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2026 CAPTURE THE HEART IN HEALTH RESEARCH PHOTO ESSAY CONTEST

Attached is a letter from DOST-PCHRD announcing the conduct of the 2026 Capture the Heart in Health Research Photo Essay Contest. An annual initiative of the DOST-PCHRD invites researchers, partners, and the public to showcase compassion, collaboration, and commitment through powerful visual storytelling.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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[Get a chance to win cash prizes] 2026 Capture the Heart in Health Research Photo Essay Contest

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Magandang araw, ka-agham!

Send us your photo essay and get a chance to win cash prizes while telling a story with the theme *Heart for the Filipino*.

The 2026 Capture the Heart in Health Research Photo Essay Contest, an annual initiative of the DOST-PCHRD, invites researchers, partners, and the public to showcase compassion, collaboration, and commitment through powerful visual storytelling.

Submit your entries and get a chance to **win cash prizes!**



*Special awards of **₱1,500 each** will be given for the People's Choice and the DOST-PCHR Executive Director's Choice Award.

Participants may join



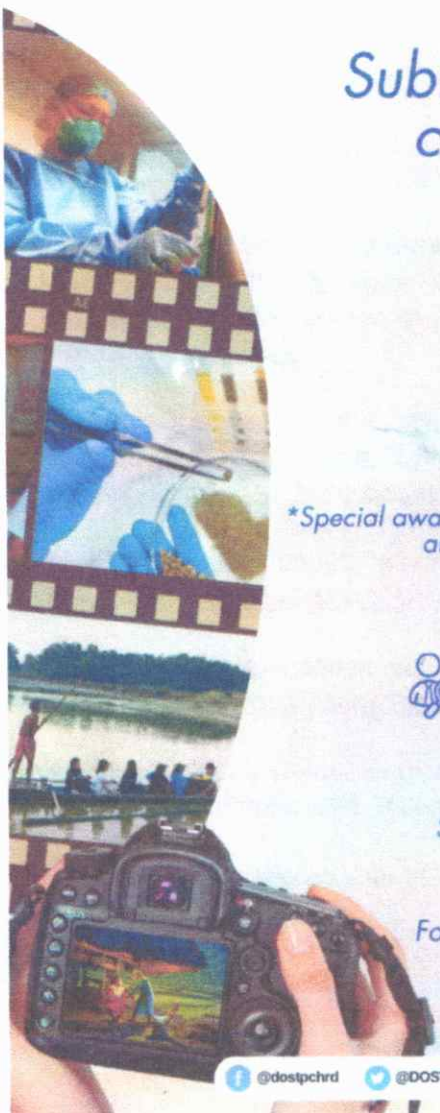
Category 1: DOST-PCHR supported projects



Category 2: General Public (18+)

Submit your entries at ricud-comm@pchr.dost.gov.ph until **20 February 2026**.

For the full contest guidelines and mechanics, visit: bit.ly/2026PhotoEssayContest or scan the QR code.



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Full Guidelines and Mechanics

Participants/Projects may join **one (1) category** only:

Category 1: DOST-PCHR-Supported Projects (2018–2025)

Open to project leaders and members of DOST-PCHR-supported research projects (ongoing or completed).

Entries may feature:

1. Fieldwork, laboratory work, or community engagement
2. Research-driven interventions and capacity-building initiatives
3. Collaboration among institutions and stakeholder
4. The impact of HeaRT on Filipino communities

Category 2: General Public – HeaRT in Everyday Life

Open to members of the general public aged 18 and above.

Entries may highlight:

1. Everyday moments where health research and technology improve well-being
2. Stories of Filipinos benefiting from research outcomes
3. Care, resilience, and community empowerment through science

Previous winners may join again, but winning photos from past years may not be resubmitted. All entries must be new and original. Participation is free of charge.

What to submit? Each entry must include:

1. A photo essay with 3–5 original photos
2. A written essay (350–500 words) that weaves the images into a cohesive story aligned with the theme

Submission of entries is open until **20 February 2026, 5:00 p.m.**, and entries should be sent via email to ricud-comm@pchrd.dost.gov.ph with the subject line formatted as **Category Number – Photo Essay Title** (e.g., Category 1 – Heart for the Filipino).

For more information about the contest and its full guidelines and mechanics, please visit: bit.ly/2026PhotoEssayContest or click the button below.

For questions or clarifications, you may contact our staff, **Ms. Allyn Villahermosa**, via email at avillahermosa@pchrd.gov.ph or through Viber at 0977-635-9035.

Through your lens and your story, help us show how research, innovation, and compassion come together for the health of every Filipino.

We look forward to seeing your stories.

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