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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2023
This advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO No. 28, s. 2001,
But only for the information of DepEd Officials,
Personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

INVITATION TO ROBOTECH CUP 2026

The DOST Ilocos Region will hold the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW), showcasing the pivotal role of science, technology, and innovation in national progress, on **February 16-18, 2026**, in the City of Dagupan, Pangasinan. One of the major highlights of this event is the RSTW RoboTech Cup 2026, which will be held on **February 17-18, 2026**.

The Robotech Cup 2026 is a regionwide robotics competition that aims to highlight the creativity, ingenuity, and technological innovations of Filipino students. Each participating team shall consist of three (3) to five (5) members, with one (1) member designated as the Team Captain. Every team must be guided by at least one (1) mentor or adviser. All team members must belong to the same institution; however, different campuses of the same institution shall be treated as separate entities. Participants must be between ten (10) and twenty-five (25) years old on the day of the competition. Participants who are minors are required to secure written parental consent prior to participation. **The accommodation and transportation expenses shall be shouldered by the participants.**

The competition categories are as follows:

- Search & Rescue - Obstacle navigation and item retrieval
- Bin Collection - Smart robots collecting bins in a city layout

Participation of school heads, teacher-advisers and learners shall be purely **voluntary** and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025, titled *Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities* and DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*, and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DepEd Order No.66, s. 2017.

Interested participants shall accomplish the pre-registration via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ah47nabc>. Corresponding service credits shall be granted to the participants in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 or the "Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers".

For more information about the activity, please contact **Engr. Zharinel F. Orine** at **0926-888-6730/0917-840-8203** for inquiries and coordination.

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Dear Ms. Eda,

Greetings!

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In line with this, we respectfully ask for your support in disseminating information to High Schools within your division to encourage participation in the upcoming competition. A prize awaits the winning team, and your support will help encourage students to engage in a meaningful collaboration, showcase their talents, and foster a spirit of innovation.

Pre-registration is open via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/ah47nabc>. For complete details and mechanics of the event, please refer to this link: <http://tinyurl.com/mv6hfdh3>.

Kindly contact our staff, Engr. Zharinel F. Orine, at 0926-888-6730/0917-840-8203 for inquiries and coordination.

We look forward to the opportunity of working together with you as we bring science, technology, and innovations for the people!

Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,

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