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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

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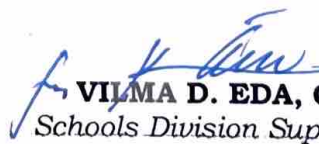
**INVITATION OF EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 37TH NATIONAL
STATISTICS MONTH ACTIVITIES**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Public, Private and SUC Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Memorandum No. 429, Series of 2026 of the Office of the Governor, Province of Ilocos Sur, the 37th National Statistics Month (NSM) is celebrated this October 2026 with the theme "Tuklas Pilipinas: Statistics as Beacon Towards Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Tourism."
2. All employees of public and private schools in Vigan City are invited to participate in the NSM activities, particularly the **Stat Stories Contest** (Essay Writing Contest) – Employee Level, to be held on **09 October 2026** at the Makatarungan Hall, Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office, Bulag, Bantay, Ilocos Sur. The guidelines of the said contest are attached for reference and guidance. Contestants must complete their pre-registration on or before 05 October 2026 through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/37thNSM-Registration>.
3. Employees are likewise encouraged to participate in and support the NSM Opening Ceremony and Lecture Series on 06 October 2026 at the People's Hall, Provincial Capitol, Vigan City, and other related activities.
4. School Heads and concerned personnel are requested to encourage and endorse to facilitate the participation of interested employees.
5. This Memorandum shall serve as the locator slip of the participating employees.
6. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is enjoined.

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VILMA D. EDA, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM NO. 429
Series of 2026

DATE : 24 September 2026

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OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES FOR THE
CELEBRATION OF THE 37TH NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH

In line with the celebration of the 37th National Statistics Month (NSM) this October 2026, with the theme "*Tuklas Pilipinas: Statistics as Beacon Towards Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Tourism*," may we respectfully invite your office/agency/institution to participate in and support the month-long celebration through the following activities.



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1. **Hanging of streamer/tarpaulin and/or Posting of NSM Poster in Office's Social Media Account.** Hang an NSM streamer/tarpaulin on the building façade for the whole month of October and/or post the NSM Poster on your respective social media channels (Facebook), showing support of your office to the celebration.
2. **Opening Ceremony, Lecture Series on Tourism Statistics and Various Sectoral Data, and Ribbon-Cutting of Statistical Exhibit.** The activities will be held at the People's Hall, Provincial Capitol, Vigan City, Ilocos Sur on 06 October 2026.
3. **Stat Stories Contest (Essay Writing Contest) Employee Level.** The contest will be held at the Makatarungan Hall, Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office, Bulag, Bantay, Ilocos Sur on 09 October 2026.

Attached here is a copy of the editable tarpaulins/streamers and Program for the Opening Ceremony for your reference- <https://tinyurl.com/37thNSM-IS>.

In addition, your office/agency/institution is encouraged to undertake and/or support other NSM theme-related activities such as symposia, workshops, seminars, statistical exhibits, information and advocacy activities, and other initiatives that promote statistical awareness and the use of data for evidence-based decision-making. Where applicable, please document these activities and share the documentation with the Provincial Statistics Committee (PSC) Secretariat through ilocosur@psa.gov.ph.

Your participation and support are highly appreciated. For inquiries and clarifications, kindly contact PSC Head Secretariat Mr. John Michael S. Sarabia at 09267452010 or email at ilocosur@psa.gov.ph.

Dios unay ti agngina!

Vigan City, Ilocos Sur.


JANINA CARINE S. MEDINA-FARIÑAS
Acting Governor



GUIDELINES FOR THE NSM PROVINCIAL STAT STORIES CONTEST

"Formerly known as Essay Writing Contest"

(Employee Category)

**Theme: "Tuklas Pilipinas: Statistics as Beacon Towards
Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Tourism"**

I. QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS

1. The **Provincial Stat Stories Contest – Employee Category** is open to all employees of the government and private agencies/institutions regardless of employment status.
2. The contestants must complete the pre-registration thru this link **<https://tinyurl.com/37thNSM-Registration>** on or before **05 October 2026**.

II. MECHANICS

1. The contest is conducted on the spot, and the topic must be related to the theme.
2. The PSC TWG members will provide a list of topics, from which the judges will select one. The judges may rephrase the chosen topic as long as the original essence is maintained.
3. The essay should be written in **English** with a maximum of 500 words, excluding prepositions/conjunctions.
4. The contestants will write their assigned numbers in the upper right-hand corner of their entries. Contestants must not include names, agencies, addresses, or provinces on their submissions.
5. The secretariat or sponsor will provide writing materials. Only blue or black ink is permitted.
6. The contestants have one hour to finish their essays.
7. The entries will become the property of the PSC Ilocos Sur and shall be used for statistical advocacy purposes.



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III. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. The entries will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Criteria	Percentage
Relevance to the topic	40%
Originality	20%
Organization of content	15%
Craftsmanship	15%
Overall Impact	10%
TOTAL	100%

2. Entries exceeding the maximum word limit will have points deducted from the total score as follows:

No. of words	Deduction
1 to 5 words	1 point
6 to 10 words	2 points
11 to 15 words	3 points
16 to 20 words	4 points (and so on)

3. ~~The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and non-appealable.~~ The judges reserve the right not to show their score sheet and tabulation sheet to anyone except the members of the PSC technical working group.

IV. DATE AND VENUE

~~The contest will be conducted on 09 October 2026 at Makatarungan Hall,~~
Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office, Bantay, Ilocos Sur.

V. REGISTRATION TIME

The registration time will be 8:00 to 8:45 AM. The contest will start at **9:00 AM**. Contestants who arrive after the contest starts may still join. However, they will only be allowed to write their essays within the remaining time.



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VI. AWARDING

The winner will be announced once the final judging is done. The Champion and Runners-up will be awarded during the Provincial Closing ceremony.

VII. PRIZES

The Champion, First Runner-Up, and Second Runner-Up shall receive Certificates of Recognition during the Provincial NSM Closing Ceremony. All participants shall be awarded Certificates of Participation after the contest proper. ~~The prizes for the winners are to be announced.~~

VIII. SPONSOR

Ilocos Sur Police Provincial Office (ISPPPO)
Nueva Segovia Consortium of Cooperatives (NSCC)

Should there be concerns and clarifications, kindly reach out to **Ms. Krishyla Marie P. Flores**, PSA Ilocos Sur, at **0997-382-1005**.