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2026 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) FEST

In referenceto Region I Advisory No. 99, s. 2026 the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Western Visayas, together with its partner institutions will conduct the 2026 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Fest on **August 3-5, 2026** at the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City with the theme **"Building an AI-Ready Future, Together."**

The activity aims to strengthen the country's artificial intelligence ecosystem by providing a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, innovation, and hands-on learning among government agencies, academic institutions, industry partners, researchers, and other stakeholders.

The event will feature various activities, including the AI Technical Conference, AI Hackathon, PGDX Iloilo AI Expo, Sine AI, AI Game On!, AI in Motion, AI Speaks, AI Connect, and the AI Policy Lab, providing participants with opportunities for learning, collaboration, networking, and hands-on engagement on emerging artificial intelligence technologies and applications.

Interested participants may attend the AI Technical Conference, which consists of plenary sessions on emerging AI technologies, research and development, industry trends, and ethical applications of artificial intelligence. A registration fee of **Six Thousand Pesos(Php 6,000)** per participant shall cover meals, conference kits, and a certificate of participation. Registration frees, travel expenses and other incidental expenses may be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations and upon approval of the approving authority

Target participants are government officials and employees, researchers, faculty members, higher education institutions, industry professionals, policy makers, and other stakeholders involved in the artificial intelligence, digital transformation, research innovation, and public policy. Interested DepEd personnel may participate on a voluntary basis, subject to office exigencies and the approval of their respective heads of office.

Attached is the advisory for the reference.

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2026 AI FEST

BUILDING AN AI-READY FUTURE, TOGETHER

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming the way we live, work, and interact with the world.

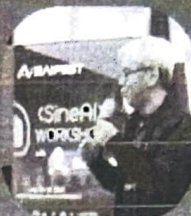
This year, the 2026 AI Fest highlights the power of collaboration in shaping a stronger AI ecosystem for the Philippines. By bringing together government, industry, academia, startups, creatives, and communities, we aim to foster partnerships that accelerate innovation and the responsible adoption of AI.

Join us as we build an AI-ready future where collaboration fuels innovation, empowers communities, and advances inclusive and sustainable progress for all.

MAJOR EVENTS



AI HACKATHON
AN AI-READY CODING CHALLENGE FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS ONLY



SINEAI
AN AI-READY FILM ANALYSIS WORKSHOP



AI GAME ON!
A BOARD GAME AI-READY CHALLENGE AND COMPETITION



AI SPEAKS
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON AI AND FUTURE INDUSTRY TRENDS WITH SELECTED TOPICS OF PHILIPPINE



AI IN MOTION
ROBOTICS WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION



AI CONNECT
A TALK ON THE APPLICATIONS OF AI IN BUSINESS



AI POLICY LAB
A PANEL DISCUSSION ON AI POLICY AND REGULATION



AI TECHNICAL CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS ON AI RESEARCH, POLICY, AND TRENDS



PGDX ILOILO AI EXPO
A ONE-STOP AI-READY EXHIBITION WITH EXHIBITS, SET OF EMPLOYMENT FOR PGDX ILOILO EXPO



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Php 6,000/person



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