. This competition is open to all Grade 5-6 and Grade 9-12 students from both Public and Private Schools.

2. The five (5) main categories for the High School level are: a) Life Science, b) Physical Science, c) Robotics & Intelligent Machines, d) Mathematics & Computational Science, and e) Science Innovation Expo (Inventions), while the Elementary level shall compete for the Robotics and Intelligent Machines Team Category only.

3. The first-place and second-place winning entries from the Secondary and the first-place winner from the Elementary from each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall be submitted to the Regional Office on or before **November 10, 2026** at **5:00 PM** for preliminary evaluation with the following requirements:

A. Upload all investigatory project write-ups in PDF format (A4 size) to the designated OneDrive/SharePoint folder RSTF files on or before the prescribed deadline. Each SDO will be assigned a folder where all projects will be uploaded.

1. Project Code Format

Name each project folder using the appropriate Category Code and SDO Letter Code:

Category Codes

- Life Science (Individual) – LS-I
- Life Science (Team) – LS-T
- Physical Science (Individual) – PS-I
- Physical Science (Team) – PS-T
- Robotics & Intelligent Machines (Individual) – RIM-I
- Robotics & Intelligent Machines (Team) – RIM-T
- Mathematics & Computational Sciences (Individual) – MCS-I
- Mathematics & Computational Sciences (Team) – MCS-T
- Science Innovation Expo (Individual) – SIE-I
- Science Innovation Expo (Team) – SIE-T

Examples

- Life Science Individual from Alaminos City: LS-I-AC
- Life Science Team from Alaminos City: LS-T-AC

Note: Team categories must have 2–3 student researchers and one (1) teacher-coach only.

2. SDO Letter Codes

SDO	Letter Code
Alaminos City	AC
Batac City	BC
Candon City	CC
Dagupan City	DC
Ilocos Norte	IN
Ilocos Sur	IS
Laoag City	LC

La Union	LU
Pangasinan I	PI
Pangasinan II	PII
San Carlos City	SC
San Fernando City	SF
Urdaneta City	UC
Vigan City	VC

4. Create a main folder using the format: SDO_ProjectCode
Alaminos_City_LS-I
Inside the main folder, create the following subfolders:
1. Body
   - Contains the research manuscript/write-up.
   - File name format: SDO_Category_Body

Example:
Alaminos City_LS-I_Body
2. Forms
   - Contains all required forms and supporting documents.
   - File name format: SDO_ProjectCode_Forms

Example:
Alaminos City_LS-I_Forms

Ensure that all files are complete, properly labeled, and uploaded to the designated folder before the submission deadline.

4. The Complete Parts of Investigatory Project Write-up (arranged from top to bottom)
A. For Life Science, Physical Science, Robotics & Intelligent Machines

*Title Page and Table of Contents

Part 1. Required Forms For All Researches
1. Checklist For Adult Sponsor (1) (2025 ISEF Form)*
2. Student Checklist 1a.*
3. Research Plan
   A. Rationale
   B. Research Question Or Problem
   C. Hypothesis
   D. Goals/ Expected Outcomes
   E. Research Methods/ Procedures/ Risk & Safety
   F. Bibliography
4. Approval Form 1b (For All Students)*
5. Abstract

Part 2. Additional Required Forms (Do not include the Form if it is not applicable)
6. Regulated Research Institutional or Industrial Setting Form (1C)*
7. Qualified Scientist Form (2)*
8. Risk Assessment Form (3)*
9. Human Participants Form (4)*
10. Vertebrate Animal Form (5A)*
11. Vertebrate Animal Form (5B)*

12. Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents Risk Assessment Form (6A)*
13. Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form (6B)*
14. Human and Vertebrate Animal Tissue Form (6B)*
15. Continuation/Research Progression Projects Form (7)*

Part 3. Research Paper (Observe IMRAD Format)

1. Cover Page
2. Introduction
3. Methodology
4. Results
5. Discussion
6. Limitations On The Research Design & Material
7. Conclusions, Recommendations, Notes, Works Cited And Appendices/ Bibliography & Pictorials

Part 4. Research Abstract (Maximun 250 Words)

Part 5. Research Logbook -Narrates the Events/Activities that the Researcher Experienced Before, During and After the conduct of the Research Project. The good notes show consistency and thoroughness to the judges and will help the researcher when writing the research paper. Data tables are recorded with accuracy. The date is recorded with the particular activity being done in the research study.
-This is the concrete evidence of the conduct of the research study.

*Curriculum Vitae (Researcher)
*Curriculum Vitae (Research Adviser/Coach)
*If a winning entry, attach the Evaluation Forms of SRC (Regional SRC, National SRC)
Note: ISEF Forms* can be downloaded at the link: **societyforscience.org/isef**

B. For Mathematics and Computational Sciences Paper Format

Part 1 and Part 2, follow the parts from Life Science, Physical Science, Robotics & Intelligent Machines.

Part 3 -The Body of the Write-up

1. INTRODUCTION - What is your research question?
- Explain what is known or has already been done in your research area. Include a brief review of relevant literature.
- If this is a continuation project, a brief summary of your prior work is appropriate here. Be sure to distinguish your previous work from this year's project.

2. FRAMEWORK – What is your framework?
- Introduce the concepts and notation needed to specify your research question, methods, and results precisely.
- Define relevant terms, and explain prior/background results. (Novel concepts developed as part of your project can be presented here or in Section 4, as appropriate.)

3. FINDINGS – What are your findings and supporting arguments?

- What did you discover and/or prove? Describe your result(s) in detail. If possible, provide both formal and intuitive/verbal explanations of each major finding.
- Describe your methods in general terms.
- Present rigorous proofs of the theory results – or, if the arguments are long, give sketches of the proofs that explain the main ideas.
- For numerical/statistical results, include tables and figures that illustrate your data. Include relevant statistical analysis. Were any of your results statistically significant? How do you know this?

4. CONCLUSIONS - What is your assessment of your findings?
- How do the results address your research question? And how have you advanced your readers' understanding relative to what is already known?
- Discuss possible limitations. Did any questions or problems arise that you were not expecting? What challenges do you foresee in extending your results further?
- What application(s), if any, do you see for your work?

5. REFERENCES—What are your sources?
- This section should not exceed one page. Limit your list to the most important references.
- List the references/documentation used which were not of your own creation (i.e., books, journal articles).
- Your reference list should be written based on the Chicago Manual of Style. For more information, you may visit the websites below:
  - http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html
  - http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/index.ph

C. For Science Innovation Expo Paper Format

Part 1 and Part 2, follow the parts from Life Science, Physical Science, Robotics & Intelligent Machines.

Part 3 -The Body of the Writeup

a) *Title Page and Table of Contents:* The title page and table of contents allows the reader to follow the organization of the paper quickly.

b) *Introduction:*

1) Features and Specifications – This describes the details of your invention.

2) Market Trends and Opportunities – This part of the report must include three items: what inspired you to develop this invention, an explanation of what problem your invention will solve, and describe in detail how you determined that the invention that you created did not already exist. Explain what products are already on the market that are somewhat like your invention and describe how yours differs.

c) *Materials and Methods:* Describe in detail how you made your invention. Explain what materials were used and how you put them together to make your invention. Your report should be detailed enough so that someone would be able to repeat the steps and make your invention. Directions on how to use the invention are also necessary here. You must include a detailed drawing(s) of your invention.

d) *Results and Discussion:* This is the essence of your paper. Compare your results with theoretical values, published data, literature and related studies, commonly held beliefs, and/or expected results. Include a discussion of possible errors, statistics, graphs, pages with your raw collected data, etc. How did the data vary between repeated observations of similar events? How were your results affected by uncontrolled events? What would you do differently if you repeated this project? What other experiments should be conducted?

f) *Conclusions:* This discusses the potential applications, possible customer benefits, and the impact of the problem in solving problems and issues of today and tomorrow.

g) *Acknowledgements:* This part gives credit to those who have assisted you, including individuals, businesses and educational or research institutions.

h) *References/Bibliography:* Your reference list should be written based on the Chicago Manual of Style (CMOS).

5. The investigatory project write-ups which were qualified by the Board of Judges during the regional paper evaluation (SRC screening) shall be the official entries for the Regional Science and Technology Fair to be held on **December 4-5, 2026** at NEAP-R1, Brgy. San Vicente, City of San Fernando, La Union. Each qualified project must have a Display Poster with dimensions of **67" x 34"** (portrait style) using tarpaulin.

6. The Board of Judges in the regional paper evaluation (SRC screening) and in the regional level Science and Technology Fair shall evaluate the qualified Investigatory Projects based on the following criteria:

Impact of Investigatory Project to the Community-	25%
Originality, Creativity & Inventiveness-	25%
Thoroughness, Accuracy & Completeness of Write-up-	25%
Presentation-	25%
Total	**100%**

7. The Board of Judges shall determine the number of entries to be endorsed to the Regional Science and Technology Fair. The number of recommended entries may be fewer than five (5) and shall be based on the quality, scientific merit, and overall evaluation of the research projects against the prescribed criteria and standards for regional-level competition.

8. During the RSTF, there shall be an oral presentation (with PowerPoint presentation) within 3-5minutes by the student-researchers to the board of judges. A 3–5 minute question and answer portion with the board of judges shall follow right after the oral presentation.

9. The top-performing entries in each category, up to a maximum of five (5) winners, together with their coaches, shall be awarded Certificates of Recognition. The Board of Judges may recommend fewer than five winners based on their assessment of the quality, merit, and national-level competitiveness of the research projects. Additionally, Certificates of Recognition shall be awarded to the Best Presenter and the Best Display Poster in each category.