



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

May 19, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **606** s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE  
OF CHILDREN'S DRAWING**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-02-01436 dated May 14, 2026 entitled Conduct of the 7th International Biennale of Children's Drawings, and the communication from the Department of Foreign Affairs – Office of European Affairs dated April 22, 2026 transmitting the invitation letter from the Bozidar Jakac Primary School, learners are hereby invited to participate in the international drawing competition aimed at showcasing children's artistic creativity and talent from different countries.
2. The activity seeks to promote artistic expression, intercultural understanding, and appreciation of the visual arts among young learners through an international platform of creative engagement.
3. The competition is open to learners under the following age categories:
  - a. First Group – Learners from six (6) to eight (8) years old;
  - b. Second Group – Learners from nine (9) to eleven (11) years old; and
  - c. Third Group – Learners from twelve (12) to fourteen (14) years old.
4. The contest requirements, information required from participants, prizes, and mechanics for submission are indicated in the attached communication and shall be strictly observed by all interested participants.
5. Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are encouraged to disseminate this Memorandum to public and private elementary and secondary schools to ensure wider participation among eligible learners.
6. Participation in this activity shall be voluntary and subject to compliance with existing Department policies and regulations. Expenses that may be incurred relative to participation shall be charged against local funds, school funds, or other available sources, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

**SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director *ph*

Enclosures: as stated

References: DM-OUOPS-2026-02-01436 and DFA-OEA Communication dated April 22, 2026

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

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For the Regional Director:

**MARILYN B. SIAO, PhD, CESO IV**  
Director III  
Assistant Regional Director

Date: 19 MAY 2026





CONDUCT OF THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE OF CHILDREN'S DRAWING

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Dear Regional Directors,

This pertains to Memorandum CO-EPS ICO No. 05-259, s. 2026, from Assistant Secretary Cilette Liboro Co for Public Affairs and External Partnerships, dated May 5, 2026, regarding the request for dissemination of information on the conduct of the 7th International Biennale of Children's Drawings.

The initiative aims to provide learners from Department of Education (DepEd) schools the opportunity to showcase their artistic creativity and talent through participation in an international children's drawing competition. The activity is open to primary school learners in Slovenia and abroad and categorized into the following age groups:

- First Group – Learners aged six (6) to eight (8) years old
- Second Group – Learners aged nine (9) to eleven (11) years old
- Third Group – Learners aged twelve (12) to fourteen (14) years old

For details on the contest requirements, kindly refer to the attached file.

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.

For your reference and immediate action.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

**MEMORANDUM**

DM-OUOPS-2026-02 - 01436

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

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

**JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**  
*Regional Director, NCR  
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**SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BIENNALE OF CHILDREN'S DRAWINGS**

**DATE : May 14, 2026**

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- Second Group: Learners from nine (9) to eleven (11) years old
- Third Group: Learners from twelve (12) to fourteen (14) years old

**Contest Requirements:**

Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Each school can participate with one (1) drawing for each age group.</li> <li>2. The first selection will be made by the school and art teachers -three (3) preselected drawings to be submitted.</li> <li>3. The title of the contest is "A DRAWING – a dot, a line..."</li> <li>4. A theme or technique is not predetermined.</li> </ol>
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	5. Drawings should not exceed the A3 format, smaller and different formats are allowed.
Information Required for Each Drawing	Every individual drawing should include the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name and Surname;</li><li>• Class and age group;</li><li>• Drawing's title;</li><li>• Mentor's name and surname;</li><li>• Mentor's e-mail address; and</li><li>• School's address</li></ul>
Prize	The best three (3) drawings in each individual category will be given a prize and two (2) recognition awards will be presented for every category.
Submission	Drawings should be sent to the following address by <b>May 20, 2026</b> with parent's agreement for participating and publishing the artwork:  <b>PRIMARY SCHOOL BOZIDAR JAKAC (OS Božidarja Jakca)</b> Nusdorferjeva 10 1000 Ljubljana SLOVENIA  <i>Note: The drawings will not be returned.</i>  The results of the contest will be published on June 15, 2026 at <a href="http://www.os-bozidarjakca.si">www.os-bozidarjakca.si</a> . A catalogue will also be published on November 2026. For additional information, please contact <a href="mailto:manca.mohar@osbj.si">manca.mohar@osbj.si</a> .

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.

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

For your reference and immediate action.



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

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OFFICE OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

22 April 2026

Dear Undersecretary Panontongan,

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) respectfully transmits to the Department of Education (DepEd) an invitation [letter](#) from Božidar Jakac Primary School in Ljubljana, Slovenia regarding the "7th International Biennale of Children's Drawings."

The invitation is open to primary school pupils in Slovenia and abroad. The contest is divided into the following age groups:

- First Group: Pupils from six to eight years old.
- Second Group: Pupils from nine to eleven years old; and
- Third Group: Pupils from twelve to fourteen years old.

Each school can participate with one drawing for each group. Additional details to the contest are found in the attached letter.

DepEd may wish to disseminate the information to interested PH elementary and secondary schools nationwide.

Thank you and please accept our cordial best wishes.

Very truly yours,  
*For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs.*

  
DEENA JOY D. AMATONG  
Assistant Secretary

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Osnovna šola  
Božidarja Jakca

*VIII. international Biennale of childrens drawings*  
PS Božidarja Jakca / 2025

Dear Art teacher(s),

We are very proud to inform you that Primary school Božidar Jakac has decided to organize "7th International Biennale of children's Drawings" to commemorate the name, life work and memory of this great Slovenian artist.

Božidar Jakac once wrote: "A thought and a word become mute if they are not written, an image and a face fade if they are not drawn."

Art educators, we warmly invite you to participate in the 7th International Biennale of Children's Drawings and share with us the works of your school's young aspiring artists.

The contest is intended for primary school pupils in Slovenia and abroad. It will be divided into three different age groups:

- 1<sup>st</sup> group: pupils from the age of six to eight years
- 2<sup>nd</sup> group: pupils from the age of nine to eleven years
- 3<sup>rd</sup> group: pupils from the age of twelve to fourteen years

Each school can participate with one drawing in every age group. The first selection will be made by you, the school art teachers. We kindly ask you to send us three preselected drawings.

The title of this contest is "A DRAWING - a dot, a line..." A theme or a technique are not predetermined. Drawings shouldn't exceed the A3 format, smaller and different formats are allowed.

Every individual drawing should include the following information:

- **Author's name and surname,**
- **Author's class and age group,**
- **Drawing's title,**
- **Mentor's name and surname,**
- **Mentor's e-mail address,**
- **And your school's address.**

A three-member board of experts will carefully examine all drawings. The main criteria regarding the drawings' evaluation will be children's creativity.

The best three drawings in each individual category will be given a prize and two recognition awards will be presented for every category.



Drawings should be sent to the following address by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. You can also make a personal delivery. Before sending the artwork, make sure you obtain parent's agreement for participating and publicly publishing the artwork:

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOZIDAR JAKAC (OŠ Božidarja Jakca)  
Nusdorferjeva 10  
1000 Ljubljana  
SLOVENIA

**The drawings will not be returned.**

Results of the contest will be published on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 on our school's website:  
[www.os-bozidarjakca.si](http://www.os-bozidarjakca.si).

A catalogue will also be published in November 2026, when the closing ceremony will take place at our school in Slovenia.

All additional information can be obtained via the following e-mail address:

[manca.mohar@osbj.si](mailto:manca.mohar@osbj.si) (Art teacher, Mrs. Manca Mohar)

Best regards,

Manca Mohar  
Art teacher



Elvira Sušec  
Principal



Ljubljana, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2025

