



DepEd, Agusan Sur, Lock In Plans for Palarong Pambansa 2026

The Province of Agusan del Sur hosted the Final Technical Conference for the 2026 Palarong Pambansa from April 21 to 23, 2026, at the Provincial Learning Center (PLC) Convention Hall,

within the Governor Democrito O. Plaza Government Center, marking a critical milestone in preparations for the country's premier national school sports event.

The three-day conference brought together key officials from the Department of Education,

the Provincial Government of Agusan del Sur, national and local organizing committees, cluster heads, and committee chairpersons to assess readiness and finalize operational plans for the upcoming Palarong Pambansa.

DepEd Undersecretary Malcolm S. Garma, who also serves as Secretary General of the Palarong Pambansa, assured the body that the games will push through as planned.

Barring incidents beyond human control, Usec. Garma clarified that the decision was to

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honor the preparations made by the province of Agusan del Sur and all regional delegations, and to provide athletes the opportunity of fulfilling their dreams of joining the Palarong Pambansa. He added that the final technical conference is a platform to align national standards with local execution, ensuring that all technical, logistical, and safety requirements are fully addressed prior to the games.

In his message during the opening program, Agusan del Sur Governor Santiago B. Cane Jr. reaffirmed the province's firm commitment to hosting the long-awaited event, noting that a dream three decades in the making is now within reach.



Expressing confidence in the strong collaboration among stakeholders, Governor Cone underscored readiness across eight critical areas and assured full action on all recommendations, while challenging partners to match the discipline of the nation's athletes and urging meticulous planning, as the eyes of the country turn to Agusan del Sur.

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The conference featured a comprehensive presentation of progress reports covering regional participation, tournament management, playing and billeting venues, health and safety measures, marketing and communications, ceremonies, food services, transportation, security, ceremonies, and awards management. Special events such as exhibition sports, Laro ng Lahi, Tribalypics, and other LGU-initiated activities were also discussed.

On the second day, the discussions centered on media relations and communications, security measures, and event management and protocols. The participants also engaged in simulation exercises, including earthquake and fire drills in billeting schools and during a mock opening program, to test emergency response protocols and inter-agency coordination. This was complemented by a simultaneous ocular inspection of playing venues and billeting facilities to validate preparedness on the ground.

The final day focused on the presentation of findings and recommendations from the venue inspections, updates on technical management and competition requirements, and the submission of final technical documents, schedules, and lists of officials and qualifiers, solidifying the operational roadmap for the 2020 Palarong Pambansa.

With the successful conduct of the Final Technical Conference, Agusan del Sur moves closer to hosting a well-coordinated and athlete-centered Palarong Pambansa, reflecting the province's readiness to welcome thousands of athletes, coaches, officials, and delegates from across the country. **END**



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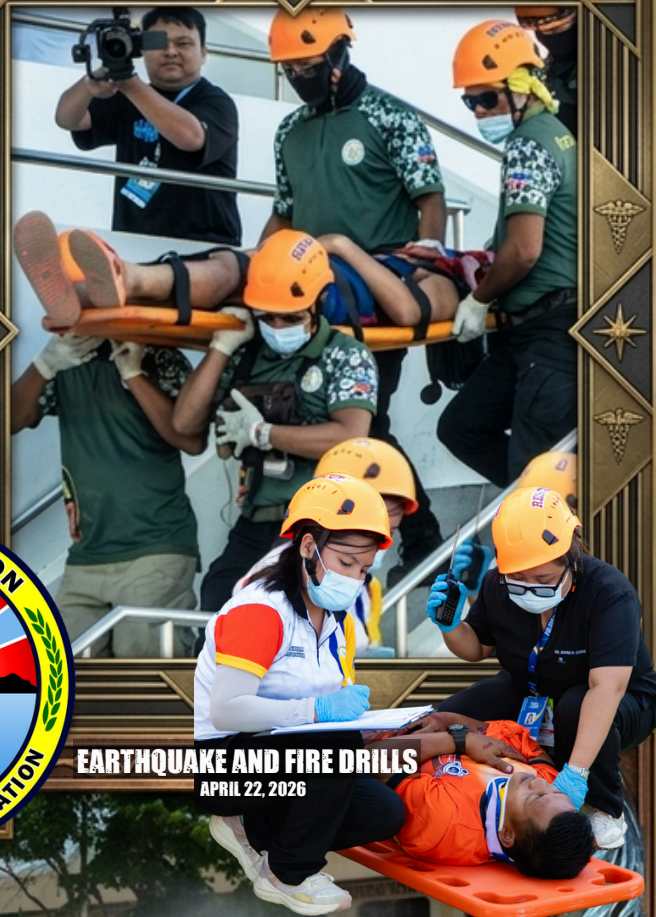
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