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9TH INTERNATIONAL STEM+ RESEARCH CONGRESS

Attached is letter invitation from Eastern Visayas State University.

The Eastern Visayas State University in collaboration with Eastern Visayas Consortium for Industry, energy, and Emerging Technologies Research and Development (EVCIEERD) and Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE) will hold the 9th International Stem+ Research Congress with the theme “S & T for Humanity: Advancing Ethical, Inclusive, and Sustainable Innovations”, on May 21-22, 2026, at the Summit Hotel, Tacloban City, Philippines

The research congress underscores the imperative that scientific and technological advances must be governed by ethics, designed for inclusivity, and committed to long term environmental and social sustainability.

The target participants are faculty members, researchers, and graduate students.

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*.

More information may be inquired from:

Prof. Bernard Niño Q. Membrebe
Director for Research or
Dr. Thea C. Galos
Conference Secretariat
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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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9th INTERNATIONAL
STEAM+
2026 RESEARCH CONGRESS

March 17, 2026

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, JD, EdD, CESO III
Regional Director
DepEd Region 8
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte 6501

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Along this vein, we are humbly honored and delighted **to invite you and your faculty members, researchers, graduate students** to participate in the said conference. Attached are the conference concept note and flyer for details about the 9th iSTEAM+ Research Congress. For further details or inquiries regarding this activity, you may email us at isteam@evsu.edu.ph or call us at (053) 888 0717.

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Very respectfully yours,


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PASUC ADVISORY NO. 044, s. 2026

For : All SUC Presidents/Heads
From : Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo
President
Subject : **9th INTERNATIONAL STEAM+ RESEARCH CONGRESS
(iSTEAM+ 2026)**
Date : February 26, 2026

This is to endorse the 9th International STEAM Research Congress (iSTEAM+ 2026), organized by Eastern Visayas State University (EVSU), in partnership with the Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE) and the Eastern Visayas Consortium for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technologies Research and Development (EVCIEERD). With the theme "*S & T for Humanity: Advancing Ethical, Inclusive, and Sustainable Innovations*", the event will be held on May 21-22, 2026, in Tacloban City, Leyte.

The iSTEAM+ 2026 provides a dynamic platform for multisectoral partnerships, positioning it as a global hub for research synergy. It invites a global community of experts to bridge the gap between innovation and impact, ensuring that Research, Innovation, and Extension (RIE) initiatives contribute to a resilient regional ecosystem and a more equitable global knowledge economy. It aims to: 1) Gather a diverse community of researchers, professionals, practitioners, and students to disseminate scholarly knowledge; 2) Provide a premier venue for unveiling discoveries and scientific breakthroughs; 3) Promote research and extension outputs that are accessible to and beneficial for marginalized sectors; 4) Align research initiatives with national development priorities, particularly in addressing environmental vulnerabilities and advancing regenerative practices; and 5) Develop professional competencies by upskilling and reskilling participants.

The organizers will accept abstract submissions until April 6, 2026. Presenters and interested participants may pre-register through the following link: <https://conference.evsu.edu.ph/registration/0uAW4RXt81/w0ioZ8gIYW>. They may also visit the official landing page at <https://isteam.evsu.edu.ph/> to access full event details

For your reference and guidance, the event briefier is enclosed. For further inquiries, your office may contact the Conference Secretariat through Dr. Thea C. Galos, via email at isteam@evsu.edu.ph or by phone at (053) 888-0717.


TIRSO A. RONQUILLO, ASEAN Eng.
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5th INTERNATIONAL
STEAM
2022 RESEARCH CONGRESS

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND INNOVATION
FOR THE 21st CENTURY
Non-Paper Presenters



CONFERENCE FEES

	REGULAR	EARLY BIRD
PAPER PRESENTERS • Local Participants • Foreign	Php 5,500 100 USD	Php 5,000 90 USD
NON-PRESENTERS (Observers) PROFESSIONALS • Local Participants • Foreign	Php 5,500 100 USD	Php 5,000 90 USD
PAPER PRESENTERS GRADUATE STUDENTS • Local Participants • Foreign	Php 4,500 85 USD	Php 4,000 80 USD
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Please deposit your registration to:
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IMPORTANT DATES

6 APRIL 2026
Deadline of Abstract Submission for Presentation Consideration

17 APRIL 2026
Final Payment for Early Bird

4 MAY 2026
Final Payment for Paper Presenters

8 MAY 2026
Final Payment for Participants/Observers

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ABOUT 9th iSTEAM+

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OBJECTIVES

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5. To provide professional development, upskilling, and reskilling opportunities that prepare participants for the ethical and technical demands of the future workforce.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The paper/s to be presented during the congress shall be aligned to any of the following streams:

- Science
 - Technology
 - Engineering & Mathematics
 - Applied Sciences (Health Sciences, Agriculture & Fisheries, etc.)
 - Management
- Plus
- Education and Social Sciences





9th International STEAM Research Congress or iSTEAM+ 2026

CONCEPT NOTE

I. RATIONALE

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V. ABSTRACT/PAPER SUBMISSION

The abstract should have the following parts: (1) **introduction of the topic**; (2) **objectives**; (3) **methods**; (4) **results**; (5) **conclusion**, and (6) **keywords (which may either be a discipline of the study, concepts investigated, methods and process)**. In addition, the proponent/researcher shall also submit his or her formal 2×2 photo, ORCID ID, name of institution, and institution logo.

Notice of acceptance shall be given to qualified presenters. To be considered for the **Best Paper Award**, a full paper must be submitted. The technical panel committee will run the said paper through Turnitin.



Accepted paper for Best Paper should be $\leq 15\%$ for the *Similarity Index and AI-generated text*. The manuscript must be accurate in substance and form, to include the following parts:

1. Heading (title, name of the author (first, MI, last), email address, affiliation and Address)
2. Abstract (must not exceeding 500 words and devoid of any references or citations)
3. Keywords (5-8 key topics)
4. Text (Research Article should have: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, and Conclusion)
5. Acknowledgements (Funding Agency, Collaborating Institutions, and Sources of Data)
6. Conflicts of Interest (Indicate if there is none)
7. Contributions of Individual Authors (If more than one author. The authors must indicate in general terms the contribution or role of each author in the study.)
8. References
9. Tables (Tables should be placed at the end of the manuscript)
10. Figures (Figures should be placed at the end of the manuscript and should be camera-ready and of high quality)

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VIII. SPEAKERS/GUESTS AND TECHNICAL PANEL

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Keynote Speakers:

1. TBA

Plenary Speakers:

1. TBA
2. TBA
3. TBA

The Technical Panel shall be identified per strand.