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**Office of the Schools Division Superintendent**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

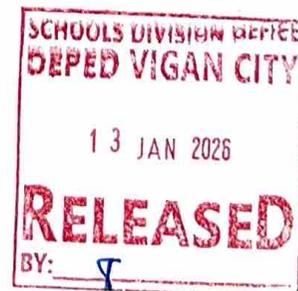
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**INVITATION TO THE GEN ZARSUELA COMPETITION - ILOCOS SUR FESTIVAL  
2026**

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent  
Chiefs, CID and SGOD  
All Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office hereby disseminates the communication from the **Office of the Governor, Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur**, inviting schools to participate in the *Gen Zarsuela: Pangtuloy iti Sarsuela Babaen Kadagiti Agtutubo Competition*, a highlight activity of the Ilocos Sur Festival 2026 to be held from February 1–12, 2026.
2. The activity aims to promote and preserve the art of Sarsuela by providing a platform for the youth to showcase their talents in acting, singing, and dancing.
3. Interested schools may register through <https://tinyurl.com/GenZarsuela2026> on or before **January 21, 2026**. The mechanics and guidelines of the competition are attached for reference. Participation is **voluntary**.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

08 January 2026

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**Ms. VILMA EDA, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Vigan City Division

Dear Ms. Eda:

*Agbiag!*

In celebration of the province's Foundation Anniversary, the Provincial Government of Ilocos Sur will stage the **ILOCOS SUR FESTIVAL 2026** from 1-12 February 2026. Serving as one of the festival's highlight activities, the **Gen Z-arsuela: Panangtuloy iti Sarsuela babaen kadagiti Agtutubo Competition** strengthens the province's commitment to promote and preserve sarsuela, by providing a platform for the youth to showcase their talents in acting, singing, and dancing through this art form.

With this, may we invite your esteemed institution to participate in the aforementioned event through registering at: [tinyurl.com/GenZarsuela2026](http://tinyurl.com/GenZarsuela2026) until 21 January 2026. Attached herewith are the mechanics and guidelines of the competition.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr. Mico Cabanas at 09171856859 or through email at: [savicngaagserbiofficial@gmail.com](mailto:savicngaagserbiofficial@gmail.com).

The undersigned is looking forward to sharing with you and your organization the joy of this year's Ilocos Sur Festival!

*Dios unay ti angina!*

Respectfully,

  
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**GEN Z-ARSUELA 2026:  
PANANGBIAG TI SARSUELA KADAGITI AGTUTUBO**  
Mechanics and Guidelines, Requirements, Criteria, and Prizes

**A. GENERAL MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES**

1. The competition is open to all youth (school or LGU-based) in the province of Ilocos Sur, aged 13-30.
2. There are only 10 available slots for participating teams. Each team must have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 members, including the production crew (e.g 15 performers, 5 technical crew, 10 production assistants).
3. Selected teams shall perform a 15-20 minute Sarsuela revolving around traditional themes and elements, but may address **contemporary issues relevant to the youth**.
4. Performances will be showcased during the Ilocos Sur Festival 2026 on 12 February 2026 at 8:00 AM, at the CHAVIT Coliseum, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.
5. Teams/groups will be allotted 5 minutes for prop setup and 15-20 minutes for their performance. A 1-point deduction will be applied for every minute beyond the allotted time.
6. The top 10 teams/groups are required to attend a final orientation and stage blocking session before the competition.
7. Minors participating in the competition must submit a waiver of consent from their parent or guardian.
8. The competition will be judged by a panel of five (5) judges. The decisions of the judges are final and irrevocable.

**B. REQUIREMENTS**

1. Interested participants must register at: [tinyurl.com/GenZarsuela2026](https://tinyurl.com/GenZarsuela2026) until 21 January 2026.

2. Teams must submit their **script** during registration for screening. They may also submit their script and register at PPSK Ilocos Sur Office, 3rd Floor, Provincial Farmers Livelihood Development Center, Vigan City from Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Scripts must be in **ILUKO**, and must not contain foul language or promote inappropriate behavior. Each entry's script will be reviewed by a screening committee consisting of three members.

Only the top 10 teams/groups will be selected to compete in the competition. Selected teams/groups will receive a formal notice through email informing them of their inclusion in the competition.

3. Selected teams are responsible for providing their own **costumes, props, and musical accompaniment**. Props are not limited to tables, chairs, sofas, and beds. Props taller than 10 feet are **NOT** allowed.
4. Each team/group must create a **poster** for social media engagement, with dimensions of 27x40 inches.

### C. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

A panel of judges will evaluate the performances based on criteria provided.

1. **Creativity and Originality (30 points)**: The uniqueness and inventiveness of the performance, including the script, music, and overall presentation.
2. **Performance Quality (25 points)**: The acting, singing, and overall stage presence of the participants.
3. **Adherence to Tradition (20 points)**: How well the performance incorporates traditional elements of the sarsuela.
4. **Production Value (15 points)**: The quality of costumes, props, and overall visual and auditory experience.
5. **Audience Impact (10 points)**: The ability to engage and captivate the audience.

## D. PRIZES

### 1. Winners

Champion	–	P 150,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	–	P 125,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	–	P 100,000.00
Consolation Prize	–	P20,000.00

### 2. Special Awards

#### • Individual awards:

Best Actress	–	P 5,000.00
Best Actor	–	P 5,000.00
Best Supporting Actress	–	P 5,000.00
Best Supporting Actor	–	P 5,000.00
Best Script	–	P 5,000.00

#### • Group awards:

Best Production	–	P 10,000.00
Best Poster	–	P 10,000.00

## E. IMPORTANT DATES

<b>7 January 2026</b>	Start of pre-registration.
<b>21 January 2026</b>	Deadline of Pre-registration
<b>22-23 January 2026</b>	Screening
<b>24 January 2026</b>	Announcement of Top 10 Entries
<b>25 January 2026</b>	Acting Workshop of Cast
<b>9 February 2026</b>	Final Orientation and Stage Blockings
<b>12 February 2026</b>	Competition Proper