



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

September 30, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1285** s. 2026

SAMSUNG'S 2026 SOLVE FOR TOMORROW'S COMPETITION

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Region, through the Education Support Services Division – Special Programs and Projects Section (ESSD-SPPS) hereby disseminates, for the information and appropriate action of all concerned, the attached Memorandum from the Office of External Partnership Service (EPS) dated September 22, 2026, entitled **Samsung's 2026 Solve for Tomorrow's Competition**.

2. The competition provides eligible learners an avenue to apply science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) knowledge and skills in developing innovative and practical solutions to real-world challenges. It further promotes creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, problem-solving, and innovation among learners.

3. Accordingly, all Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs) are requested to ensure the wide and timely dissemination of the attached Memorandum to all qualified DepEd-managed Science High Schools within their respective Schools Divisions.

4. School Heads and STEM Coordinators of qualified schools are likewise encouraged to facilitate the formation of student teams and actively promote participation among eligible Grades 8 to 10 learners. They shall provide appropriate technical and administrative support, consistent with existing DepEd policies, to enable participating teams to comply with the prescribed requirements and timelines.

5. All concerned shall be guided strictly by the Mechanics, Eligibility Requirements, Criteria for Judging, Prizes, Competition Schedule, and other pertinent provisions contained in the attached Memorandum. Participation and submission of entries shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements and procedures prescribed therein.

6. Schools Division Offices and participating schools are encouraged to maximize opportunities for qualified learners to participate, while ensuring that all activities undertaken in relation to the competition remain consistent with applicable DepEd policies, child protection standards, and other relevant laws, rules, and regulations.

7. For questions, clarifications, and other concerns, concerned personnel may coordinate directly with the Samsung representative identified in the attached Memorandum, or with **Eden A. Dadap** through **0920 901 7954**.



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

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Enclosures: as stated

References: as stated

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

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FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
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ALL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **HERO S. HERNANDEZ**
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External Partnerships Service

SUBJECT : **SAMSUNG'S 2026 SOLVE FOR TOMORROW'S COMPETITION**

DATE : September 22, 2026



I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the External Partnerships Service (EPS), informs all Regional Offices of the **2026 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition**, an annual initiative by Samsung Electronics Philippines. The competition empowers Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) students to design innovative, technology-driven solutions for real-world community challenges.

Implemented in partnership with DepEd since 2023, the program saw over 320 entries from 60+ science high schools nationwide in its 2025 iteration—demonstrating strong engagement across the sector.

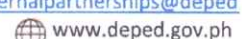
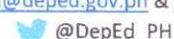
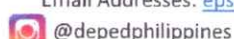
Now in its fourth year, the 2026 competition officially opened on **September 15, 2026**, and will accept entries until **November 2, 2026**.

Eligibility and Team Composition:

- Grades 8 to 10 enrolled in government-managed Science High Schools in the Philippines.
- Up to four (4) student members and one (1) faculty adviser.
- A single faculty adviser may mentor up to three (3) teams

Participating teams must identify and develop a technological solution addressing one of the following themes:

1. Environmental Sustainability



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2. Social Change through Sports and Technology
3. Local Community Challenges Addressed through Artificial Intelligence (AI)

II. **Competition Schedule**

The key activities and milestones for the 2026 competition are structure as follows:

Activity	Schedule
Competition Launch and Opening of Entries	September 15, 2026
Deadline for Submission of Entries	November 2, 2026
Announcement of Top 10 Entries	November 16, 2026
Mentoring & Refinement of Top 10 Proposals	November–December 2026
Final Judging Event	December 7, 2026
Announcement of Winners & Awarding	December 10, 2026

Each of the Top 10 teams will be paired with a Samsung mentor to refine their technical proposals. During the Final Judging Event on December 7, 2026, teams will present to a panel composed of representatives from Samsung and partner non-government organizations. Presentations may be conducted in person or online.

III. **Criteria for Judging**

Entries will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- STEM Integration – **25%**
- Design Innovation – **20%**
- Relevance to the Community – **20%**
- Feasibility – **20%**
- Sustainability – **15%**
- Clarity of Proposal – **10%**

The total score shall be based on a **100%** rating.

IV. **Prizes**

Samsung will award comprehensive prize packages to top-performing teams, including institutional device grants for schools, gadgets for students and teacher advisers, and monetary awards. Substantial cash prizes will also be awarded to teams placing 4th through 10th.

Directives for Field Offices:

- All Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are requested to disseminate this Memorandum widely to all qualified DepEd-managed Science High Schools.
- School heads and STEM coordinators are encouraged to facilitate team formation and ensure maximum participation among eligible Grades 8 to 10 students.



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For full competition rules, submission requirements, and official templates, refer to the guidelines issued by Samsung Electronics Philippines.

Immediate dissemination of and appropriate action on this Memorandum is desired.

For concerns and inquiries, please coordinate with Ms. AA Abjelina, Public Relations and CSR Corporate Affairs, Samsung Philippines via email at aa.abjelina@samsung.com or Ms. Zeny Lastimoza of EPS via email at zeny.lastimoza@deped.gov.ph or externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph.

Thank you.