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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. **999** - , s. 2025

**2025 REGIONAL SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND
MATHEMATICS FAIR (RSTMF)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division and in coordination with Maasin City Division as the host, announces the conduct of the 2025 RSTMF, dubbed as *PaSCIdungog han MATHkarit*, with the theme "Harnessing the Unknown: Powering the Future Through Science and Innovation," on **October 27-30, 2025**, in Maasin City, Southern Leyte.
2. The RSTMF is aligned to the Department's commitment to honing the learners' scientific and research skills. This year's fair envisions the participating learners to continue to come up with innovative solutions to promote environmental well-being. The event encourages forward-thinking and collaborative efforts to explore practical approaches to address global challenges, underscoring the importance of shared responsibility and actionable steps in achieving long-term, sustainable goals.
3. The RSTMF aims to:
 - a) promote and strengthen Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) consciousness and a culture of innovation among the youth;
 - b) develop learners' essential research skills for academic success and future academic and career pursuits; and
 - c) identify the most creative and innovative student researchers from the Junior and Senior High Schools who shall represent the region in the national Science - Mathematics research fairs.
4. The official participants from each delegation shall only be the Rank 1 Winners in each of the different categories whose entries have been approved by the Regional Level Scientific Review Committee (SRC). Substitutes shall not be allowed once the Division Indorsement of participants has been submitted. The description and number of Official participants and other Party members are attached herewith.
5. The guidelines, standards, parameters, and process stipulated in the SSTF, DSTF, RSTF, and NSTF Handbook shall guide student researchers, teachers, school heads, Division and Regional Math and Science Supervisors, Chief Education Program Supervisors, and Schools Division Superintendents in implementing and

organizing Science and Technology Fairs. The other contextualized guidelines are attached herewith.

6. The Division Level Math and Science Supervisors or assigned Focal Persons under the Curriculum Implementation Division shall lead the conduct of the school and division levels Science and Technology Fair. Each lead is empowered to come up with an implementation mechanism to ensure no disruption of classes for the participating schools across all levels of STF.

7. The Schools Division Superintendents must ascertain that classes left by the teacher-participants are taken over by substitute teachers, merged with other classes, or given alternative instructions or delivery modalities so that the learners still avail of the full benefit of classroom instruction.

8. The Division STF Coordinators are to submit on or before **October 17, 2025**, 5:00 pm, through the division Google Drive or OneDrive sharing to **clmd.region8@deped.gov.ph** and **ryan.tiu@deped.gov.ph**, the files listed below. Failure to submit the complete report, documents, and projects on time shall be subject to disqualification.

- a) Endorsement by the Schools Division Superintendent (*scanned copy*)
- b) Official List of Participants (*in MS Excel format and following the format template in the NSTF Handbook*)
- c) End of Activity Report for the Division STMF
- d) Shoutout video
- e) Manuscripts and Forms (*arranged by folder per category*)

9. The hard copy of the manuscripts and Forms (in 3 copies, color-coded and soft-bound), Learner Media Release Consent Form, Parent Consent Form, and Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) Form will be submitted on October 27, 2025, at the Registration Area in the RSTMF venue.

10. A registration fee of **Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00)** shall be collected from each Division charged against local funds and/or division/school MOOE, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. This fee will cover expenses for the contest materials, certificates, medals and trophies, venue and equipment rental, board and lodging of the SRC, Board of Judges (BOJ), and the Technical Working Group (TWG), and other expenses incurred relative to the conduct of RSTMF. Registration shall be done in coordination with SDO Maasin City.

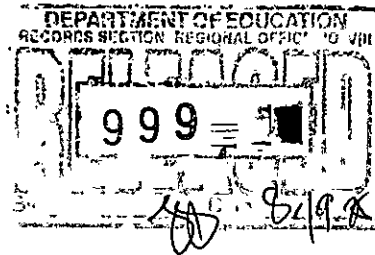
11. The participants in the STF activities who travel or render services on days that fall on weekends and holidays can avail of the service credit, CTO, or COC equivalent to eight hours of service per day, whichever is applicable per DepEd Order No. 67, s. 1988 and CSC Memo Circular No. 09, s. 1988.

12. All participants billeted in the schools are advised to bring their own sleeping gear, beddings, and toiletries, and must ensure the cleanliness and orderliness of the area thereafter. Since the registration fee does not cover the meals of the delegations, they are advised to take care of their own food provisions and may seek assistance from the Host Division through the assigned contact persons.

13. Travel and other incidental expenses incurred by the participants shall be charged against their respective local funds or other available sources, while the honorarium for the non-DepEd Board of Judges members shall be taken from the DepEd RO8 Fund, and for other RSTMF-related expenses from the STF subsidy BEC Program Support Fund of One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 100,000.00), which shall be further downloaded to the host division, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

14. For more information, all concerned may contact Ryan R. Tiu, EPS, or Glendale B. Lamiseria, EPS at the clmd.region8@deped.gov.ph.

15. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



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Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

FAIR

MATHEMATICS

SCIENCE

TECHNOLOGY

CLMD-RRT

Enclosure No. 1 to the Regional Memorandum No. 999 s. 2025

Official Participants to the 2025 RSTMF

- I. Learner-Participants. The description and maximum number of official participants are the following:

Maximum Number of Learner-Participants per Division and EVRSHS	
Life Science Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	max of 3
Physical Science Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	max of 3
Robotics and Intelligent Machines Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	max of 3
Mathematics and Computational Science Category (4)	
Individual	1
Team	max of 3
STEM Innovation Expo (4)	
Individual	1
Team	max of 3
TOTAL	Max 20

- II. Division Official Party. The description and maximum number of other official participants are the following:

Maximum Number of Other Official Party per Division	
Schools Division Superintendent	1
Chief Education Program Supervisor - CID	1
Division EPS – Science (<i>as RTWG Member</i>)	1
Division EPS – Math (<i>as RTWG Member</i>)	1
Division STF Coordinator / In-Charge	1
Adult Observers	2
Research Advisers or Coaches	10

- III. Regional Official Party

Maximum Number of Official Party	
Regional Director	1
Assistant Regional Director	1
Chief Education Program Supervisor - CLMD	1
Regional Technical Working Group & Secretariat	18

- IV. Regional Scientific Review Committee and Board of Judges - 15

Enclosure No. 2 to the Regional Memorandum No. 999 s. 2025

Regional Management Team (RMT)

- Chairman: Ronelo Al K. Firmo, CESO IV – Assistant Regional Director,
OIC-ORD
- Vice-Chairman: Gertrudes C. Mabutin – OIC-Chief, CLMD
- Members:
- Ryan R. Tiu – EPS, CLMD
 - Glendale B. Lamiseria - EPS, CLMD
 - Mrs. Fe Gerona - Chief Accountant
 - Dandy G. Acuin - EPS, CLMD
 - Ernani S. Fernandez, Jr. - EPS, CLMD
 - Margie S. Balledo - EPS, CLMD
 - Dean Ric Endriano - EPS, CLMD
 - Amenia C. Aspa - EPS, CLMD
 - Nova P. Jorge - EPS, CLMD
 - Alfredo Café - EPS, CLMD
 - Joy B. Bihag – EPS, CLMD
 - Annamarie C. Tolibas - Librarian, CLMD
 - Edward Fumar - COS, CLMD
 - Peter Kim D. Ti-in – AdAs, CLMD
 - Jasmin F. Calzita - PAU
 - Floramay Bacus – PAU
 - Jim Albert Lagado - ITO

Technical Working Groups

Registration Committee

- Host Division TWG
- Regional Management Team (RMT)
 - CLMD and Host CID Chiefs
 - CLMD and Host CID Science and Math EPSs
 - other RMTs
- Each Division Coordinator or in-charge

Science Congress and Poster Exhibit Committee

Chairman: Ryan R. Tiu
 Co-Chair: Glendale B. Lamiseria
 Members: CLMD EPSs and Division Science and Math EPSs

CATEGORY	MEMBERS
Life Science	Nova P. Jorge, Carmen Lim, Gina Palines, Luteshane Gutierrez, Gina Diloy, Miguel Dumas
Physical Science	Dean Ric Endriano, Joy Saldana, Aurora Amboy, Bruna Epiz, Hazel Maraviles, Robert Guira
Robotics & Intelligent Machines	Joy Bihag, Abel Dayandayan, Nelida Lobos, Arnulfo Banzon, Joshua Sherwin Lim, Santiago Fabula, Jr.



Mathematics and Computational Science	Glendale Lamiseria, Charity Nogra, JP Lazaro, Zaldy Tabugoca, Beth Catherine Dongon, Edgar Calvadores
Science Innovation Expo	Ernani Fernandez, Rhea Coles, Socorro Ausa, Wilson Aureo, Emily Adarayan, Rommel Tan, Allan Rosello

Logistics, Welfare, and Venue Committee

- Host Division
- RMT & TWG

Program and Documentation Committee

- Host Division
- RMT
 - Margie S. Balleo
 - Annamarie C. Tolibas
 - Jasmin F. Calzita
 - Floramay Bacus

Awards and Certificates Committee

- Host Division
- RMT
 - Amenia Aspa
 - Annamarie C. Tolibas

Results and Documents Committee

- Host Division
- RMT
 - Ryan R. Tiu
 - Glendale B. Lamiseria
 - Ernani Fernandez Jr.
 - Jim Albert Lagado

Secretariat

- Host Division
- RMT
 - Amenia Aspa
 - Floramay Bacus
 - Peter Kim Ti-In

Special Committees of Host Division

- ❖ Invitation & Communication
- ❖ Accommodation
- ❖ Opening and Closing Program
- ❖ Protocol
- ❖ Contest Venues
- ❖ Physical Facilities/Arrangement
- ❖ Security and Disaster Mgt.
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Food and Catering
- ❖ Finance Procurement
- ❖ Health Safety & Sanitation

Enclosure No. 3 to the Regional Memorandum No. 999 s. 2025

Program of Activities

Date: October 27-30, 2025

DAY	ACTIVITY*
Day 0	AM: RMT & TWG Meeting and Preparations Registration, Setting up of Poster Displays PM: Practice Presentation
Day 1	AM: Opening Program Poster Exhibit PM: STEM Congress Proper (TUKLAS & SIE Individual)
Day 2	AM: STEM Congress Proper (TUKLAS & SIE Team) PM: STEM Congress (Continuation, if any), BOJ Final Deliberation
Day 3	Congress Continuation Closing and Awarding Ceremony Post Activity Meeting

**Activities' schedule is subject to change. Participants are advised to keep posted for announcements of adjustments.*

**Delegations from distant locations are advised to travel before Day 0 to the venue*

RSTMF Contextualized Guidelines

The following are the contextualized guidelines on the conduct of RSTMF. All other related provisions in the STF Handbook that are inconsistent with these contextualized guidelines are modified accordingly.

1. The Eastern Visayas Regional Science High Schools (EVRSHS) is expected to join the regional fair directly and as a separate delegation from SDO Catbalogan City. However, they are part of the Division's registration fee and must be endorsed separately by SDO Catbalogan City.
2. All divisions must ensure that a study/investigatory project is submitted as entry to ONE category ONLY. In case a project was submitted to two or more categories, it will be disqualified from participating in all categories.
3. In case the Division 1st Placer cannot participate in the RSTMF, the Second and Third ranks must be prioritized as replacements, following the rank sequence. This must be done before the submission of the indorsement of the Division Official List of Participants.
4. The Shoutout video must be simultaneously played during the live performance of the learner-delegates in the Opening Program.
5. All projects must be a complete study and not a proposal. Product-based projects are highly encouraged.

6. The final products from the RIM and SIE categories are highly encouraged to be brought and presented during the Congress proper. In case of logistic challenges, a video presentation of the product can be utilized.
7. The code for the STEM Innovation Expo is **SIE**, and the color code is **white for Team** and **black for Individual** categories.
8. The poster exhibit shall use photo or sticker paper in tarp style. If this is not available, other papers such as illustration board, cartolina, manila paper, or recycled paper can be utilized. This must be sturdy and lightweight, considering that it will be clipped on a wire/string for exhibit.
9. The size of the **poster display** is **36 by 67 inches** for all categories, with a 1-inch allowance for both length and width.
10. Failure to follow the set guidelines, including correct entries in the forms, the size of the poster, and the time allotment for Shoutout and presentation, is subject to point deductions. The deduction to the participants' final rating will be based on the agreement and decision of the Board of Judges.
11. The special awards will include the Best in Shoutout, Best Poster, and Best Presenter.
12. The following are the criteria for judging:
 - a) Best Project: Tuklas
 - Creative Ability – 30%
 - Scientific Thought – 30%
 - Thoroughness – 15%
 - Skill – 15%
 - Clarity – 10%
 - b) Best Project: Innovation Expo
 - Originality and Creativity – 25%
 - Community Connection & Impact – 20%
 - Market Attractiveness – 15%
 - Functionality and Technology Validation – 25%
 - Presentation and Product Presentation – 15%
 - c) Best Shoutout
 - Composition/Originality – 35%
 - Relevance to the Theme – 35%
 - Delivery/Creativity – 30%
 - d) Best Poster
 - Visual Impact and Clarity - 40%
 - Content Quality and Relevance - 40%
 - Originality and Engagement - 20%
 - e) Best Presenter
 - Clarity and Communication - 40%
 - Engagement and Passion - 30%
 - Content Knowledge - 20%
 - Q&A Handling and Time Management - 10%
13. The Overall Division Winners will be identified through the consolidated rank system from all categories.

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Terms of Reference

Registration Committee

- Ensures the smooth and systematic enlistment of participants, advisers, and guests
- Provides basic information to the participants, such as billeting areas, contest and activity venues, & other pertinent information of the place
- Ensures the accuracy, completeness, and timely distribution of IDs and other relevant materials (if any) to be given during the registration
- Ensures that all participants have signed the Attendance Sheets from Day 0 to Day 3
- Coordinates with the program lead to provide a complete and exact registered number of participants
- Ensures distribution of the Certificate of Appearance at the end of the entire activity

Science Congress and Poster Exhibit Committee

- Quality assures the compliance of the displays with the guidelines
- Checks and provides corrections on the poster display (size, content, and other standards)
- Arranges and assigns areas for the poster display of each entry
- Checks and corrects (if any) codes assigned per manuscript/presenter
- Ensures that judges, finalists, and observers are in the congress venue
- Ensures that all participants in the room adhere to the house rules
- Facilitates the presenters' use of LCD projector or gadget(s) for presentation
- Keeps time on task and adheres to the schedule
- Provides scoresheet and other needed materials to the BOJ
- Traffics the flow of the presenters from the holding to the presentation area
- Helps tabulate the scores of all judges, if needed
- Secures all scoresheets and manuscripts after the congress and submits them to the Records and Documentation Committee
- Observe CLAYGO policy (clean as you go)
- Coordinates with Welfare Committee for the billeting and transportation concerns of the BOJs to/from venue & hotel

Logistics, Welfare, and Venue Committee

- Ensures that contest-proper hall/rooms and holding areas/rooms are prepared for the activity
- Labels all rooms and areas used for the activity
- Designs the setup of the plenary hall and poster exhibit area
- Ensures that all needed facilities, such as but not limited to chairs, tables, LCDs, sound systems, signage, etc., are available and functioning well
- Makes arrangements for the room assignment (accommodation) of the judges, management team, TWG, and guests
- Makes arrangements for the provision of land services needed in the activity
- Arranges the meals for the whole duration of the activity
- Coordinates with the program committee on the schedule of meals
- Ensures that all breakout rooms are provided with meals
- Ensures that meal stubs (if needed) are provided

Program and Documentation Committee

- Ensures an organized and well-executed program flow (practice to actual opening and closing programs)
- Prepares invitations and letters for the guests, VIPs, and delegates
- Ensures that the contests' schedule is being followed
- Coordinates with other committees regarding the schedule of events, meals, and other program arrangements
- Ensures that emcee(s) is/are ready
- Arranges the flow of the program accordingly
- Ensures that all AVPs (shoutout, introduction, house rules) are prepared for the activity

Awards and Certificates Committee

- Ensure the accuracy, adequacy, and availability of all medals, trophies, and tokens
- Ensures that all certificates are printed out
- Creates the slide decks/presentation of results
- Coordinates closely with the Program Committee regarding the distribution of awards and the needed ushers and usherettes
- Safeguards the unclaimed medals or trophies
- Ensures that extra medals, trophies, and tokens are available in case the need for replacement arises
- Ensures that Certificate of Recognition is available and properly distributed

Results and Documents Committee

- Keeps complete records of the names of participants on the results of the contest.
- Reviews, tabulates, and consolidates the results for each contest submitted by the board of judges.
- Ensures that all results are exactly computed, reflecting some deductions, if applicable.
- Announces the results of the contests
- Coordinates with Awards Comm. for the giving of awards

Secretariat

- Serves as the Information Desk as needed for the whole duration of the activity
- Compiles all documents (registration sheets, attendance, and other papers from the participants, and BOJs)
- Serves as a runner as the need arises
- Ushers participants to the venue and their proper seating arrangement
- Prints all necessary documents (judges' forms, evaluation forms, attendance sheets, programs, etc.)
- Ensures that the materials needed by the Management Team are prepared
- Shall prepare all certificates needed in the activity (appearance, participation, and recognition)