



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
RECORDS UNIT, REGIONAL OFFICE-CARAGA
RELEASED
10.10.2026

Digitally
signed by
Releasing

Date:
2026.10.14
12:10:42
+0800

14 Oct 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 1102, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendent
All Others Concerned

**PARTICIPATION IN THE SAMSUNG'S 2026 SOLVE FOR TOMORROW
COMPETITION FOR DEPED-MANAGED SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOLS**

1. **Activity.** Pursuant to the communication from the External Partnership Service (EPS), this Office invites the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and other concerned field offices in the Caraga Region to facilitate participation in **Samsung's 2026 Solve for Tomorrow Competition**, an annual initiative of Samsung Electronics Philippines that challenges students to develop innovative, technology-driven solutions to real-world community challenges.

2. **Objective.** The competition aims to empower Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) students to apply their knowledge and skills to develop innovative solutions that address environmental sustainability, social change through sports and technology, and local community challenges through artificial intelligence (AI).

3. **Participation.** The SDOs are encouraged to disseminate the competition guidelines to eligible DepEd-managed Science High Schools and facilitate participation by Grades 8 to 10 students. Interested schools may organize teams composed of up to four student members and one faculty adviser. Entries must be submitted on or before November 2, 2026. Other details on eligibility, competition themes, schedule, and prizes are provided in the enclosure.

4. **Contact Details.** For coordination and further information, concerned personnel may contact Ms. AA Abjelina, Public Relations and CSR Corporate Affairs, Samsung Philippines, through email at aa.abjelina@samsung.com, or Ms. Zeny Lastimoza of the External Partnerships Service through email at zeny.lastimoza@deped.gov.ph or externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph

5. For information and dissemination.

Digitally
signed by
Farnazo
Allan
Gabriel

Date:
2026.10.13
10:09:48
+0800

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director

JATS/ESSD/Participation in the Samsung's 2026 Solve...
17229/October 12, 2026

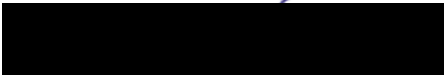




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

CO-EPS No. _____ s. 2026

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOCAL PERSONS
DIVISION PARTNERSHIP FOCAL PERSONS
ALL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED


FROM : **HERO S. HERNANDEZ**
Director IV
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

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.



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS SERVICE

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.