



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

August 10, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 632, s. 2026

**REQUEST FOR TEACHER-ADVISERS AND STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) YOUTH SUMMIT 2026**

To: Chief, CID and SGOD
All Public and Private School Heads
Red Cross School Coordinators and Council Officers
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the letter from the Philippine Red Cross- Bohol Chapter inviting the **Red Cross Youth (RCY) Council Teacher-Advisers and Student-Volunteers** from the public and private schools to attend the **International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Youth Summit 2026** to be held on **August 29, 2026** (Saturday) from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the **Holy Name University, Tagbilaran City, Bohol**.
2. The teacher-adviser/RCY council adviser shall be entitled to service credits subject to existing policies and guidelines.
3. For more details, kindly read the attached communication.
4. For information, compliance and dissemination.

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Schools Division of Tagbilaran City

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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR TEACHER-ADVISERS AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATION
IN THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) YOUTH SUMMIT 2026**

Dear Dr. Bongalos,

Greetings of humanitarian service!

The Chapter Youth Council of the Philippine Red Cross – Bohol Chapter will be conducting the **International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Youth Summit 2026** on August 29, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Holy Name University, Tagbilaran City, Bohol. This activity is designed for the participation of Red Cross Youth (RCY) Council Teacher-Advisers and Student-Volunteers.

In this regard, we respectfully request your good office to issue a **memorandum** to all concerned schools to support and facilitate the participation of RCY Teacher-Advisers and Student-Volunteers in the said activity.

In line with *DepEd Order No. 38, s. 2005* and *DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2015*, we respectfully request that participating RCY Teacher-Advisers be granted appropriate service credits for their attendance and active participation, subject to existing rules and approval of your office.

The **IHL Youth Summit 2026** aims to enhance youth understanding of International Humanitarian Law while promoting humanitarian values, leadership, and active citizenship. It seeks to equip Teacher-Advisers and Student-Volunteers with a stronger grasp of humanitarian principles, the protection of human dignity in times of conflict, and the role of youth in advancing humanitarian advocacy in their schools and communities.

The participation of RCY Teacher-Advisers is instrumental in guiding student-volunteers and ensuring the effective implementation of Red Cross Youth programs, particularly in promoting IHL awareness and education at the school level.

Should you wish to extend your support or require further information, you may contact **MS. JUNITA ROSE S. RUIZ** at **0946-113-3215** Chapter Service Representative - RCY or **MS. JESSA CHRISTIE A. TAJALE** Chapter Youth Council (CYC) President thru **9614100415**. You may also reach us via email at redcrossyouthbohola@gmail.com.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully yours,

DIR. JESSA CHRISTIE A. TAJALE
President – Chapter Youth Council

JUNITA ROSE S. RUIZ
Chapter Service Representative - RCY

Noted by:

EMMANUEL C. PILAYRE, REA
Chapter Administrator
Philippine Red Cross - Bohol Chapter

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DepED ORDER

No. 38, s. 2005

**RECOGNITION OF THE RED CROSS YOUTH AS OFFICIAL
CO-CURRICULAR ORGANIZATION IN THE SCHOOLS**

**To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools**

1. The Red Cross Youth (RCY) is one of the six major services of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC). Its mission is to educate and empower the children and youth in the spirit of Red Cross through constructive trainings and effective leadership, and provide opportunities for directing and harnessing their energy and idealism into worthwhile humanitarian activities.
2. The major activities of the RCY are the following:
 - a. Advocacy and inculcation of moral values and character building;
 - b. Protection of life and promotion of community health;
 - c. Service and solidarity, which awaken in them the spirit of compassion to help people in dire need;
 - d. National and international friendship, understanding and education for peace; and
 - e. Dissemination of Red Cross Principles and International Humanitarian Law.
3. Pursuant thereto, the RCY is hereby recognized as one of the official co-curricular organizations in the schools, provided that RCY activities shall observe the time-on-task policy of the Department.
4. Accordingly, all concerned are encouraged to assist and support the establishment of the RCY Chapters in the schools. All elementary pupils and secondary students are encouraged to enlist as members of the Junior Red Cross (JRC) and the Senior Red Cross Youth (SRCY), respectively. Likewise, the school administrator shall designate a teacher to serve as adviser of the Red Cross Youth Council.
5. The Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA), as the office in-charge of co-curricular matters, is tasked to coordinate and facilitate the activities of the Red Cross Youth in the Department of Education.
6. For assistance in organizing Red Cross Youth Chapters, please contact Representative Juan Miguel Zubiri, PNRC Governor and Red Cross Youth Committee Chair, with address at the Philippine National Red Cross, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila 2803 or call telephone numbers (02) 527-8384 to 94 local 130 or 116, telefax number 524-2101 or e-mail at rcy@redcross.org.ph or orilla@redcross.org.ph or visit the nearest Red Cross Office. For coordination, please contact the Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs Mr. Joey G. Pelaez, CSCA Executive Director, at telephone numbers (02) 636-3603 or 631-8495.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Order is directed.

R. C. Bacani
RAMON C. BACANI
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

SCHOOLS ORGANIZATIONS STUDENTS

*Note: PSDS, ps.
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all elem. & sec. heads.*



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**GRANT OF SERVICE CREDITS TO TEACHER-ADVISERS
OF RED CROSS YOUTH COUNCILS (RCYC)**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the Red Cross Youth (RCY) as one of the official co-curricular organizations in the schools as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 38, s. 2005 entitled *Recognition of the Red Cross Youth as Official Co-Curricular Organization in the Schools*. One of the major services of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) is its mission to educate and empower the children and youth in the spirit of Red Cross, through constructive meetings and effective leadership, and provide opportunities for directing and harnessing their energy and idealism into worth humanitarian activities.
2. In this connection, DepEd encourages the organization of the RCYC in all public elementary and secondary schools with at least one teacher-adviser and 43 youth members as provided in DepEd Memorandum No. 102, s. 2011 entitled *Establishment of the Red Cross Youth Council and Training of Teachers in the Different Red Cross Services*. The teacher-advisers are expected to participate in the different Red Cross trainings such as First Aid, Basic Life Support (or Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and Disaster Management.
3. Recognizing the efforts and support of the teacher-advisers of the RCYC, they are hereby granted service credits of not more than ten days, exclusive of the allowable 15 days for every year pursuant to DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 entitled *Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers* for their participation in RCYC activities provided that the activity is recognized and authorized by the schools division superintendents (SDSs).
4. The school heads shall submit to the SDS the request for the grant of service credits clearly indicating the RCYC activity participated in by the teacher-adviser. The discretion to determine the number of service credits that may be allowed for participation in the RCYC activity is vested with the SDS.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

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MR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 38, s. 2005 and 53 s. 2003)
DepEd Memorandum (No. 102, s. 2011)

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

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*To: PSDS,
Elem. & Sec. Sch. Heads
For information, guidance & compliance.*

PHILIPPINE RED CROSS - BOHOL CHAPTER
CHAPTER YOUTH COUNCIL



**INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
YOUTH SUMMIT**

OFFICIAL PRIMER

Article I

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) YOUTH SUMMIT 2026

*"Galvanizing Commitment to International Humanitarian Law:
Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia-Pacific Region"*

Section 1. Vision

To cultivate a generation of youth leaders who champion International Humanitarian Law and uphold the dignity of every person in times of peace and armed conflict. We envision empowered communities where humanitarian values, respect for human rights, and a culture of peace are actively promoted by young people. Through education, leadership, and volunteerism, the International Humanitarian Law Youth Summit aspires to inspire lifelong humanitarian advocates who create positive and lasting impact in society.



Section 2. Mission

To empower young people through comprehensive education, leadership development, and meaningful humanitarian engagement that deepen their understanding of International Humanitarian Law and the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross. By fostering collaboration among schools, communities, government agencies, and humanitarian partners, the summit aims to develop competent, compassionate, and socially responsible youth who actively promote peace, protect human dignity, and lead sustainable humanitarian initiatives.

Section 2. Objectives



transfer fees may apply.

- To enhance the knowledge and understanding of Red Cross Youth members and student leaders on the principles, rules, and relevance of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- To promote humanitarian values, peacebuilding, and respect for human dignity through educational sessions, advocacy campaigns, and academic competitions.
- To develop participants' leadership, critical thinking, communication, and advocacy skills through debates, essay writing, poster-making, and other interactive learning activities.
- To strengthen collaboration among the Philippine Red Cross, educational institutions, government agencies, and community stakeholders in advancing humanitarian education and youth engagement.
- To inspire and empower young people to become lifelong humanitarian advocates who initiate and sustain community-based programs that uphold the principles of International Humanitarian Law and the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross.

Date: August 8-29, 2026

Registration Date: August 1, 2026

End of Registration: August 15, 2026

Section 3.

FLOW OF REGISTRATION

3.1 Download the Parents' Consent and CPP Form:

- CPP FORM: <https://bit.ly/3RSIPo4>
- PARENTS' CONSENT FORM : <https://bit.ly/4gX3pxU>



3.2 Pay the Registration Fee

Registration Fee ;

- P 200.00 per contestant

Inclusions ;

- Event Kit
- Primer Booklet
- Lunch
- ID

For Online Payment :

THRU GCASH ; 09923121535

For Chapter Cashier:

- 1st Floor, Provincial Capitol Compound, Marapao St, corner J.A. Clarin St, Tagbilaran City, 6300 Bohol.



3.2 Input all details needed in the Registration Form

REG FORM LINK : <https://forms.gle/zNfBtQSFTBi2z3Hd6>

1. Complete Name of Contestant
2. MAAB ID No.
3. Upload MAAB ID Image
4. Council Name
5. Select Competition to Join to
6. Upload Parents' Consent
7. Upload CPP Form
8. Reference/Receipt No. Of Payment
9. Upload Proof of Payment
10. Tap the official Link for IHLYS 2026 GC
11. Submit



3.4 Wait for the **CONFIRMATION EMAIL** to officially confirm your registration.



Article II

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW INTERCOUNCIL DEBATE SERIES

Section 1. Description

The **Asian Parliamentary Debate Competition** is one of the flagship academic events of the **International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Youth Summit**, designed to cultivate critical thinking, persuasive communication, and evidence-based argumentation among young leaders. Through the modified Asian Parliamentary Debate format, participants will engage in structured debates on contemporary issues related to International Humanitarian Law, humanitarian action, peacebuilding, and global affairs. The competition challenges delegates to analyze complex issues, formulate principled arguments, and defend their positions while upholding the values of respect, professionalism, and ethical discourse.

Beyond competition, the debate serves as a platform for meaningful dialogue and intellectual exchange, empowering youth to appreciate diverse perspectives and strengthen their understanding of humanitarian principles. By simulating parliamentary proceedings, participants develop essential leadership, diplomacy, public speaking, and policy analysis skills that prepare them to become informed advocates for humanity and responsible global citizens.

COMPETITION MECHANICS & GUIDELINES

Section 2. Competition Mechanics and Guidelines

A. Team Composition

1. Each Red Cross Youth (RCY) Council shall be represented by **one (1) team** consisting of **(3) contestants**.
2. A team may be composed of:
 - **One (1) to three (3) bona fide RCY members** , all with **valid MAAB ID**; or
 - **At least one (1) RCY member** with **valid MAAB ID**, while the remaining members may be non-RCY members, provided they possess a **valid MAAB ID**.
3. All contestants must be **bona fide students** of the council or institution they represent.

B. Team Roles

Each team shall designate members to perform the following roles:

- **Prime Minister (Government) / Leader of the Opposition**
- **Deputy Prime Minister / Deputy Leader of the Opposition**
- **Government Whip / Opposition Whip**

The **Reply Speaker** shall be selected from among the three substantive speakers and shall deliver the reply speech for their respective side.

C. Attire

All contestants shall wear **semi-formal (corporate) attire** throughout the duration of the competition.

D. Debate Format

1. The competition shall adopt a **Modified Asian Parliamentary Debate Format**.
2. The speaking time shall be as follows:

Round	Prime Minister / Leader of Opposition	Deputy Speakers	Whip Speakers	Reply Speakers
Elimination Round	6 minutes	6 minutes	6 minutes	3 minutes
Semi-Final Round	7 minutes	7 minutes	7 minutes	3 minutes
Grand Final Round	8 minutes	8 minutes	8 minutes	4 minutes

E. Motions

1. The motions for the **Preliminary Rounds, Elimination Round, and Semi-Final Round** shall be released by the Organizing Committee together with these mechanics and guidelines.
2. The motion for the **Grand Final Round** shall be released by the Board of Adjudicators during the program proper.
3. Teams shall receive their assigned **motion and side (Government or Opposition) one (1) hour** before the commencement of each debate round to allow sufficient preparation time.

F. Competition Flow

1. Elimination shall be determined after the completion of the Indoor Preliminary Rounds.
2. Only the qualified **Semi-Finalist Teams** shall advance to the debates to be held at the **Holy Name University (HNU) Barder Gymnasium**.
3. The venue assignments and official announcements shall be communicated

through the designated Official Announcement Channels.

G. Adjudication

1. The decision of the **Board of Adjudicators** shall be **final and irrevocable**.
2. No appeal or protest regarding the adjudicators' decision shall be entertained after the official announcement of results.

H. Official Communication

The Organizing Committee shall create an official group chat to serve as the primary platform for announcements, updates, and responses to participants' queries regarding the competition.

Code of Conduct

Section 3. Code of Conduct

For Debaters

The following actions are strictly prohibited during the debate:

- Bringing or consulting books, newspapers, mobile phones, tablets, laptops, or other electronic devices during the preparation and debate proper, except for handwritten research notes permitted by the committee.
- Using profane, offensive, discriminatory, religious references, or unparliamentary language is prohibited.
- Engaging in personal attacks, intimidation, finger-pointing, harassment, or any form of unethical conduct toward opponents, adjudicators, or officials.
- Receiving notes, signals, coaching, or any form of assistance from the audience or other individuals once the debate has commenced.
- Consuming food during the debate. Contestants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle, pen, and writing materials before taking their seats.

For the Audience

To maintain fairness and decorum, audience members are expected to observe the following:

- Refrain from clapping, cheering, booing, or making any disruptive reactions during speeches.
- The parliamentary expression "**Hear, hear!**" may only be used **after** a speaker has concluded a statement and must not interrupt or distract the speaker.
- Coaching, prompting, signaling, or communicating with any competing team during the debate is strictly prohibited.
- Respect all participants, adjudicators, and officials. Derogatory remarks, hostile behavior, or any form of negative or disruptive conduct shall not be tolerated.
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be kept on silent mode throughout the debate.



AWARDS
Section 4. Awards ● Champion : 3 Medals , Certificate ● 1st Runner-Up : 3 Medals , Certificate ● 2nd Runner-Up : 3 Medals , Certificate ● Overall Best Speaker : Certificate ● Certificates of Participation for all competing teams ● Certificates for winners are 1 per council and 1 per participant
Event Timeframe
Elimination Round - 1 hr : INDOOR
Semi-Final Round - 1hr : HNU BARDER GYM
Grand Final Round - 1hr and 30 mins : HNU BARDER GYM
Event Details
Registration Date: Aug 1, 2026
End of Registration: Aug 15, 2026

Article III INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) ESSAY COMPETITION
Section 1. Description The International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Essay Competition is an academic writing competition that aims to deepen participants' understanding of International Humanitarian Law through critical analysis, informed reflection, and persuasive writing. The competition provides Red Cross Youth members with an opportunity to examine contemporary humanitarian issues, apply IHL principles to real-world situations, and articulate well-reasoned perspectives on the protection of human dignity during armed conflict and other humanitarian contexts. By encouraging originality, analytical thinking, and effective written communication, the competition seeks to foster a generation of youth advocates who are knowledgeable about humanitarian principles and committed to promoting respect for International Humanitarian Law. Participants are expected to produce a coherent, evidence-informed, and original essay that demonstrates intellectual rigor, ethical reasoning, and a clear understanding of the assigned topic.



COMPETITION MECHANICS & GUIDELINES

Section 2. Competition Mechanics & Guidelines

1. Each council is limited to sending one (1) participant and is a **RCY member** with a **valid MAAB ID**.
2. Participants must be bona fide students of the council they are representing.
3. The essay topic will be given on the spot at the start of the competition.
4. Participants will be given one (1) hour to complete their essay on the spot.
5. Essays must be original.
6. No electronic devices, books, or reference materials are allowed.
7. Essays must follow 500 minimum words and 1000 maximum words.
8. Essays must be written in English.

Judging Criteria

Content and depth of ideas	– 40%
Organization and coherence	– 25%
Creativity and originality	– 20%
Grammar and mechanics	– 15%

Awards

Section 3. Awards

- **Champion** – Certificate of Recognition and Medal
- **1st Runner-Up** – Certificate of Recognition and Medal,
- **2nd Runner-Up** – Certificate of Recognition and Medal

Event Details

Registration Date: Aug 1, 2026

End of Registration: Aug 15, 2026

Article IV

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Section 1. Description

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Extemporaneous Speaking Competition is a public speaking contest that challenges participants to think critically and communicate effectively by delivering an impromptu speech on a randomly assigned International Humanitarian Law-related topic. The competition aims to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of humanitarian principles while developing participants' confidence, critical thinking, and public speaking skills.

COMPETITION MECHANICS & GUIDELINES

Section 2. Competition Mechanics and Guidelines

1. Each council may send only **one (1) participant**, who must be an active **Red Cross Youth (RCY)** member with a **valid MAAB ID**.
2. Participants must be bona fide students of the council they are representing.
3. The extemporaneous speaking topic shall be assigned through an official lottery and revealed only at the start of the competition.
4. After drawing their topic, participants shall be given one (1) minute to prepare their speech.
5. During the preparation period, participants may use only a pen and paper to prepare an outline. The use of electronic devices, books, printed references, notes prepared in advance, or any internet-connected materials is strictly prohibited.
6. Each participant shall deliver a speech with a maximum duration of three (3) minutes. The recommended time allocation is:
 - One (1) minute – Introduction
 - One (1) minute – Body
 - One (1) minute – Conclusion
7. Participants who exceed the three (3)-minute time limit shall have their microphone automatically muted by the Technical Committee, regardless of whether they have finished delivering their speech.
8. The speech must be delivered entirely in English.
9. All speeches must present the participant's original ideas. Plagiarism, the use of pre-written or previously memorized speeches, or any form of academic dishonesty may result in disqualification, subject to the decision of the Board of Judges.
10. Participants may refer only to the outline they prepared during the allotted preparation period while delivering their speech.
11. Appropriate eye contact, gestures, facial expressions, voice projection, and vocal variety are encouraged to enhance speech delivery. The use of props, visual aids, costumes, audio-visual materials, or any other presentation aids is strictly prohibited.
12. The order of presentation shall be determined through an official draw conducted by the Organizing Committee.
13. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final, irrevocable, and not subject to appeal.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Content and Organization (relevance, clarity, logical flow, and depth of ideas)	40%



Delivery (voice projection, confidence, eye contact, gestures, and stage presence)	30%
Language Use (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, and fluency)	20%
Time Management (adherence to the prescribed time limit)	10%
Total	100%
AWARDS	
Section 3. Awards	
• Champion – Certificate of Recognition and Medal • 1st Runner-Up – Certificate of Recognition and Medal, • 2nd Runner-Up – Certificate of Recognition and Medal	
Event Details	
Registration Date: Aug 1, 2026	
End of Registration: Aug 15, 2026	

IHL YOUTH SUMMIT 2026: ACTIVITY TIMEFRAME

TIMEFRAME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
August 1-15, 2026	REGISTRATION PERIOD	ONLINE
August 15-20, 2026	SENDING OF CONFIRMATION EMAILS	ONLINE
August 8, 2026	HUMANITARIAN GATHERING : THE OPENING	ONLINE
August 29, 2026	INNOVATION AND DIPLOMACY WEEKEND	TBA



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