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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **109**, s. 2026

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE CONDUCT OF THE
2026 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 29, s. 2026, entitled "*Updates on the Conduct of the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT)*," this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), hereby issues additional information to further supplement and strengthen the provisions stipulated in the aforementioned Memorandum.
2. It is hereby emphasized that the contests featured in the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) shall not automatically correspond to those included in the National Festival of Talents (NFOT). Selected contests, such as *Lingos Stars* and *Special Needs Education (SNE)*, will be integrated into other categories at the national level to ensure proper alignment, inclusivity, and coherence in the overall conduct of the NFOT. In essence, the RFOT provides a wider platform for talent expression at the regional level, while the NFOT consolidates and integrates contests to reflect national priorities. This approach underscores the Department's commitment to inclusivity, fairness, and excellence in showcasing the talents of Filipino learners.
3. The SDOs through the Division Festival of Talents coordinators are advised to convene the parents of learner-participants together with their coaches to clarify that the contests featured in the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) will not automatically correspond to those in the National Festival of Talents (NFOT), as selected contests shall be integrated into other categories at the national level to guarantee consistency, inclusiveness, and systematic implementation in its conduct.
4. The winning divisions in the 2026 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) shall be responsible for selecting and engaging the identified winners from the Special Needs Education (SNE) program and the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL), in accordance with the prescribed number of contestants required to represent each team. The additional coaches shall come from the schools of the participating learners. These learners shall complete the teams allotted for each contest category at the national level, thereby ensuring full representation, inclusivity, and equitable participation in the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT).

5. The contextualized contest guidelines for the 2026 RFOT may be accessed through **<https://tinyurl.com/RFOT2026ContestGuidelines>**. The official logo, list of billeting schools, activity matrix with designated contest venues, Do's and Don'ts, and the composition of the Working Committees are provided in the enclosure.
6. All other provisions on the abovementioned Memorandum that are consistent with this issuance remain in effect.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosures: Parental Consent

Reference: Memorandum No. 29, s. 2026

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

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2026 RFOT ACTIVITY MATRIX

Day 0 (February 2, 2026) 7:00AM-5:00PM Arrival and Registration of Participants at the assigned Billeting School (Note: assigned DTWG for registration should collect the proof of payment of the registration, Parent's permit, photo copy of the Travel Order of the Official Delegates, and provide the receipt of the paid registration)			
Day 1 (February 3, 2026)			
Event	Time	VENUE	HOLDING AREA
Solidarity Meeting	8:00A.M.-11:00A.M.	Sogod Gymnasium	Sogod Gymnasium
Parade *Bayle sa Kalye -Grand Dance Parade Competition	Assembly Time 2:00 P.M.-3:30 PM Start Parade 3:30 PM	Sogod Central School	
Opening Program	5:00 PM	SLSU Gymnasium	
Welcome/Governor's Night *Bayle sa Kalye-Exhibition Competition (serves as the intermission during Governor's Night)	6:00 P.M.	SLSU Gymnasium	
Day 2 (February 3, 2026)			
Sining Tanghalan: <i>Pintahusay</i>	8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. 8:00A.M-9:00A.M.- Orientation and Draw lots for the numbering of the canvases 9:00AM-5:00P.M.-painting session	Dance Studio, Sogod NHS	
Sining Tanghalan: <i>SineMunti</i> 2 days Day 1: 8:00A.M. -12:00P.M. Orientation & Script writing (240 minutes) 1:00P.M. - 5:00P.M. Shooting (240 minutes)	8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. 8:00A.M. -12:00P.M. Orientation & Script writing (240 minutes) 1:00P.M. - 5:00P.M. Shooting (240 minutes)	Computer Lab, Sogod NHS	
Sining Tanghalan: <i>Likhawitan</i> Day 1 480 minutes for songwriting and digital notation encoding	8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Day 1 480 minutes for songwriting and digital notation encoding	STAC	
Histo Pop: <i>Kasaysayan ng Pilipinas Quiz</i>	8:00 A.M. -11:00 A.M.	Liga ng mga Barangay	
Histo Pop: <i>Pop Quiz</i>	1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.	Liga ng mga Barangay	
Histo Pop: <i>Speak Up! (Impromptu)</i>	3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.	Liga ng mga Barangay	
Lingo Star: Foreign Language/ Performing Arts (NIHONGO)	8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Sogod NHS	
Lingo Star: Foreign Language/ Performing Arts (CHINESE MANDARIN)	1:00PM-5:00PM	Sogod NHS	
Lingo Star: Foreign Language/ Performing Arts (KOREAN)	8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.	Sogod NHS	
Lingo Star: Foreign Language/ Performing Arts (SPANISH)	1:00PM-5:00PM	Sogod NHS	
Technolympics: <i>Techno-Fusion (ICT/IA/AFA)</i>	8:00AM-12:00PM	Bontoc NHS	
Technolympics: <i>Bread and Pastry Production (Baking and Decorating)</i>	8:00AM-12:00PM	Bontoc NHS	
Technolympics: <i>Food Processing (Fish)- (AFA)</i>	1:00PM- 5:00PM	Bontoc NHS	
Read-A-Thon (Filipino): <i>LikhaWento</i>	8:00AM-12:00PM	Sogod NHS	
Read-A-Thon (Filipino): <i>Tahirawan</i>	1:00PM-4:00PM	Sogod NHS	
Read-A-Thon (Filipino): <i>Dokyuwento</i>	8:00AM-5:00PM	Sogod NHS	
I-SNEd <i>Bed Set-Up Challenge: Practical Skills for a Global Edge</i>	8:00AM-12:00PM	Ghrace Jhoy Technical Vocational School, Inc.	
I-SNEd <i>National IT Challenge for Learners with Disabilities</i>	1:00PM-5:00PM	Computer Laboratory, Sogod NHS	

Day 3 (February 5, 2026)		VENUE	HOLDING AREA
Event	Time		
Sining Tanghalan: SineMunti 2 days	8:00A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Editing and Rendering (240 minutes)	Computer Lab, Sogod NHS	
Day 2:			
8:00A.M. - 12:00 P.M. -Editing and Rendering (240 minutes)	1:00P.M.-3:00 P.M.- Showing and Judging (120 minutes)	SPA Dance Studio, Sogod NHS	
1:00P.M.-3:00 P.M.-Showing and Judging (120 minutes)			
Sining Tanghalan: Likhawitan 2 days	Day 2 (Morning): 8:00A.M.-12:00P.M.	STAC	
Day 2 (Morning)	240 minutes for group rehearsals		
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Day 2 (Afternoon)	Day 2 (Afternoon): 1:00P.M.-2:30P.M.		
7 minutes performance per group, including entrance and exit	7 minutes performance per group, including entrance and exit		
Read-A-Thon (English): STORY ENDERS CUP	8:00AM-12:00PM	Sogod NHS	
Read-A-Thon (English): ADVOCACY PITCH	1:00PM-5:00PM	Sogod NHS	
STEMAZING	Call-Time 7:30 A.M. Contest time 8:00AM - 5:00PM	Science Lab, Sogod NHS	
Technolympics: Office Table with storage (IA)	8:00AM-12:00AM	Bontoc NHS	
Technolympics: Technical Drafting (ICT)	8:00AM-12:00PM	Bontoc NHS	
MUSABAQAH: Harf Touch	10:00AM-12:00AM	Sogod CS	
MUSABAQAH: Qur'an Reading	1:00PM-3:00PM	Sogod CS	
MUSABAQAH: Arabic Language Spelling (Imlah)	3:00PM-5:00PM	Sogod NHS	
Day 4 (February 6, 2026)			
8:00 - 12:00 - Closing Program			
Venue: Sogod Gym			

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2026 RFOT Logo



RFOT 2026 LOGO ANATOMY

Designed by Rey G. Comabig

The RFOT 2026 logo features dynamic splashes of paint emerging from the lettermark, symbolizing creative expression and artistic excellence. The thirteen popping paint forms represent the thirteen divisions of DepEd Eastern Visayas, united in talent and diversity. The letter R incorporates the DepEd Eastern Visayas logo, while the semiquaver music note forming the F signifies the varied contest areas of the Regional Festival of Talents. The O, bearing the DepEd Southern Leyte logo, and the cross-shaped T honor the host division, Southern Leyte—recognized as the Cradle of Christianity in the Philippines—reflecting strong values formation and moral grounding. The vibrant palette of yellow green, violet, fuchsia pink, yellow orange, and turquoise blue embodies growth, creativity, passion, achievement, communication, and regional unity. The year 2026 placed under the lettermark signifies a milestone celebration of excellence, inclusivity, and shared cultural pride.

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2026 RFOT BILLETING SCHOOLS

DIVISION	ASSIGNED BILLETING SCHOOLS
Baybay City	Tigbao Elementary School
Biliran	Sogod Central School
Borongan City	Nahulid Elementary School
Calbayog City	Otikon Elementary School
Catbalogan City	Sogod Central School
Eastern Samar	Sogod NHS
Leyte	St. Thomas Aquinas College
Maasin City	Tomas Oppus Central School
Northern Samar	Divisoria Elementary School/NHS/San Vicente
Ormoc City	Consolacion Elementary School
Samar	Bontoc Central School
Southern Leyte	Pandan San Miguel/ San Isidro Elementary School
Tacloban City	Bontoc NHS



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DO'S AND DON'T'S OF THE 2026 RFOT

TEACHER-COACHES			LEARNER-PARTICIPANTS			CONTEST FACILITATORS		
Roles /Responsibilities	Do's	Don't's	Roles & Responsibilities	Do's	Don't's	Roles & Responsibilities	Do's	Don't's
• Mentor and prepare learners for competitions. • Ensure discipline, safety, and welfare of participants. • Supervise learners in billeting schools and ensure proper conduct. • Act as liaison between learners and organizers.	• Do orient learners on rules, schedules, and expectations. • Do instill sportsmanship and respect for peers and judges. • Do monitor learners' health, safety, and readiness. • Do coordinate with organizers and contest facilitators for smooth participation. • Do ensure learners maintain cleanliness and discipline in billeting schools.	• Don't interfere with judges' decisions. • Don't neglect learners' welfare during competitions and in billeting schools. • Don't engage in disputes with other coaches or delegates. • Don't allow learners to violate competition rules or house rules. • Don't leave learners unsupervised in billeting schools.	• Represent their division with discipline and talent. • Follow competition rules and guidelines. • Exhibit respect and sportsmanship. • Observe proper behavior in billeting schools.	• Do arrive on time and be prepared for events. • Do respect coaches, organizers, facilitators, and fellow participants. • Do strictly follow competition rules and instructions. • Do maintain cleanliness and order in billeting schools. • Do display sportsmanship whether winning or losing.	• Don't engage in disruptive or disrespectful behavior. • Don't cheat or violate competition rules. • Don't leave the venue or billeting school without informing the coach. • Don't misuse gadgets during official activities. • Don't damage property or disregard house rules in billeting schools.	• Manage the smooth flow of contests and activities. • Ensure fairness and adherence to rules. • Provide clear instructions and guidance to participants. • Coordinate with coaches and delegates for logistics. • Monitor discipline and order during contests.	• Do ensure contests start and end on time. • Do provide clear instructions and reminders to participants. • Do uphold fairness and impartiality in contest facilitation. • Do coordinate with organizers and coaches for smooth transitions. • Do maintain order and discipline in contest venues.	• Don't show bias or favoritism in contest facilitation. • Don't delay contests unnecessarily. • Don't disregard official rules and guidelines. • Don't engage in arguments with coaches or participants. • Don't neglect monitoring responsibilities during contests.



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OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES FOR 2026 RFOT

No.	Committees	Chair	Vice-Chair	Members	Responsibilities
1	Executive Committee	Dr. Ronelo Al K. Firmo OIC-Regional Director	Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin Chief, CLMD	All regional contests' administrators	To oversee the overall planning, coordination, and implementation of the festival activities in order to give assurance that all components of the event from contest mechanics and logistics to program flow and stakeholder engagement are aligned with the Department of Education's goals and standards.
2	Contest Administration	Sining Tanghalan: Nova P. Jorge Technolympics: Emmani Fernandez HistoPop: Margie S. Balledo Read-A-Thon-English: Dean Ric M. Endriano Read-A-Thon-Philipino: Dandy G. Acuin SNEd/Abilympics: Dean Ric M. Endriano/JoyB. Bihag Lingo Stars: Amenia C. Aspa Musabaqah: Alfedo P. Café STEMazing: Ryan R. Tiw Glendale Iamiseria	Sining Tanghalan: Dr. Allan Rosello Technolympics: Victor D. Dumaguit HistoPop: Emmanuel A. Gerardo Read-A-Thon (English) Salvador A. Artigo Jr Read-A-Thon (Philipino) Hilda D. Olvinia ISNEd: Charity M. Nogra STEMazing: Charity M. Nogra Musabaqah:	All Division Contest Administrators	Coordinate Contest Logistics - Prepare contest venues, materials, and equipment in advance to assure smooth operations. - Manage registration and attendance of participants, ensuring all are properly documented. - Implement contest mechanics strictly according to the RFOT guidelines, including time limits, rules, and safety protocols. Ensure Fair and Transparent Judging - Secure qualified judges who are briefed on contest criteria and scoring rubrics. - Oversee the judging process to maintain impartiality and consistency. - Handle scoring and results accurately, ensuring they are validated before announcement. Facilitate Communication and Coordination - Conduct planning meetings with contest teams, judges, and support staff. - Serve as liaison between the organizing committee and participants to resolve issues.

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		Evangelina B. Laroa			
3.	Program, Invitation & Communication	RO: Nova P. Jorge SDO: Allan M. Rosello	RO: Margie S. Balledo	Evangelina B. Laroa Victor D. Dumaguit Morena E. Bandulo	- Show a draft copy of the program to the Regional Coordinator for approval. - Craft invitation letter for the Board of Judges, DepEd Officials, LGU, Keynote Speaker, and other guests. - Sends invitation letters to guests, judges, and other personalities. - Prepare, reproduce, and provide hard copies for the opening, mayor's right and closing programs to the guests, board of judges, and DepEd Key Official. - Oversees the entire production and ensures the event follows the planned schedule. - Makes key decision regarding the timing, transitions and overall flow. - Selects the music for the event or production - Ensures smooth transitions between segments through audio cues. - Oversees all video content, pre-recorded footage and graphics - Coordinates with the video director to ensure proper timing and content; display - Manage all stage activities on their respective sides (right or left)
4	Ground Control	SDO: Betelino V. Amigo	Lloyd C. Carbonilla	<i>IAD 2 ALS Teachers</i>	- Distribute programs and leis to guests and visitors. - Ensure that the number of personalities to be given with leis will be able to receive. - Coordinate with the program committee for Leis design. - Familiarize faces of DepEd Officials and guests - Usher visitors to their assigned seats. - Ensure courtesy and a welcoming gesture to all. - Be observant on the need of guests and visitors. - Serve for the opening, Mayor's Nigh and Closing Program
5.	Leis for Guests, Usher & Usherettes	SDO: Evangelina B. Laroa	Ruth G. Poblete	Lourdes Castil Jennibeth Amod Teresita Lolo Nelita Lotiaco Aura Aguilar Evangeline Corduiz	- Provide official information to the media through the Regional Public Assistance Officer (PAO). - Ensure that only the Regional PAO shall be the official representative of the 2025 RFOT to be interviewed and make media releases if necessary. - Keep the public informed of the events related to the conduct of 2026 RFOT.
5.	Event Documentation, Public Information & Media Assistance	RO: Chairman: Jasmin F. Calzita Member: Flora May Bacus	RO: Mikko Duero SDO: Ma. Leila V. Aguilar	Bonifacio Olor	

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	James Albert Lagado		Marlon Labastida Ronaldo Mercado Pepito Olor Lea Caraguil Lorifel Torres Ronora Ayco	- Prepare complete documentation of the 2026 RFOT in coordination with the different committees. - Queries from the media relative to the 2026 RFOT shall be coured through the Regional PAO.	
	SDO: Lyra M. Gayas				
6.	Guest Relations & Hotel Accommodation	SDO: Ma. Morena A. Bendulo	Aura V. Aguilar	All PSDS/ DICs Claire Alboleras Enrico Paler Lito Ganda	- Coordinate with the guest, judges, and keynote speaker. - Arrange accommodation and transportation of the guests, keynote speaker, and the regional/ division officials and personnel. - Ensure to have fruits or kakanin inside the room. - Ensure that a member of the committee will stay at the lobby of the hotel to facilitate the checking in of guests. - Coordinate with BAC as to what hotel will accommodate the RFOT guest, judges, and keynote speaker.
7.	Accommodation & Billeting	SDO/Host Municipality Ma. Morena A. Bendulo	Aura V. Aguilar	All PSDS/ DICs Claire Alboleras Enrico Paler Lito Ganda	- Arrange billeting quarters for the assigned division. - Prepare a directory of occupants in the respective billeting quarters. - Coordinate with the assigned division for their 4x6 tarpaulin with the picture of their SDS to be hung at the assigned quarter. - Ensure the security of the billeting school by coordinating the lcal officials to assign policemen and Barangay Tanods 24/7 in the whole duration of the activity. - Prepare a simple welcome night for the delegation billeted in the school in partnership with the Barangay LGU.
8.	Venue Preparations, Stage Decorations, Opening Program,	SDO: Atty. Felipe Sanchez	Raul T. Duarte	A.Aguilar/Sogod NHS	- Assign Hosts/EMCEEs and partakers of the opening program and closing program/ awarding ceremonies. - Make a layout of the stage decoration for approval.

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	Mayor's Night & Closing Program			Netita Luniaco Eduardo Lumandag Junrey Falcon Lorlin P. Malbas Samsun Clarus Railan Saavedra Jun Steven Perez Clarence Peña Ronald Cuevas	• Ensure inviting and presentable stage decorations and provide an extension ramp if necessary. • Assign in-charge of a good lights and sound system. • Ensure that all facilities needed for the program, such as sound system with efficient microphones, projectors, or led wall display and others are well-prepared. • Coordinate with the electric cooperative/ provider to ensure no power interruption. • Request to secure a stand-by power generator for emergency cases, especially during the program.
9.	Parade, Marshall & Solidarity Conference	SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government Emmanuel A. Gerardo	Rodrigo Torrefranca	BSP/GSP PNP Personnel Ronaldo Mercado Pepito Olor Reynario Ruiz Lea Caraguil Mary Ann Cajés	• Secure permit from the LGU for the conduct of the parade. • Prepare the route and arrange the sequence of the participants. • Organize Parade Marshalls to lead the parade and the Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts for each division/ delegation. • Remind all divisions to bring with them their Delegation Banner Project.
10.	Receiving/Mess Hall, Contest Venues & equipment	SDO Evangelina B. Laroa	Victor D. Dumaguit	Sogod 1 & 2 School Heads PSDSs/DICs	• Provide a receiving hall/mess hall for guests, DepEd and Division Officials • Coordinate with the Food Committee for the meals and snacks of officials, visitors, and guests during the whole duration of the activity. • Ensure that each contest venue has the following:

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11.	Awards & Recognition (Certificates)	RO: Joy B. Binag SDO: Victor D. Dumaguit	Evangelina B. Laroa Hilda D. Olivina Charity M. Nogra Eduardo Legantin Miraluna Climaco	• Prepares the following: - Certificate of Appearance - Certificate of Participation - Certificate of Recognition - Trophies and medals for the winning contestants

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12.	Awards & Recognition (Medals, Plaques & Trophies)	SDO: Victor D. Dumaguit	Evangelina B. Laroa	Hilda D. Olvina Charity M. Nogra Eduardo Legantin Miraluna Climaco	tans and coaches. -Plaque and tokens for the Board of Judges and keynote speaker. -Certificates of Appreciation for the Billeting Quarters
13.	Transportation	SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government Morena Bendulo	Jennyfer Engalan	LGU Sogod School Heads of Sogod 1 & 2.	- Assign presenters for the Awarding ceremony. - Coordinate with the possibility of giving all delegates special consideration for the Libreng Sakay en route. - Ensure that each of the division has a stand by service vehicle. - Coordinate with the city traffic management for special parking considerations and rerouting measures to ease the traffic. - Secure a standard fare metrics to and fro the contest venues, grocery store, food entities, church and pharmacies.
14.	Security & Disaster Risks Management	RO: Dr. Alfredo P. Café Members: SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government Samsun Clarus	Lloyd C. Carbonilla	BSP/GSP PNP Personnel Phil. Red Cross District/School DRRM	- Ensure that each of the billeting school has a map indicating the location of each room and access for evacuation. - Coordinate with the CDRM for the conduct of onsite drills in the 13 billeting schools. - Identify, assess and manage the hazards, vulnerabilities and risks that may occur in the billeting schools. - Disseminate information and raise public awareness about those hazards, vulnerabilities, and risks. - Coordinate with the local emergency response teams and the accredited community disaster volunteers for easy mobilization. - Conduct regular monitoring to the 13 billeting schools. - Coordinate with barangay officials for security concerns. - Coordinate with LGU for assistance in the preparation of the identified Billeting Quarters - Coordinate with community leaders for security volunteers (Police and Barangay Tanods) to be on duty 24/7.

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				• Post direction map from billeting quarters to contest venues. • Post vicinity map specifying the different contest rooms at the entrance of the contest venue. • Post HOUSE RULES with Hotline Numbers in the contest venue and billeting quarters. • Ensure that the billeting schools are safe and secure, and ensure that a team is always ready to respond to emergencies. • Coordinates with the local security force involving the police, barangay tanod, boy and girl scouts, and other volunteers in the arrangement for school security and emergency response. • Monitors the weather, and latest health advisory for proper dissemination and recommendation. • In no case that participants go out of the billeting quarters without the guidance of the coaches and chaperons. • Develops and communicates clear evacuation plans in case of emergencies.	
15.	Results (Tabulation) and Documentation	RO: Ernani S. Fernandez SDO: Victo D. Dumaguit	Zedrick Malbas	Jennylyn Solana Leah Caraguil Bonifacio Olor Jeymar Vertera Jun Steven Perez Railan Saavedra	• Secures permission from PMT any information that will be announced publicly over media. • Coordinates with the City Information Office and local media as to announcements and publicity of the events • Secures a copy of contest results, program, and other relevant information for safekeeping and archiving • Takes photo or videos of important events • Writes and submits ACR • Prepares the online evaluation.
16.	Food & Catering for PMT, Delegation Heads, Steering Committee	SDO Roinasol Pobadora	Emelito Escolano	Josefe Escolano All School Heads of Tomas Oppus PSDS/ DICs	• Designs a balanced and appropriate menu for participants, judges, guests, RO personnel ensuring a variety of meals are offered based on budget including options for those with dietary restrictions or allergies. • Liaises with catering services to ensure timely delivery, set up and service of meals, snacks and beverages during the event. • Ensures that all food handling, preparation and serving practices adhere to health and safety regulations including food storage, cleanliness and temperature control.

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				- Organizes the meal schedule to ensure that food is served punctually and without disruptions to the festival's flow including meals for VIPs. - Monitors the performance service quality of catering staff to ensure that meals are served efficiently and courteously during the event. - Coordinate with the venue's sanitation team or staff to manage waste disposal and maintain cleanliness in the dining or food service areas throughout the festival.
17.	Logistics & Procurement	SDO/Host Municipality/ Provincial Government	Emmanuel Gerardo	All EPSS All PSDS/ DIC EPSAs - Makes procurement of needed goods and services in coordination with the Regional TWG. - Coordinate with the HOPE before any procurement activity be done for smooth process. - Ensures the timely purchase and delivery of materials, equipment, and supplies needed for the event including stage setups, sound systems, lighting, decorations, food and other essentials. - Coordinates with the Finance Unit for disbursement of money for operational expenses based on the proposed budget and based on actual needs. - Keeps receipts and MOVs of financial transactions (photos of food, voucher etc.). - Submits a liquidation report of expenses. - Facilitate the speedy preparation of procurement documents.
18.	Welfare, Health & Safety	RO: Dr. Angelica Rodriguez SDO/Host Municipality Dr. Louise Solomon	Dr. Jose Carmelo Gaviola	- Coordinates with the City Health Services for easy access of health facilities. - Coordinate with hospital administrators, City DRRM and Security & Disaster Risks Management Committee, Philippine Red Cross for special lane for any delegate needing medical attention. - Ensures first aid and emergency medical services. - Monitors crowd control and safety. - Implement Health and Hygiene Protocols. - Oversees food vendors and drinking waters stations to ensure safe and hygienic food handling practices. - Provide access to counselors or support systems for participants who may feel stressed or overwhelmed during the contest.
19.	Learners Rights & Protection	RO: Eden Dadap SDO: April Lynn Gaviola		- Monitors and ensures that learners participating in the event are safe, protected from harm and provided with a secure environment throughout the event. - Implements measures to prevent bullying, discrimination or any form of harassment among learners, ensuring a respectful and inclusive atmosphere for all participants.

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		Glaiza Mea Dagohoy	District/School LRP	- Ensures that learners rights to fair treatment, participation and expression are upheld during the event particularly in the areas of competition, feedback and judgement process. - Arranges for the presence of counselors or support staff who can offer emotional and psychosocial assistance to learners dealing with stress, performance anxiety or personal issues during the contest. - Ensures that all event staff, volunteers and adults interacting with learners adhere to child protection policies, including appropriate conduct and report any concerns or incidents involving learners' safety.
20.	Mayor's Night	SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government Morena Bendulo	Jennyfer Engalan All School Heads of Sogod 1 and 2	- Coordinate with the Mayor's Office and VIP guests to ensure the presence of the VIP's - Manages their seating arrangements, security and any special requests or protocols. - Organizes the flow of the evening including speeches, entertainment performances and special presentations that highlights the event importance and the mayor's contribution. - Oversees the hospitality arrangements for the Mayor, VIPs, Guests including the provision of refreshments, or any ceremonial gestures. - Makes sure guests are welcomed and treated courteously throughout the event. - Coordinates with the ushers and usherettes committee.
21.	Structural & Electrical Inspectorate	SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government Engr Deck Anthony Carbonilla	Engr John Paul Mejia Engr Ralph Juanite LGU Engineering Office District Physical Facilities	- Conduct thorough inspections of stage, seating areas and other temporary structures to ensure they are safe, stable and comply with building safety codes. - Identifies and addresses any potential hazards that may pose a risk to participants of the audience. - Evaluates the electrical setups, including lighting, sound systems and power sources, to ensure they are properly installed and do not present fire hazards or risks of electrical connections are secure and meet safety standards. - Ensures that the event adheres to local structural and electrical safety regulation including providing emergency exits, proper grounding of equipment and sufficient power load distribution to avoid overloading circuits. - Addresses any safety concerns promptly before the event begins.
22.	Event Program Flow & Production Numbers for	SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government		Designs & Plans the program flow by developing a detailed timeline and sequence events for each program segment.

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Opening, Mayor's Night & Closing	Victor D. Dumaguit	Aura V. Aguilar Nelita Lothaco	Jonnel Maureal Coleen Antonnette Valde Joseph Mosquito Jonevir Macabuhay Rodny Saja Ronora Ayco/SPA Sogod	- Organizes and sets schedule rehearsals for performers, hosts, and special guests ensuring they are well-prepared and understand their roles within the event's program flow. - Conceptualizes and choreographs entertaining and engaging productions numbers, opening performances, intermissions and closing finale showcasing talents and culture of the city. - Work closely with technical teams to ensure that sound, lightings and audio-visual needs are met for the segment of the program. - Monitors the program during the event to ensure that all segments are executed within the allotted time. - Coordinates with sound system staff for their dress code in the entire show.
24. Technical & Virtual Productions	SDO/Host Municipality/Provincial Government Salvador A. Artigo Jr	Hilda Olivina	Marlon Labastida Jessel Moreno Raymond Saga Christian Vincent Sala Rey Timogtimog Other Herald Staff	- Facilitates the making of the teaser for the 2025 RFOI. - Coordinates with the City Tourism Office and City Information Office for advocacy materials that will be shown before the commencement of any event. - Prepares videos for any part of the program in consultation with the SDS Office and PMT. - Prepares a new version of the Division Hymn.

ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP PER CONTEST

CONTESTS		NAMES		
SINING TANGHALAN		1. Bayle sa Kalye : Chairman: Arlene H. Dela Torre (EPS, Catbalogan City) Members: Jose Aldrin Avellana (EPS, Baybay City) Benjamin Medallo (EPS, Biliran) Adrinor Niña D. Mancera (SDO Maasin City) 2. Plutahusay Chairman: Nancy M. Abarrasco (EPS, Samar) Members: Mercedita Garcia (EPS, Calbayog City) Allan M. Rosello (EPS, Southern Leyte) 3. Sine Munti: Chairman: Crisanto T. Daga (EPS, Leyte) Members: Omar O. Ty (EPS, Northern Samar) Lelani Gulfertic (EPS, Eastern Samar) 4. Likhawitan: Chairman: Jessica M. Abril (EPS, Tacloban City) Members: Noel S. Labaniego (EPS, Ormoc City) Gil Jacinto Ampong (EPS, Borongan City)		
MUSABAQAH		Elvin Wenceslao, Edwin S. Noval, Mark Elijah G. Pacanza		
READ-A-THON FILIPINO		Eleonor G. Distrajo, Marilyn O. Academia, Kimberly F. Zarzoa, Melinda B. Solvera, Roselyn B. Rosanes		
HISTOPOP		Ariem V. Cinco, Artchie D. Redubia, Maria Teresa A. Portillo, Nonilon S. Angoy, Florisa A. Bacho, Ma. Rosario Miladley S. Capindit		
TECHNOLYMPICS	Contest		Administrators	Division
	Techno Fusion		Dyna A. Abala, Mark Joe Abril, Jenibeth R. Fernandez	Leyte
	Food Processing (Fish)		Rachel D. Peñalosa	Tacloban City
	Bread and Pastry Production (Baking and Decorating)		Arnie Joy F. Fumar	Tacloban City
	Technical Drafting		Arvin Cerda, Nathaniel D. Flores	Regional Office, Southern Leyte
Office Table with Storage		Andrew Indic, Romeo Emperva		
SPFL		Jayson Closa, Henry Jarina		

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