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MEMORANDUM

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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA** *cyf*
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **NATIONWIDE POSTER-MAKING CONTEST IN CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT**

DATE : January 9, 2026

This pertains to the letter from Atty. Camille Sue Mae L. Ting, Spokesperson of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, dated November 19, 2025, regarding the conduct of a Nationwide Poster-Making Contest in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Supreme Court, with the theme “Imagine a Just World.”

This initiative is open to all elementary school learners nationwide, and it aims to promote civic awareness and a deeper appreciation for the rule of law among the youth by encouraging learners to artistically interpret the Judiciary’s role in promoting justice, equality, and community well-being.

Contest Guidelines:

Eligibility	Open to all enrolled ELEMENTARY SCHOOL learners.
Contest Timeline	January 2026 – Launch of contest; dissemination of guidelines to schools nationwide February 28, 2026 – Deadline for submission of entries March 2026 – Initial screening of entries April 2026 – Announcement of the Top 20 Finalists May 2026 – Final Presentation and Judging at the Supreme Court June 2026 – Poster Exhibit and Awarding Ceremony
Poster Specifications	a. Size and Orientation Must be 10”x15” , in portrait or landscape orientation b. Medium/Material 1. Traditional 2. Digital Note: Top 20 finalists will be required to submit a high-resolution version of their posters, with the following specifications:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RAW File and PDF File - 300 dots per inch (DPI) for a full size 10"x15" poster - 3000 x 4500 pixel resolution <p>3. Mixed media</p> <p>4. Prohibitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Photographs, images, or graphics generated through artificial intelligence (AI) b. Use of stock images or other elements not personally created c. Collages or pasted materials d. Framed or mounted works outside the prescribed size and format <p>c. Originality Requirement; No Identifying Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The poster must be learner's original work and created specifically for the contest. - No name, school logo, or any identifying remark should appear on the front of the poster. <p>d. Entry Limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ONLY ONE (1) ENTRY PER SCHOOL is allowed.
Submission Guidelines	<p>a. Submissions will be made through online platform, which will be announced at the soonest possible time by the Supreme Court. Submission of entries will begin via the online platform beginning the third week of January 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To submit an entry, learners – with the help of their parent, guardian, or teacher – must create an account and register on the platform. <p>b. Participation in the contest requires the consent of a parent or guardian and certification by a teacher or school administrator. These will be given online through the submission platform by simply clicking "I confirm" or "I agree". For verification purposes, applicants will be required to upload photos of the relevant identification cards.</p> <p>c. Each poster must have a title and a short description (not exceeding 100 words) to explain how the artwork relates to the theme. These will be entered in the online submission platform as well.</p> <p>d. These guidelines, together with other announcements and relevant information on the submission mechanics, will be made available through the QR code in the next page. Participants are encouraged to check the QR code regularly and to follow the Supreme Court's official social media pages for updates and announcements related to the contest.</p>



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SC Poster Making Contest

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxrsmht>

e. Deadline

- All entries must be received by **February 28, 2026**. Late submissions will **not** be accepted.

f. Announcement of Finalists

- The Top 20 finalists will be invited to the Supreme Court to present their works before a panel of judges. Their entries will also be included in an **exhibit and commemorative coloring book**.
- Finalists who fail to preserve their original work may be disqualified.
- Finalists with **digital media entries** must bring **printed copies** of their posters on **photo paper**, following the prescribed size specifications, for presentation to the panel of judges.

Judging Criteria	Craftmanship and Artistry (20%) Impact (20%) Innovation and Creativity (40%) Relevance to the Theme (20%)
Prizes	The Top 20 finalists will be featured in a special exhibit at the Supreme Court and in a commemorative coloring book. Awardees will receive the following cash prizes: First Prize – Php 125,000.00 Second Prize – Php 75,000.00 Third Prize – Php 40,000.00 Special Prizes (12 pax) – Php 10,000.00 All winners will be formally recognized during an Awarding Ceremony at the Supreme Court.



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Ownership and Rights	<p>The Top 20 finalists and their guardians agree that the Supreme Court shall have ownership, and shall be granted full, exclusive, royalty-free rights to use, adapt, publish, and reproduce the poster in any form, without any compensation to the learner. The Top 20 entries shall remain in the custody of the Supreme Court and shall form part of its permanent collection.</p> <p>Participants whose entries are not selected as part of the Top 20 finalists shall retain full rights and ownership over their entries.</p> <p>Participants shall execute an Undertaking on Ownership and Rights, signed by the learner and one (1) parent/guardian.</p>
Other Provisions	<p>a. Disqualification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entries that do not meet the contest theme, specifications, or submission guidelines - Entries that are plagiarized, copied, AI-generated, or not created by the learner <p>b. Finality of Decisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The decisions of the panel of judges are final and irrevocable <p>c. Costs of Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All expenses related to the creation and submission of entries (e.g., art materials) shall be shouldered by the participants. However, printing of digital posters that will be selected as part of the Top 20 finalists shall be done by the Supreme Court. - Travelling Expenses of the Top 20 finalists (accompanied by their parent/guardian and teacher) shall be charged to local funds, subject to all relevant rules and regulations of the Department of Education. <p>d. No Entry Fee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in the contest is free of charge. <p>e. Reservation of Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Supreme Court reserves the right to modify the contest guidelines, timeline, and mechanics as necessary, with prior notice to participants.

In view of the foregoing, the Department of Education enjoins all Regional Offices, Schools Division Offices, and public and private schools to actively disseminate this information, through print and online platforms, within their respective jurisdictions.

For further details on the competition, kindly see attached files.

For your reference and immediate action.

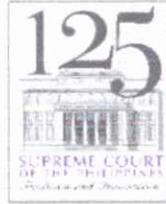


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**SUPREME COURT OF THE PHILIPPINES
125th Anniversary
Nationwide Poster-Making Contest for Children**

**CONTEST GUIDELINES
ADDENDUM
February 25, 2026**

This Addendum is issued to reflect revisions to the Contest Guidelines.

1. TITLE REVISION

The title of the contest is hereby revised from:

“Poster-Making Contest for Elementary School Students”

to:

“Poster-Making Contest for Children.”

2. AGE CATEGORIES

To promote fairness and provide equal opportunity among participants of varying developmental stages, the contest shall now be divided into two (2) age-based categories:

- a) Below 10 years old
- b) 10–15 years old

Each category shall be judged separately and shall have its own set of finalists and winners.

3. ADDITIONAL PRIZES

In view of the creation of an additional age category, a corresponding second set of prizes shall be awarded by the Supreme Court.



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Each category shall have the following prizes:

First Prize	PHP 125,000.00
Second Prize	PHP 75,000.00
Third Prize	PHP 40,000.00
Special Prizes (12 recipients)	PHP 10,000.00

4. ONE ENTRY PER SCHOOL

The rule of one (1) entry per school remains applicable to enrolled contestants. Schools may designate only one (1) official representative to submit an entry on their behalf.

All other provisions of the Contest Guidelines not inconsistent with this Addendum shall remain unchanged.

5. DEADLINE EXTENSION AND REVISED TIMELINE

To accommodate the recent revisions and allow sufficient time for participants to submit their entries, the submission deadline is extended to **March 31, 2026**.

The revised timeline of activities is as follows:

March 31, 2026	Deadline of Submissions
April 2026	Judging Period
May 2026	Announcement of Top 20 Finalists
June 2026	Presentations at the Supreme Court
July 2026	Poster Exhibit and Awarding Ceremony