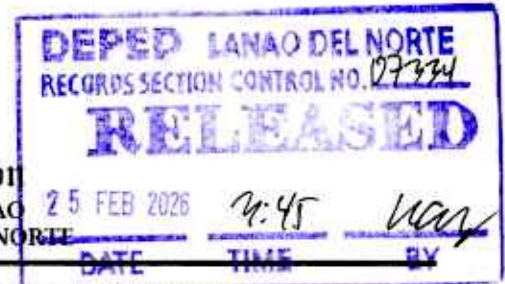




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X-NORTHERN MINDANAO
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANAOS DEL NORTE



February 24, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 134 s. 2026

**DISSEMINATION OF THE 55TH UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (UPU)
INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING COMPETITION
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 2026**

To: PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERVISORS/
COORDINATING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED
This Division

1. This Office hereby informs the guidelines and mechanics for the 55th Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Letter Writing Competition for Young People 2026.
2. The theme for this year's competition is: "WRITE A LETTER TO A FRIEND ABOUT WHY HUMAN CONNECTION MATTERS IN A DIGITAL WORLD."
3. The competition is open to students from public and private schools nationwide who are 9-15 years old. Entries must be the participant's original and unpublished work, handwritten in English, not exceeding 800 words. The use of AI tools or systems in generating entries is strictly prohibited.
4. Participants are required to register and upload a scanned copy (PDF format) of the original handwritten entry together with a high-quality photo (PNG or JPEG format) through the link: bit.ly/PHLPost2026LetterWriting prior to mailing the original copy.
5. All entries, including the separate documents stipulated in mechanics no. 7a-7g, must be placed in a brown envelope and submitted on or before March 27, 2026, through the POST OFFICE via PHLPost Domestic Express Mail Service (DEMS) only, addressed to:
UPU 55th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People 2026
Business Lines Department - OAPMG for Operations
Philippine Postal Corporation
Manila Central Post Office Building Annex II Building
Magallanes Drive, Liwasang Bonifacio
Barangay 659-A, Ermita
1000 Manila, Philippines
6. Entries sent through private couriers shall be automatically **DISQUALIFIED**.
7. The contest period is from February 16, 2026 to March 27, 2026.



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8. The prizes are as follows:
First Prize - P25,000 + Medal + Certificate
Second Prize - P20,000 + Medal + Certificate
Third Prize - P15,000 + Medal + Certificate
9. The First Prize Winning Entry will be submitted by PHLPost to the International Bureau as the Philippines' Official Entry to the UPU 55th International Letter Writing Competition for Young People 2026.
10. For further inquiries, you may contact Ms. Cecille A. Cotapte at 0906-469-6880 or coordinate with the PHLPost Manila Business Lines Department through the contact details indicated in the official circular.
11. In view of this, all school heads are encouraged to disseminate this information widely and motivate eligible learners to participate.
12. Attached is the invitation letter from Cecille Araco-Cotapte, Market Specialist III, PHLPost Central Mindanao Area.
13. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly enjoined.

EDWIN R. MARBOJOC EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

ATCH: As stated in Paragraph 13
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:
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1 message

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Mon, Feb 16, 2026 at 9:17 AM

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Dear Mam

Respectfully shared is the guidelines and mechanics for the 55th Universal Postal Union International Letter Writing Competition for Young People for 2026.

Theme : **"WRITE A LETTER TO A FRIEND ABOUT WHY HUMAN CONNECTION MATTERS IN A DIGITAL WORLD?"**

Who are qualified to join: **Students from public and private schools nationwide who are 9-15 years old.**

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Participants must register and attach a scanned copy (PDF format) of the original entry and a high quality photo (PNG or Jpeg format) at bit.ly/PHLPost2026LetterWriting before mailing the original entry.

Entries, together with the separate paper **stipulated in mechanics no. 7a-7g** must be placed in a brown envelope and should be submitted before **March 27, 2026** through the POST OFFICE, via PHLPost Domestic Express Mail Service (DEMS) to :

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Business Lines Department-OAPMG for Operations
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Manila Central Post Office Building

Cecille Araco-Cotapte
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