



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

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 791 , s. 2026

September 15, 2026

CONDUCT OF 2026 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), announces the conduct of the 2026 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) with the theme, **"Fostering Critical Minds and Responsible Voices in the Digital Age"**. The activity is slated for October 10-11, 2026, at Tagbilaran City Central Elementary School.
2. The activity aims to:
 - 2.1 demonstrate understanding of journalism by expressing it through skillful execution in various platforms (ie, print, broadcast, online);
 - 2.2 recognize the role of journalism in advocating for social consciousness and environmental awareness;
 - 2.3 promote fair and ethical use of media as tenets of responsible journalism;
 - 2.4 foster camaraderie and enrich learning experiences through healthy and friendly competitions; and
 - 2.5 provide learners opportunities to use the skills learned in campus journalism for their future careers.
3. The conference activities shall include the following contest categories in elementary and secondary in both English and Filipino, to wit:
 - a. **Individual Contests (English and Filipino, elementary, and secondary)**
 - i. News Writing
 - ii. Editorial Writing
 - iii. Column Writing
 - iv. Editorial Cartooning
 - v. Science and Technology Writing
 - vi. Photojournalism
 - vii. Feature Writing
 - viii. Sports Writing
 - ix. Copyreading and Headline Writing
 - b. **Group Contests**
 - i. Radio Script Writing and Broadcasting (elementary and secondary)
 - ii. TV Script Writing and Broadcasting (for secondary level)
 - iii. Collaborative Desktop Publishing (elementary and secondary)



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- iv. Online Publishing (for secondary level)
- c. **School Paper Contest** (English and Filipino, elementary and secondary, in PDF)
 - i. News Section
 - ii. Feature Section
 - iii. Editorial Section
 - iv. Science and Technology Section
 - v. Sports Section
 - vi. Layout and Page Design

4. School Paper Advisers (SPAs) are likewise advised to facilitate the parents' Consent for their contestants.

5. A **pre-registration fee of one hundred fifty pesos (150.00)** per participant will be collected to cover the materials for the activity, honorarium for the judges, and meals for the Working Committees. This fee will be charged to School Publication Funds/School MOOE, and other School Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The preregistration **deadline is September 28, 2026**. See **Ms. Margie Tejano** at the **Cashier's Office**.

6. A school may field one (1) or two (2) campus journalists in a contest. However, each journalist may participate in only one event, either in an individual or group category.

7. All participating schools shall submit the **school paper publication following the required specifications**. Schools without a school paper are not eligible to participate in the activity. The submission **deadline is October 2, 2026**.

8. Intellectual and property rights must be respected in school publications. The Department of Education reiterates its intention to reject school papers discovered to have copied and published texts, illustrations, and other items without properly citing their sources. Plagiarism in any form will result in disqualification.

9. The teacher participants are entitled to one or two-day service credits, whichever is applicable, under DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2011 and DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003. Likewise, non-teaching personnel involved in the activity are allowed to avail of the Compensatory Time Off (CTO) per CSC and DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004.

10. In preparation for the event, a **meeting of all Working Committee members** is set for **September 30, 2026, at 1:30 PM at Tagbilaran City Central Elementary School Library**.

12. Please see the attachments for the **matrix of activities, list of committees, and Registration Form**. Bring the completed registration form upon payment of the registration fee and present the photocopies on the event day.

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

WILFREDA D. BONGALOS PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

2026-2027 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)

Division of City Schools-Tagbilaran City

October 10-11, 2026

WORKING COMMITTEES

Program and Invitation	Aimee T. Amistoso
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	Simon T. Rios
	Rex Celocia
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CONTEST COMMITTEE

ROOM	ELEMENTARY	SECONDARY
ROOM 1 (News Writing, Editorial Cartooning, Feature Writing)	Procilita Milar	Farrah Estose
	Lemuel Barol	Glaiza T. Jala
ROOM 2 (Column Writing, SciTech, PhotoJ)	Crestita G. Batingal	Ma. Dulce Alma A. Lapos
	Ellen Marie Villar	Maria Chona Roxas
ROOM 3 (Editorial Writing, Copyreading & Headlining, Sports Writing)	Anna Marie Gutang	Rosalma T. Balistoy
	Maricel Barimbao	Hazel May Baliguian
ROOM 4 (Radio Scriptwriting and Broad)	Nenita Incog	Anecita Balon
	Rosemarie S. Maceren	Flordeliza Austero
	Lanie Gutas	Doudgeford Castano
	Lucille Varquez	Mae M. Bastes
ROOM 5 (Collaborative Desktop Publishing)	Ermila Cadenas	
	Edgar Fernandez	
ROOM 6 (TV script and broad)	Alberto Tibod Jr	Mylin O. Inigo
	Marlyn Baluca	FJ Charlene Lasta
	Jonathan Membreve	Farrah Estose
	Shirley Laborte	Ally Marie Cajilog

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ROOM 7 (Online Publishing)	Rowena Dinsay
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CONTESTANT ESCORT AND WORKING COMMITTEE	
	Florenda Golosino
	Zenen Opada
	Dialene Romuga
	Cindy Cordenillo

MEDALS AND TROPHIES		
Corazon H. Samuya	Florafel C. Datoy	
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VENUE, DECORATION, SOUND SYSTEM, & PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT		
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DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE (DSPC)

SY 2026-2027

Theme: *Fostering Critical Minds and Responsible Voices in the Digital Age*

October 10-11, 2026

Tagbilaran City Central Elementary School

Tagbilaran City

TIME	REGISTRATION			
7:30- 7:45	OPENING PROGRAM			
7:45- 9:00	DAY 1 – OCTOBER 10, 2026			
	CONTESTS			
	ROOM 1	ROOM -2	ROOM- 3	Other Activities
	Eng -Elem. -Lemuel Barol Fil- Elem. Proclita Miliar Eng -Sec -Glaiza Jala Fil- Sec -Fara Estose	Eng-Sec. – Ma. Dulce Alma Lopos Fil- Sec. – Maria Chona Roxas Eng – Elem – Crestita G. Batingal Fil- Elem- Ellen Marie Villar	Eng-Sec. –Rosalma Balistoy Fil- Sec. – Hazel Baliguian Eng – Elem -Anna Marie Gutang Fil- Elem- Maricel Barimbao	
9:01-9:15	SNACKS			
9:16- 9:30	BREAK / PREPARATION			
9:31-10:30	News Writing	Column Writing	Editorial Writing	
10:31- 10:45	BREAK/ PREPARATION			
10:46- 11:45	Editorial Cartooning	Science and Technology Writing	Copyreading and Headline Writing	
11:46 – 12:45	LUNCH BREAK			
12:46 – 1:00	BREAK/ PREPARATION			
1:01 – 2:00	Editorial Cartooning	Science and Technology Writing	Copyreading and Headline Writing	Sports Actual Game (TCCES) Rex Celosia Dougeford Castaño
2:01- 2:15	BREAK/ PREPARATION			
				Photojournalism Instruction & Photo shoot
2:16-3:15	Feature Writing	Photojournalism	Sports Writing	Meeting and Election of SPA Officers Helen O Chavez & Billy Cosares
4:16 – 5:00				Clearing Time

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DAY 2 – OCTOBER 11, 2026							
Preliminary Activity							
7:45-8:00	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	Room 6	Room 7
8:01-9:30	Radio Broadcasting Scriptwriting – English Elem Nenita Incog Lanie Gutas	Radio Broadcasting Script Writing – Filipino Elem Lucille Varquez Farrah Anaviso	Radio Broadcasting Scriptwriting – English Secondary Annabel Lansang Aniceta Balon	Radio Broadcasting Script Writing – Filipino Secondary Annabel Lansang Aniceta Balon	Online Publishing Jonathan Membreve Rowena Dinsay	Collaborative Desktop Publishing Contest Ermila Cadenas Edgar Fernandez	TV Script writing & Broadcasting Marlyn Baluca Mylin O. Iñigo Alberto Tibod Jr. FJ Charlene Lasta
9:31-10:00	Printing of Script	Printing of Script	Printing of Script	Printing of Script			
10:01-10:30	BREAK TIME/ PREPARATION						
10:31-12:00	Contest Proper- Elementary Level Nenita Incog Lanie Gutas Lucille Varquez Farrah Anaviso		Contest Proper Secondary level Annabel Lansang Aniceta Balon Annabel Lansang Aniceta Balon				Contest Proper
12:01 – 1:00	LUNCH BREAK						
1:00 – 3:00	Continuation		Continuation				Continuation
3:01 -5:00							

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2026-2027 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

Venue: TAGBILARAN CITY CENTRAL ES

October 10-11, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

School: _____

School Paper Adviser: _____

_____	ELEMENTARY	_____	SECONDARY
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NOTE: PLS PRINT LEGIBLY

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Total Number of Participants: _____

Remarks _____

OR No. _____

Note : Pls bring this form upon payment and submit to the registration committee during the registration time in the contest venue