



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

July 30, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FEST**

To: Schools Division Superintendents } Catbalogan City Division  
CID Chiefs } Calbayog City Division  
All Others Concerned } Leyte Division  
} Eastern Samar Division  
} Biliran Division

1. This is in reference to the official communication from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Western Visayas on the conduct of the 2026 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fest on August 3-5, 2026, at the Iloilo Convention Center.

2. This 3-day national event is centered on the theme "Building an AI-Ready Future" and will feature conferences, competitions, exhibitions, workshops, and policy discussions to further strengthen the country's artificial intelligence ecosystem.

3. The participants of the activity are as follows:

| Name                     | Position               | Station                                 | Schools Division       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Milaner Oyo-a            | Principal IV           | Calbayog City National High School      | Calbayog City Division |
| Othniel Olino            | Principal IV           | Dulag National High School              | Leyte Division         |
| Eleanor M. Miralles      | Principal II           | Granja Kalinawan National High School   | Leyte Division         |
| Dean Ernest Paul Hermano | Assistant Principal II | Eastern Samar Comprehensive High School | Borongan City Division |
| Iris M. Gayrama          | Principal IV           | Biliran Science High School             | Biliran Division       |

4. Other information such as the pre-registration link, which needs to be accomplished by July 31, 2026, contact information of the event organizer, and other valuable information about the event are all stipulated in the attached communication.

5. The travel expenses, registration fee, accommodation of participants, and per diem shall be charged against their respective local funds/MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedure.

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

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

Enclosure: 2026 AI Fest

References: Official Communication from DOST Eastern Visayas

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

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

WORKSHOP

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August 3-5, 2026  
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July 20, 2026

**DR. SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, CESO III**  
Regional Director  
Department of Education - Regional Office VIII  
Gov't. Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

Dear **Dr. Jimenez**:

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Western Visayas, together with its co-organizers, is pleased to announce that the **2026 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fest** is set to be held on **August 3-5, 2026**, at the **Iloilo Convention Center**. This three-day national event is encapsulated by the theme, "Building an AI-Ready Future, Together," which will feature conferences, competitions, exhibitions, workshops, and policy discussions aimed at further strengthening the country's artificial intelligence ecosystem.

The event likewise provides a structured platform for participants to gain hands-on experience through real-world AI applications and will feature several major components: (1) AI Technical Conference, (2) AI Hackathon, (3) PGDX Iloilo - AI Expo, (4) SineAI, (5) AI Game On!, (6) AI in Motion, (7) AI Speaks, (8) AI Connect, and (9) AI Policy Lab. Building on the successful implementation of the 2025 AI Fest, the 2026 edition aims to expand national and international participation while further strengthening collaboration among government, academe, industry, and innovation stakeholders.

Anent this, we warmly invite you to join us in this celebration of AI innovations particularly in the **AI Technical Conference**. This is a 3-day conference composed of plenary sessions on various AI-related topics and issues, presentations of AI research and development (R&D), and updates on the latest AI technologies and trends from industry leaders. The conference serves as a platform for researchers, academia, government, and industry professionals to converge and discuss the practical and ethical applications of artificial intelligence. **A maximum of five (5) slots** has been reserved for your institution, with a registration fee of **Php 6,000.00** per participant. This fee covers meals, kits, and a certificate of participation.

To assist a seamless registration, you can download DOST InnoVents, a smart application for DOST events, through the following links:

Android: [onedo.st/innovents](https://onedo.st/innovents)  
Apple: [onedo.st/iOSinnovents](https://onedo.st/iOSinnovents)

**Pre-registration link** is also accessible at <https://onedo.st/2026aiconference>.

For more information and updates on the 2026 AI Fest, please visit our website at [www.aifest.ph](http://www.aifest.ph) and like our official Facebook Pages at <https://www.facebook.com/aifestph> and <https://www.facebook.com/DOSTWesternVisayas/>. Should you have any concerns, you may also reach out to us through our official email address, [connect@aifest.ph](mailto:connect@aifest.ph) or [ord@ro6.dost.gov.ph](mailto:ord@ro6.dost.gov.ph) or call at (033) 5086739 or 0917 122 6740.

We look forward to your positive response regarding this matter.

Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,

**ROWEN R. GELONGA, ChE, CESO II**  
Regional Director, DOST Western Visayas and  
Chair, 2026 AI Fest

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## BUILDING AN AI-READY FUTURE, TOGETHER

**3-5/AUG**  
ILOILO CONVENTION CENTER

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we live, work, and interact with the world.

This year, the **2026 AI Fest** highlights the power of collaboration in shaping a stronger AI ecosystem for the Philippines. By bringing together government, industry, academia, startups, creatives, and communities, we aim to foster partnerships that accelerate innovation and the responsible adoption of AI.

Join us as we build an AI-ready future where collaboration fuels innovation, empowers communities, and advances inclusive and sustainable progress for all.

## MAJOR EVENTS



**AI HACKATHON**  
AN AI-DRIVEN CODING COMPETITION  
FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS ONLY



**SINEAI**  
AN AI-ASSISTED  
FILM-MAKING WORKSHOP



**AI GAME ON!**  
AI-ASSISTED GAME DEVELOPMENT  
SESSIONS AND COMPETITION



**AI SPEAKS**  
A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON AI AND  
FUTURE INDUSTRY TRENDS  
WITH REGISTRATION FEE OF PHP 1,000.00



**AI IN MOTION**  
ROBOTICS WORKSHOP AND  
COMPETITION



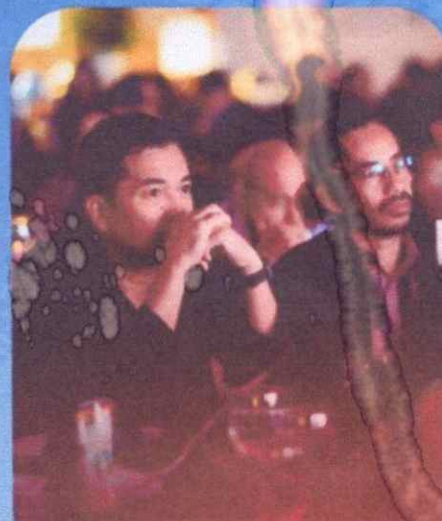
**AI CONNECT**  
A TALK ON THE APPLICATIONS  
OF AI IN BUSINESS



**AI POLICY LAB**  
A PLenary SESSION FOR AI USE  
IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR  
BY INVITATION



**PGDX ILOILO  
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TECHNOLOGIES AND AI SHOWROOMS  
WITH ENTRANCE FEE OF PHP 150.00 FOR PGDX ILOILO EXPO



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ON AI-RELATED TOPICS

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