



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

June 25, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 792 s. 2026

**INVITATION FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
PHILIPPINE SPACE AGENCY'S #YAMANGKALAWAKAN POSTER-MAKING
CONTEST AND GEOGUHIT: MOVE, MAP, MAKE YOUR
MARK COMPETITION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
CID Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors in Science
School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the official communication from the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) on the Invitation for Students and Teachers to Participate in the Philippine Space Agency's #Yamangkalawakan Poster-Making Contest and Geoguhit: Move, Map, Make Your Mark Competition on August 8-14, 2026.
2. The specific details such as the participants, contest mechanics and guidelines including the submission link are all stipulated in the attached communication letter.
3. In adherence to the strict implementation of the "**No Disruption of Classes**" policy, particularly during instructional blocks, participation of schools in this activity shall be on a voluntary basis. The preparation and submission of required outputs, such as posters, shall be undertaken only outside regular class hours, specifically from **4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, to ensure that teaching and learning activities remain uninterrupted.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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

Enclosure: Activity Link and Program Matrix

References: DM-OULS-2026-228

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

SCIENCE EDUCATION
STUDENTS
TEACHERS

CLMD-EPF



Address: Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte
Telephone No.: (053) 832-5738
Email Address: region8@deped.gov.ph
Website: region8.deped.gov.ph





Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Philippine Space Agency



03 June 2026

Dir. Salustiano T. Jimenez
Regional Director
Department of Education – Region 8
Gov't. Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RECEIVED
RECORDS SECTION REGIONAL OFFICE NO. VIII
DATE: 06-23-26
TRACKING # 7557 TIME 11:00 AM
SIGNATURE: *[Signature]*

Subject: INVITATION FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PHILIPPINE SPACE AGENCY'S #YAMANGKALAWAKAN POSTER-MAKING CONTEST AND GEOGUHIT: MOVE. MAP. MAKE YOUR MARK COMPETITION.

Dear Dir. Jimenez:

RECEIVED
[Signature]
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
SIGNATURE

Greetings from the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)!

The Philippine Space Agency, the central government agency mandated on addressing all national issues and activities related to space science and technology applications, is annually celebrating the Philippine Space Week (PSW) every 8 to 14 August. As part of this year's PSW celebration, the agency is organizing two (2) competitions for elementary and high school students, as follows:

<p>1. <i>#YamangKalawakan</i> Poster-Making Contest</p>	<p>Open to students aged 6 to 12 from public and private schools, the contest aims to foster interest in space science by challenging participants to visually communicate complex scientific concepts. Aligned with the 2026 theme, "<i>Space Garden: Growing Food in Space</i>," the activity enhances critical thinking and creative presentation skills.</p> <p>It also serves as the national qualifier to select three Filipino representatives for the 32nd Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum (APRSAF) Poster Contest.</p>
<p>2. GeoGuhit: Move. Map. Make your mark.</p>	<p>Centered around the theme "<i>Navigating Tomorrow</i>," this unique competition challenges participants to make connections between science, physical activity, and technology by creating route-based artwork using GPS tracking applications (via walking, running, or cycling). The contest is open to high school students (Junior and Senior high school), college/ tertiary-level students, and the general public, each with distinct thematic requirements that reflect their level of engagement with space science.</p>

Handwritten notes: OAS EMAIL 0/14/26

	<p>The following are the designated subject/theme for each category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Students – GPS artwork depicting any recognized constellation or asterism, reflecting the use of celestial navigation and astronomy as foundational tools of space science • College/Tertiary Level Students – GPS artwork depicting Philippine space assets, including satellites (e.g., Diwata-1, Diwata-2, Maya-1, Maya-2, MULA, etc), ground infrastructure, or other space technologies developed, owned, or operated by the Philippines • General Public – GPS artwork on any subject of the participant's choosing, provided the artwork and its accompanying write-up demonstrate a clear and meaningful connection to the theme "Navigating Tomorrow" and the role of space science and technology in shaping the future
--	---

In connection with this, we respectfully request your good office to disseminate this invitation to all public and private elementary and secondary schools within your region. By encouraging participation, we hope to inspire young minds to explore STEM fields and highlight the creative side of space science and technology applications.

Attached to this letter are the contest mechanics, formatting specifications, and guidelines for both contests.

PhilSA will officially notify the finalists and winners via email, and the announcement of winners will be made during the PSW celebration. Similarly, the names of the winners, along with their schools and winning entries, shall be featured and promoted on PhilSA's official website and social media pages.

Key Dates and Deadlines

<p>#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest Submission Deadlines</p>	<p><u>Online Submission via</u> https://tinyurl.com/JoinYKPosterMaking: 15 July 2026 (Wednesday)</p> <p><u>Physical copy of artwork should reach PhilSA by:</u> 20 July 2026 (Monday)</p> <p>Access submission forms here: https://tinyurl.com/YKPosterMaking</p>
---	--

GeoGuhit: “Move. Map. Make your mark” Submissions Deadline	Deadline of Submission: 22 July 2026 (Wednesday) Entries must be submitted here: https://bit.ly/GeoGuhit2026 Access submission forms here: https://bit.ly/GeoGuhitForms
Awarding Ceremonies:	Winners will be officially recognized and cash prizes awarded during the PSW celebrations. Winners for the Poster-Making Contest and GeoGuhit will be announced on 14 August 2026.

For questions and clarifications, interested persons may contact **Mr. Marco D. Melgar** (Poster Making Contest) or **Ms. Pauline Pearl Divinagracia** (GeoGuhit: Move. Map. Make your mark.), Science Research Specialists of the Space Education and Scholarships Division at sesd@philsa.gov.ph.

Hoping that this request merits your favorable action.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

REINABELLE C. REYES, Ph.D.
 Director IV, Space Science Missions Bureau

Reference No.: SSMB-RCR-E2026-072

- Enclosures:
1. [Mechanics for #YamangKalawakan: Poster-Making Contest 2026](#)
 2. [Mechanics for GeoGuhit: Move. Map. Make your mark.](#)
 3. [Application Form for #YamangKalawakan: Poster-Making Contest 2026](#)
 4. [Application Form for GeoGuhit: Move. Map. Make your mark.](#)



GeoGuhit: Move, Map & Make your mark.

MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

GeoGuhit is a GPS art contest organized by the Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA) as part of Philippine Space Week 2026. Participants create artwork by tracing walking, running, or cycling routes that, when mapped using a GPS tracking application, form a recognizable image or design. This year's contest is anchored on the theme "Navigating Tomorrow" — a call for Filipinos to use the tools of space science not only to find their way, but to chart a future shaped by technology, curiosity, and purpose.

The Challenge

To design and complete a GPS-traced artwork that reflects a space science concept, Filipino innovation, or a personal vision of the future. The artwork is created entirely through physical activity — walking, running, or cycling — using a GPS tracking application to record the route. The contest is open to high school students, college and tertiary-level students, and the general public, each with distinct thematic requirements that reflect their level of engagement with space science.

Contest Mechanics and Guidelines

1. This competition is open to all Filipinos currently residing in the Philippines and has the following categories:
 1. High School Students – covers Junior and Senior High School students
 2. College/Tertiary Level Students – covers undergraduate students and students in technical-vocational programs
 3. General Public – covers all other interested individuals

2. The GPS artwork must be related to the theme "Navigating Tomorrow" and comply with the designated subject/theme requirements of the participant's category:
 1. High School Students – GPS artwork depicting any recognized constellation or asterism, reflecting the use of celestial navigation and astronomy as foundational tools of space science
 2. College/Tertiary Level Students – GPS artwork depicting Philippine space assets, including satellites (e.g., Diwata-1, Diwata-2, Maya-1, Maya-2, MULA, etc), ground infrastructure, or other space technologies developed, owned, or operated by the Philippines
 3. General Public – GPS artwork on any subject of the participant's choosing, provided the artwork and its accompanying write-up demonstrate a clear and meaningful connection to the theme "Navigating Tomorrow" and the role of space science and technology in shaping the future

3. Participants must use a GPS tracking application that meets the following minimum technical requirements:
 - records the participant's route in real time using the device's GPS signal (manually plotted or digitally drawn routes are not acceptable);
 - displays the complete route on a map upon completion of the activity;
 - shows the total recorded distance, activity date, and activity type (walking, running, or cycling); and



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Philippine Space Agency



- generates a screenshot or exportable image of the route map with the above details clearly visible.

Commonly used applications that meet these requirements include Strava, Garmin Connect, Google Fit, and MapMyRun, among others. PhilSA does NOT endorse any specific application. Participants are encouraged to verify that their chosen application meets the above requirements before beginning their activity.

4. Entries must satisfy the following minimum recorded activity distances:
 1. High School Students – minimum of 1.5 kilometers
 2. College/Tertiary Level Students – minimum of 3 kilometers
 3. General Public – minimum of 3 kilometers
4. Officials and employees of PhilSA, and their relatives up to the second degree of affinity or consanguinity, are not eligible to join the contest.
5. The entry must comply with the following requirements:
 - a. The GPS artwork must be personally created and completed by the participant using a GPS tracking application during the official competition period.
 - b. The GPS artwork must be created through walking, running, or cycling routes recorded using GPS tracking applications capable of route mapping.
 - c. The artwork must be related to the theme “Navigating Tomorrow” and must comply with the designated subject/theme requirements of the participant’s category.
 - d. Entries must be created within the official competition period.
 - e. Participants may use any publicly accessible and safe route or location in creating their GPS artwork, provided that all local traffic and safety regulations are observed.
 - f. Participants may use route planning tools, including .gpx plotting and AI-assisted planning tools, in conceptualizing their GPS artwork. However, all submitted entries must be personally completed and authentically recorded by the participant through actual walking, running, or cycling activities. Manipulated, simulated, falsified, or AI-generated activity records shall be grounds for disqualification. Any use of AI-assisted tools must be declared through the AI Declaration Form.
 - g. Entries containing offensive, inappropriate, discriminatory, or plagiarized content shall be automatically disqualified.
6. A participant can submit up to two (2) entries in one (1) category only. Each entry must be submitted separately and must include the following requirements:
 - a. Screenshot or exported image of the completed GPS artwork embedded in the route map, with visible activity summary/details from the GPS tracking application, submitted in JPEG or PNG format, with a maximum file size of 10 MB. Submitted screenshots/exported images must be clear, readable, and of sufficient quality to allow proper evaluation of the GPS artwork and required activity details.
 - b. The submitted image must clearly display the following details:



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Philippine Space Agency



- i. full route map/artwork;
 - ii. total recorded distance;
 - iii. activity date; and
 - iv. activity type, indicating whether the route was completed by walking, running, or cycling.
 - c. A fast-track video/screen recording of the recorded activity route or a public link to the recorded activity, which must remain accessible for the entire duration of the competition;
 - d. A short write-up or caption (maximum of 150 words) explaining the concept of the artwork and its relevance to the theme "Navigating Tomorrow."
7. Participants shall submit their entries through the official GeoGuhit Submission Form, accessible at <https://bit.ly/GeoGuhit2026>. Entries submitted through any other channel will not be accepted.

Before proceeding to the Submission Form, participants must download, accomplish, and sign all required forms, which are available at <https://bit.ly/GeoGuhitForms>. In addition to the submission requirements enumerated above, each entry must include the following:
 - Accomplished and signed Certificate of Undertaking.
 - Accomplished and signed AI Declaration Form (if applicable);
 - Accomplished and signed Certificate of Endorsement (if applicable); and
 - Copy of valid school ID or proof of enrollment or registration for the current or immediately preceding academic year, for High School Student and College/Tertiary Level Student participants.
8. Participants will receive an acknowledgment upon successful submission.
9. The deadline for submission is 22 July 2026 (Wednesday). Only entries with complete attachments will be evaluated.
10. All submitted works shall remain the property of their respective owners but may be used by PhilSA in publications, websites, social media, educational materials, and other informational content exclusively for the promotion of space education.
11. The panel of judges shall use the following criteria to determine the winners:

Criteria	Description	Weight
Creativity	Demonstrates originality and inventiveness in the conceptualization of the GPS artwork. Assessed on the uniqueness of the route design concept, the thoughtfulness of the chosen subject or figure relative to the category theme requirements.	20%
Artistic Design and Visual Impact	The GPS route forms a clear, recognizable, and visually compelling figure. Assessed on legibility of	25%



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
Philippine Space Agency



	the design, composition, and overall aesthetic appeal of the artwork as seen on the route map.	
Relevance to the Theme	Clearly reflects the theme "Navigating Tomorrow" and highlights space science and technology applications. Assessed through both visual design and the participant's written caption.	25%
Technical Execution	Effective use of GPS tracking technology and accuracy/completeness of route recording. Assessed on completeness of route recording, precision of the figure relative to the intended design, and clarity of the submitted route map image.	20%
Resourcefulness and Creative Problem-Solving	Demonstrates creative problem-solving in route design given real-world terrain and infrastructure constraints. Rewards participants who produced strong artwork despite geographic or physical limitations.	10%
Total		100%

12. Three winning entries per category shall be awarded the following cash prizes.

<i>First Place</i>	<i>PhP 15,000.00</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>PhP 10,000.00</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>PhP 5,000.00</i>

13. Winning entries, along with other selected submissions, may be featured during the Philippine Space Week exhibit and through PhilSA's official communication platforms as part of the Agency's space education and awareness initiatives.

Important Dates

Date	Activity
June to July 22, 2026	Call for Entries
July 22, 2026	Deadline for Submission of Entries
July 23-27, 2026	Initial Eligibility Screening
Between July 28-31, 2026	Judging of Entries
August 14, 2026	Announcement of Winners



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

Philippine Space Agency



#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest (Theme: Space Garden: Growing Food in Space)

Entry # (for PhilSA use only)

1. Applicant's Information

Poster Title		
Personal information	Name	
	Nationality	
	Age	
	Birthday	
	Sex (M/F)	
	Home Address	
	School	
	School Address	

2. Parent/Guardian and Teacher-Coach Information

Parent/Guardian	Name of Parent/Guardian	
	Contact Number	
	E-mail	
	Signature	
Teacher-Coach	Name of Teacher-Coach	
	Contact Number	
	E-mail	
	Signature	
School Head	Name	
	Contact Number	
	E-mail	
	Signature	

I agree with the Terms and Conditions indicated in the #YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest Guidelines

Attachments:

1. Certificate of Endorsement to be signed by School Head (page 2)
2. Certificate of Undertaking (to be signed by Parent/Guardian, Teacher-Coach, and School Head (page 2)
3. Entry Slip to be pasted at the back of the poster (page 3)



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

Philippine Space Agency



#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest (Theme: Space Garden: Growing Food in Space)

#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest

ENTRY SLIP

Name: _____

School: _____

Title of Poster: _____

INSTRUCTION: Once completed, kindly cut the entry slip and neatly attach it to the back of the poster using glue or tape.



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

Philippine Space Agency



#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest (Theme: Space Garden: Growing Food in Space)

CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT

This is to certify that _____, a bona fide student of Grade _____ at _____ School, is officially endorsed to participate in the #YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest organized by the Philippine Space Agency.

Name of School Head: _____
Signature and Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKING

I, _____ (name of participant), currently in Grade _____ at _____ (school), affirm that the poster I have submitted is my original creation and has not been copied, traced, or imitated from any existing work by another person. I understand that submitting plagiarized or copyrighted work without permission is a violation of the law and the rules of this competition.

As I am a minor, this Certificate is signed on my behalf by my parent or legal guardian. By signing below, my parent or guardian certifies that:

- The information provided in this form is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.
- They understand and accept the rules and regulations of competition.
- They consent to my participation and to the Philippine Space Agency's right to use, reproduce, store, adapt, or distribute the submitted poster for official and promotional purposes, with appropriate credit given to me as the original creator.
- They consent that, should I be selected as a winner, I will be allowed to attend the awarding ceremony to be held during Philippine Space Week on 9 August 2026 in Quezon City.

This Certificate is also endorsed by my Teacher-Coach and our School Head to confirm the authenticity of the submission.

Signed this ___ day of _____, 2026.

Name and Signature of Parent/Guardian

IMPORTANT!

Please ensure that physical copy of your poster reaches the Philippine Space Agency on or before



Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President

Philippine Space Agency



#YamangKalawakan Poster-Making Contest
(Theme: *Space Garden: Growing Food in Space*)

20 July 2026.