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2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG PILIPINAS COMPETITION

Attached is a letter from **Joseph J. Cristobal**, Director, Philippine Cultural Educational Program (PCEP), announces the conduct of the 2026 Diwang: Sagisag ng Kultura ng Pilipinas Competition.

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:

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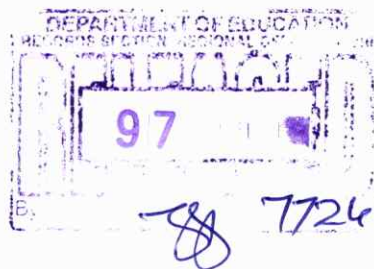
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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)-Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP)!

The Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), will conduct the **2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG FILIPINAS COMPETITION** for the following components:

- **The 2026 DIWANG Balagtas Competition** intends to revive the traditional arts of poetry and debate by discussing contemporary issues.
- **The 2026 DIWANG Kundiman Competition** intends to revive and promote the traditional kundiman.

In connection with this, we would like to request a **DepEd Regional Memo** to formally announce the program to the regional coordinators, school divisions, city superintendents, and heads of public elementary and secondary schools.

DIWANG aims to introduce, promote, disseminate, and inculcate the importance of Filipino cultural icons to our students, educators, and all Filipinos.

If you have further questions regarding the matter, please don't hesitate to email us at pcep@ncca.gov.ph.

We are hoping for your favorable and immediate response.

Thank you very much.

Truly Yours,

[Signature]

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Reference: Philippine Cultural Education Program
(PCEP) 2026 Programs - [DM-OUOPS-2026-15-00146 PCEP Project Components](#)

Attachment(s):

1. [2026 DIWANG Balagtas Contest Guidelines](#)
2. [2026 DIWANG Kundiman Contest Guidelines](#)



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