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August 24, 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

**CID- 2026 - 101**

**2026 DIVISION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR (DSTF)**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief EPS (CID & SGOD)  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Secondary School Administrators  
All Others Concerned  
This Division

1. The Schools Division Office of Tacurong City announces to the field the conduct of the **2026 Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF) on September 2-3, 2026** at Tacurong National High School Gym, Barangay New Isabela, Tacurong City.
2. The activity aims to develop and strengthen the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills of learners through research, innovation, creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration.
3. The 2026 DSTF shall consist of the following activities:
  - a. **Tuklas** – a STEM research competition with four categories: (1) Life Science (2) Physical Science, (3) Robotics and Intelligent Machines, and (4) Mathematics and Computational Science.
  - b. **STEM Innovation Expo**
  - c. **STEM Academy**
  - d. **Agham Bayanihan**
  - e. **On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest**
  - f. **Division Shoutout**
  - g. **Team Quiz**
4. Please see attached enclosures for the number of participants (contestants and coaches) in the various contests, the Program Management Team and the Technical Working Group, Matrix of Activities, and the guidelines and mechanics of the 2026 Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF).
5. A registration fee of Php 30.00 shall be charged for each participant of the 2026 Division Science and Technology Fair (DSTF) and shall be charged to the school's available local funds subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
6. Transportation and food allowances for the participants and coaches shall



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be charged against school MOOE or local funds.

7. The initial screening of the research manuscripts shall be conducted by the Division Scientific Review Committee (DSRC). A soft copy of the paper shall be submitted to the division office through the email address [pamela.jamias@deped.gov.ph](mailto:pamela.jamias@deped.gov.ph) and three (3) hard copies shall be prepared during the actual congress.
8. Should there be clarifications or concerns, please contact Pamela C. Jamias, Division Science Coordinator through cellphone number 0917-149-8058.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

**CARLOS G. SUSARNO PhD., CESO VI**  
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Schools Superintendent

Enclosures: As stated  
Reference: As stated  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
Under the following subject/s  
**CURRICULUM SCIENCE**

**REGIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR**

PCJ/CID/DM/2026 DIVISION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR/AUGUST 25, 2026



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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum CID-2026- \_\_\_\_\_

| Number of Participants                         |                        |                            |                |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Category                                       |                        | No of Student Participants | No. of Coaches |
| 1. Life Science (LS)                           | Individual (I)         | 1                          | 1              |
|                                                | Team (T)               | 3                          | 1              |
| 2. Physical Science (PS)                       | Individual (I)         | 1                          | 1              |
|                                                | Team (T)               | 3                          | 1              |
| 3. Robotics and Intelligent Machines (RIM)     | Individual (I)         | 1                          | 1              |
|                                                | Team (T)               | 3                          | 1              |
| 4. Mathematics and Computational Science (MCS) | Individual (I)         | 1                          | 1              |
|                                                | Team (T)               | 3                          | 1              |
| STEM Innovation Expo                           | Individual (I)         | 1                          | 1              |
|                                                | Team (T)               | 3                          |                |
| Team Quiz                                      | Team of 2 participants | JHS - 1                    | 1              |
|                                                |                        | SHS - 1                    |                |





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**2026 DIVISION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR**

***Program Management Team and Technical Working Group***

|                                                                                             |            | Consultants                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Carlos G. Susarno PhD.,<br>CESO VI                                                          |            | OIC – Office of the Schools Division Superintendent |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Ayesha P. Piñol, CESE                                                                       |            | OIC - Asst. Schools Division Superintendent         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Randy E. Porras                                                                             |            | Chief ES, CID                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Mayflor D. Romualdo                                                                         |            | Chief ES, SGOD                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Pamela C. Jamias                                                                            |            | Division Science Coordinator                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Technical Working Group                                                                     |            |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| DIVISION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR                                                        |            |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| STF Over-all Coordinator – Mariegold Ann J. Japitana, MT-I,<br>TNHS Science Department Head |            |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Category                                                                                    |            | Facilitators                                        | Judge                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| Life Science                                                                                | Individual | Fe T. Batilaran &<br>Shaina J. Bautista             | Cris John Bryan C. Dela Cruz,<br>PhD.<br>Asst. Professor IV<br>Campus Research Coordinator<br>SKSU Tacurong Campus<br>&<br>Ziljih S. Molina, PhD., LPT<br>Program Chairperson of B.S.<br>Biology<br>SKSU Tacurong Campus |  |
|                                                                                             | Team       |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Physical Science                                                                            | Individual | Yolanda A. Sucayan<br>& Kim Roi L.<br>Cipriano      | Elizabeth S. Bauzon, DBMIS<br>Asst. Professor III<br>SKSU, Graduate School<br>&<br>Jose T. Decena III, DBA<br>Teacher VI<br>TNHS                                                                                         |  |
|                                                                                             | Team       |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |



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|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Robotics and Intelligent Machines      | Individual                                  | Mercy Lozano & Vicente Labadia                   | Ma. Christel L. Salvador<br>Asst. to the Principal – SHS, TNHS<br>&<br>Joey M. Lozano<br>Information & Technology Officer<br>SDO-Tacurong City<br>&<br>Jezrell L. Fulgencio, MT II<br>Planning Officer, TNHS |
|                                        | Team                                        |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mathematical and Computational Science | Individual                                  | Renato P. Escobillo & Ma. Cristina A. Villaralvo | Randy E. Porras<br>Chief ES, CID<br>&<br>Jean T. Fermin, MT II                                                                                                                                               |
|                                        | Team                                        |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| STEM Innovation Expo                   | Individual                                  | Emmie Marie S. Sebucao & Liezel Castano          | Aisha B. Grafil, MT I<br>ASBNHS<br>&<br>Harold L. Reyes, T-VI<br>ASBNHS                                                                                                                                      |
|                                        | Team                                        |                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Agham Bayanihan                        | Team                                        | Joanne Villamayor & Alfie Gardose                | Jerry Sermese, MT-I<br>SENHS<br>&<br>Cherry Ann B. Doctora, T-III<br>ASIS                                                                                                                                    |
| On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest      | Team<br>(Maximum of three (3) participants) | Lovlyn S. Tangpus & April T. Galanta             | Karl Owen O. Fernandez, MT-I<br>VFGNHS<br>&<br>Mark Ian S. Lansita, T-VI<br>ASBNHS                                                                                                                           |
| Shout Out                              | Team                                        | Marievilla Ibañez & Kimberly Sioco               | Ivy O. Jaro, T-VI<br>VFGNHS<br>&<br>Cris Naol Padernal, T-III                                                                                                                                                |



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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--|
| Team Quiz                        | Team<br>(Two (2)<br>participants:<br>JHS-1 and<br>SHS-1) | Rocie Kate Fajardo &<br>Jocelle Mae Morales |  |
| <b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b> |                                                          |                                             |  |
| Mohani A. Paguita                |                                                          | SEPS for M&E                                |  |
| Janice P. Suboc                  |                                                          | EPS II, HRD                                 |  |



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Enclosure No. 3 to Division Memorandum CID-2026- \_\_\_\_\_

**MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES**

| Time                     | Activity                    |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>September 2, 2026</b> |                             |
| 07:30 - 08:00 AM         | Arrival/Registration        |
| 8:00 – 9:00 A.M.         | Opening Program             |
| 9:00 – 12:00 A.M.        | Gallery Walk                |
| 12:00 NN – 1:00 P.M.     | Lunch Break                 |
| 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.         | Contest Proper              |
| 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.         | Continuation of the Contest |
| <b>September 3, 2026</b> |                             |
| 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.        | Awarding/ Closing Program   |





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**GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS**  
**2026 DIVISION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR**

**I. RATIONALE**

The Division Science and Technology Fair (STF) is conducted to develop and strengthen the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills of learners through research, innovation, creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration.

Consistent with **Regional Memorandum CLMD-2026-198**, the DSTF provides learners opportunities to conduct research addressing local, national, and/or global issues and concerns, communicate research findings, showcase innovations, and promote STEM awareness among learners, teachers, and the community.

The activities shall serve as preparation and qualification activities for the **2026 Regional Science and Technology Fair (RSTF)**.

**II. CONTEST/EVENTS**

The DSTF shall consist of the following activities:

1. **Tuklas – STEM Research Competition**
  - Life Science
  - Physical Science
  - Robotics and Intelligent Machines
  - Mathematics and Computational Science
2. **STEM Innovation Expo**
3. **STEM Academy**
4. **Agham Bayanihan**
5. **On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest**
6. **Shoutout**

*(These are the activities specifically identified in the Regional Memorandum)*



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### III. GUIDELINES FOR TUKLAS

#### STEM Research Competition

##### A. Description

**Tuklas** is a STEM research competition that provides junior and senior high school learners opportunities to showcase research projects based on their fields of interest and/or real-world problems, issues, and concerns.

The four official categories are:

1. Life Science
2. Physical Science
3. Robotics and Intelligent Machines
4. Mathematics and Computational Science

The same four categories are identified in the Regional Memorandum and in the 2026 National Science and Technology Fair guidelines.

##### B. Participants

Each category shall have:

###### Individual Category

- One (1) student

###### Team Category

- Maximum of three (3) students

Each team shall designate the members who will participate in the presentation and defense.

##### C. Eligibility

1. Participants must be officially enrolled learners of the participating school.
2. The research project must have undergone the required school/division screening.



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3. Research projects involving human participants, vertebrate animals (**requires Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Form**), potentially hazardous biological agents, hazardous chemicals, or other regulated procedures must comply with the applicable scientific and safety review requirements.
4. Required research forms must be properly accomplished.
5. Only projects approved by the appropriate **Scientific Review Committee (SRC)** shall be endorsed to the next level.
6. The research must be substantially the work of the learner/s.

#### **D. Research Requirements**

The research entry shall include, as applicable:

- Research Plan
- Research Paper/Manuscript
- Required ISEF/DepEd forms
- Documentation of the research process
- Data Logbook (Journal)
- Results and data
- References
- Other documents required by the Scientific Review Committee

*(Please refer to the ISEF guidelines)*

#### **E. Research Presentation**

Each participant/team shall:

1. Present the research problem and rationale.
2. Explain the research objectives/questions.
3. Discuss the methodology.
4. Present and interpret the results.
5. Explain the conclusions.
6. Discuss recommendations and possible applications.



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7. The presentation should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.
8. Answer and inquiries should not exceed 5 minutes.

### G. Awards

Awards may be given for:

- Champion/Rank 1
- First Runner-Up/Rank 2
- Third Place
- Best Research Presentation
- Best Poster/Display, if applicable

(Only the required **Rank 1 and Rank 2 winners** whose entries have been approved by the Scientific Review Committee shall qualify as official RSTF participants).

## IV. GUIDELINES FOR STEM INNOVATION EXPO

### A. Description

The **STEM Innovation Expo** is a STEM innovation competition designed to recognize creative and market-viable projects addressing significant real-world issues.

The Regional Memorandum identifies the following areas of concern:

- Food safety
- Water conservation
- Renewable energy
- Cybersecurity
- Road safety
- Health
- Disaster mitigation
- Agriculture
- Environment



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### **B. Participants**

- Individual – 1 learner
- Team – maximum of 3 learners

### **C. Project Requirements**

The innovation should:

1. Address an identified problem or need.
2. Demonstrate originality or meaningful improvement.
3. Have a clear scientific/technological basis.
4. Provide evidence that the proposed solution works.
5. Have potential practical or community application.
6. Demonstrate feasibility and sustainability.
7. Observe safety and ethical requirements.

### **D. Required Presentation**

Participants shall prepare:

- Innovation prototype/product
- Project description
- Problem statement
- Proposed solution
- Materials/components
- Process/design
- Testing and results
- Cost considerations
- Target users/beneficiaries
- Potential market/community application
- The presentation should be a minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes.



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- Answer and inquiries should not exceed 5 minutes.

#### **F. Exhibit**

Each entry shall have:

- Prototype/product
- Project title
- Problem addressed
- Description of innovation
- Key features
- Benefits
- Application
- Researchers/inventors
- School information

### **V. GUIDELINES FOR AGHAM BAYANIHAN**

#### **A. Description**

**Agham Bayanihan** is a public community exhibition showcasing innovative products, technologies, and services of STEM research and innovation partners for different sectors of the community.

#### **B. Possible Exhibitors**

The exhibition may involve:



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- Schools
- Government agencies
- Research institutions
- Industries
- STEM organizations
- Community organizations
- Technology partners
- Local entrepreneurs

### **C. Exhibit Requirements**

Each exhibitor shall provide:

1. Organization/product name
2. Description of the innovation
3. Problem addressed
4. Target beneficiaries
5. Demonstration/product display
6. Benefits to the community
7. Contact information
8. Appropriate visual materials

### **D. Exhibit Guidelines**

1. Exhibits must be relevant to STEM.
2. Products must be safe for public viewing and demonstration.
3. Exhibitors must provide their own materials and equipment unless otherwise provided.
4. No hazardous demonstration shall be conducted without proper authorization and safety measures.
5. Exhibitors shall maintain cleanliness and order in their assigned areas.



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6. Promotional activities must remain educational and appropriate to the objectives of the STF.

## VII. GUIDELINES FOR ON-THE-SPOT POSTER MAKING CONTEST

### A. Description

The **On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest** is a **two-hour competition** that allows learners to express ideas visually while engaging with real-world problems. It emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, and innovation.

### B. Participants

- Maximum of 3 learners per School.
- Participant must be officially endorsed by the teacher-coach.

### C. Mechanics

1. The official contest theme/topic shall be announced immediately before the competition.
2. Participants shall bring only the materials permitted by the contest committee.
3. The illustration board/paper shall be provided by the organizers, if applicable.
4. The artwork must be created **on-site**.
5. No pre-drawn artwork, printed images, tracing materials, templates, or electronic devices shall be allowed unless specifically permitted.
6. The allotted time shall be **two (2) hours**, consistent with the Regional Memorandum.
7. Participants shall submit their finished work before the official end of the competition.
8. Late submissions shall be subject to the decision of the contest committee.



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#### **D. Suggested Materials**

Participants may bring:

- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- ½ size illustration board
- Any coloring media (acrylic colors, oil pastels, watercolors, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, etc.)

### **VIII. GUIDELINES FOR DIVISION SHOUTOUT**

#### **A. Description**

The **Division Shoutout** is a short public expression of greeting, celebration, and acknowledgment by each division for its RSTF participants. It shall be presented after the division's **30-second video presentation**.

#### **B. Video Presentation**

Each Grade Level shall prepare a **30-second video** featuring:

- School identity
- Participants
- STEM/research achievements
- Encouraging message

#### **C. Suggested Video Content**

The video may contain:



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**“Greetings from [Division]! We proudly present our young scientists, innovators, and researchers who are ready to discover, create, and innovate for a better future!”**

**D. Shoutout Presentation**

Immediately after the video, the participants may give a brief live shoutout.

Suggested duration:

**30–60 seconds**

**IX. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL CONTESTS**

**1. Registration**

All participants shall be officially registered and endorsed by their respective coaches/research advisers.

**2. Official Participants**

For the Regional Science and Technology Fair, the official participants shall be the **Rank 1 and Rank 2 Winners** in each applicable category whose entries have been approved by the SRC. **Substitutes are not allowed.**

**3. Research Integrity**

Participants shall observe:

- Academic honesty
- Proper citation
- Ethical research practices
- Originality
- Proper acknowledgment of assistance
- Appropriate use of data



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#### 4. Safety

All participants shall observe laboratory, equipment, electrical, biological, chemical, and general event safety procedures.

#### 5. Plagiarism and Misrepresentation

Any participant found to have:

- copied another researcher's work,
- falsified data,
- fabricated results,
- misrepresented authorship,
- submitted substantially copied work, or
- violated required research ethics, may be disqualified upon review by the appropriate committee.

#### 6. Decision of Judges

The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final, subject to the rules and procedures established by the organizing committee.

#### 7. Tie-Breaking

In case of a tie, the committee shall use the **highest-priority criterion** identified in the official scoring sheet as the first tiebreaker, followed by the succeeding criteria as necessary.

#### 8. Documentation

All contest results shall be documented through:

- Official score sheets
- Tabulation sheets
- Judges' signatures
- Certificates



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- Photographs/documentation
- Official ranking sheets

### Poster Design Guidelines

#### Dimensions and Spatial Limits

- **Poster Size:** 72" width x 36" height, landscape with four (4) columns  
*(Please see lay out below)*
- Follow color code for poster (no designs or pictures of researchers)
  - *Life Science (green)*
  - *Physical Science (red)*
  - *Robotics and Intelligent Machines (blue)*
  - *Mathematics and Computational Science (yellow)*

|                                                  |                 |                |                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| TITLE/NAME OF RESEARCHER/S                       |                 |                |                                  |
| ABSTRACT/PROJECT OVERVIEW                        |                 |                |                                  |
| INTRODUCTION/<br>RATIONALE/RESEARCH<br>QUESTIONS | METHODS/RESULTS | RESULTS        | DISCUSSIONS                      |
| METHODS                                          |                 |                | CONCLUSION AND<br>RECOMMENDATION |
| REFERENCES                                       |                 | ACKNOWLEDGMENT |                                  |



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## INNOVATION EXPO POSTER

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Poster size: 36" x 48" landscape

### Standard Poster Layout & Sections

- **Header Banner:** Project title (large, bold), team member names, organization/school logo, and contact info.
- **1. Problem Statement & Objectives:** Background of the issue, current market gaps, and the specific goals of your project.
- **2. The Innovation & Design:** Detailed description of your unique solution, core features, and architectural design or system layout.
- **3. Methodology & Technical Specifications:** Materials used, software or hardware stacks, development steps, and engineering constraints.
- **4. Testing, Results & Data:** Charts, graphs, or performance metrics proving the prototype works under experimental conditions.
- **5. Impact, Scalability & Future Work:** Target users, environmental or social benefits, commercial potential, and next steps for development.
- **Footnote:** Concise list of key literature references and any funding acknowledgments.

### Visual Design Rules

- **60/40 Visual Ratio:** Devote 60% of the poster space to high-quality visuals (diagrams, photos, charts) and only 40% to text.
- **Font Hierarchy:** Title at 72–85pt, section headings at 36–40pt, body text at 24pt, and captions at 18pt.
- **San-Serif Typography:** Use highly readable fonts like Arial, Helvetica, or Calibri.
- **Consistent Color Palette:** Restrict the design to 2 or 3 primary colors, preferably matching your institution or brand.
- **Bullet Points Over Paragraphs:** Break down explanatory text into short, single-sentence fragments for rapid scanning.



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