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GLOBAL ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Attached is a letter from the Philippine Robotics Team-Data Science and Robotics AI regarding the participation of selected students from the Schools Division of Leyte in the Global Robotics Competition, to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on September 3-7, 2026.

The names of the participating students, their respective schools, and the registration information, including the applicable registration fees, are indicated in the attached letter.

The participation of the identified students and their coaches shall be in accordance with 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*.

For further information and clarification regarding the registration and application, interested parties may contact:

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Considering that this is an Advisory and that the activity entails the payment of registration fees, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on the matter, subject to existing DepEd policies, rules, and regulations.

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July 31, 2026

DR. SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, CESO III
Regional Director
Department of Education – Region VIII
Government Center in Candahug, Palo, Leyte

Subject: Congratulations to the National Winners and Invitation to Represent the Region at GRC Thailand

Dear DR. JIMENEZ:

Warm greetings!

On behalf of the Philippine Robotics Team-GRC Thailand, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to the outstanding students, coaches, and schools from Deped Region 8 for their remarkable achievements in the National Robotics Challenge (NRC), Robot Circuit, and the National Qualifying Games – UP Diliman.

A. Celebrating a Division that Cultivates Future Innovators

The achievements of your national winners highlight the hard work of the students and the guidance of their teachers and schools. Their performance in the National Robotics Challenge (NRC), Robot Circuit, and the National Qualifying Games reflects the growing interest and participation of the region in robotics and STEM education.

We are pleased to recognize the efforts of your schools, teachers, and administrators in providing students with opportunities to develop their creativity, problem-solving skills, and interest in innovation through robotics. These experiences help prepare learners for an increasingly technology-driven world.

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B. An International Opportunity Beyond Competition

As national qualifiers, your students and teachers are cordially invited to represent the Philippines at the Global Robotics Championship (GRC) Thailand 2026, to be held from September 3–7, 2026 in Pathum Thani Thailand.

GRC Thailand is much more than a robotics competition. It is an international gathering of schools, educators, and young innovators from different countries committed to advancing robotics and innovation education.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Compete in over thirty (30) robotics games and challenges;
- Learn different engineering approaches from international teams;
- Exchange ideas with students from around the world;
- Experience different cultures while developing global friendships;
- Strengthen confidence, teamwork, creativity, and leadership through meaningful international engagement.

It is an educational journey that extends well beyond the competition arena.



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C. Honoring Teachers as Champions of Innovation

One of the unique highlights of GRC Thailand is its recognition of teachers as innovators.

Educators are invited to present their best classroom practices, robotics initiatives, research, and innovative teaching strategies before an international audience. Outstanding presentations will likewise be recognized with international awards, celebrating educators whose passion and creativity inspire the next generation of innovators.

This reflects our belief that while students may receive medals, it is dedicated teachers who make these achievements possible.

B TEACHERS: CHAMPIONS OF INNOVATION

Present your innovative
teaching practices and
robotics programs on an
international stage and
get the chance to bag
special awards.

Because great teachers
inspire great innovators!



D. Celebrating International Educational Partnership

Your Region's participation in the Global Robotics Championship Thailand 2026 will represent more than sending a delegation to an international event. It will also reflect a shared commitment to advancing innovation, strengthening STEM education, and fostering meaningful partnerships among schools and educational institutions across nations.

In recognition of this shared vision and your Region's support for developing young innovators, it would be our distinct honor for the GRC Thailand Organizing Committee to confer upon your Office the **Global Educational Partnership Award**. This recognition celebrates educational leadership in nurturing students who are creative, innovative, and prepared to contribute to an increasingly interconnected world.

We would also be privileged to present your Region with the, symbolizing our commitment to strengthening

In honor of your leadership in
producing winners and nurturing
young innovators, we are proud
to confer the



**INTERNATIONAL
EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION
AND STEM LEADERSHIP
AWARD**

Celebrating divisions that cultivate
innovative, daring and future-ready learners.

We hope you or your representative can
receive this recognition on the Thailand stage!

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collaboration and friendship between your Division and the international robotics and education community.

We sincerely hope that you, or your designated representative, will be able to receive these recognitions during the Opening Ceremonies in Bangkok as we celebrate excellence in education and the beginning of new international partnerships.

E. Special Participation Package for National Qualifiers

To support the participation of your Region's national winners, teachers and official representatives, we are pleased to extend the following discounted rates:

- US\$600 per student participant (regular package is \$1,200)
- US\$550 per teacher, coach, or official delegate (regular package is \$1,100)

The package includes:

- Airport pick-up & return shuttle from Bangkok Suvarnabhumi (BKK) or Don Mueang (DMK) Airport;
 - Hotel accommodation (twin-sharing) from September 3–7, 2026 (5 days and 4 nights);
 - Full board meals from September 3 dinner until September 7 breakfast;
 - Participation in all official GRC Thailand activities and competitions;
 - A complimentary cultural and sightseeing tour before departure on September 7, allowing participants to experience Thailand's rich heritage while fostering meaningful friendships and lasting partnerships with educators and students from around the world.
- *package does not include airfare from and to Manila, Philippines-Thailand*

D ALL-INCLUSIVE & ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE

US\$600 per Student

US\$550 per Teacher / Official

Airport pick-up (BKK or DMK)

Hotel accommodation (twin sharing)
Sept 3–7, 2026 (5 Days / 4 Nights)

Meals included
Sept 3 Dinner to Sept 7 Breakfast

All GRC activities & competitions

Free city tour before departure
on Sept 7

Compete. Learn. Explore. Connect. Have Fun!

Building bridges between schools
and institutions worldwide.



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F. Registration Information

For your convenience, the Registration Form is available online.
Please see link below or scan the QR Code.

<https://tinyurl.com/GRCThailand2026>

Should your qualified students, teachers, and official
representatives decide to participate, we respectfully request the
submission of the accomplished registration forms on or before
15th of August 2026 to facilitate travel arrangements and event
preparations.

We would be truly honored to welcome your Region to Thailand
as part of this international celebration of innovation, education,
and friendship among nations.

Once again, congratulations to your outstanding students, dedicated teachers, supportive
schools, and your entire Division for this remarkable achievement. We look forward to
celebrating your continued success on the international stage.

Thank you very much, and may your Division continue to inspire generations of young innovators
who will shape a brighter future for the Philippines and the world.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pinky Legaspi".

Pinky Legaspi

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