



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
CID-2026- 168

TO : **CORAZON SAMUYA – DR. CECILIO PUTONG NTIONAL HS-JHS
JOSELITO GALLEND – MANGA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
LEGARDO PALACA JR. – TAGBILARAN CITY SCIENCE HS**

FROM : **WILFREDA D. BONGALOS PhD, CESO V**
Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **SAMSUNG`S2026 SOLVE FOR TOMORROW`S COMPETITION**

DATE : October 1, 2026

1. Attached is the communication from Mr. Hero S. Hernandez, Director IV, External Partnerships Services, Samsung Philippines, requesting our STEM learners to participate in the said competition.
2. This Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), hereby invites you to participate in the **2026 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Competition** which officially opened on **September 15, 2026**, and will accept entries until **November 2, 2026**.
3. 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 Lastimosa of EPS via email at zeny.lastimosa@deped.gov.ph or externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph.
4. Please see attached guidelines and requirements for your reference.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are directed.

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SAMSUNG'S 2026 SOLVE FOR TOMORROW'S COMPETITION

BY DATE: 9/29/2026

From DepEd - External Partnerships Service <external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph>

Date Tue 9/29/2026 10:56 AM

Cc AA Abjelina <aa.abjelina@samsung.com>; Zeny Lastimoza <zeny.lastimoza@deped.gov.ph>

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Greetings,

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)

I. 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.

II. 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.

III. 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.

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

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