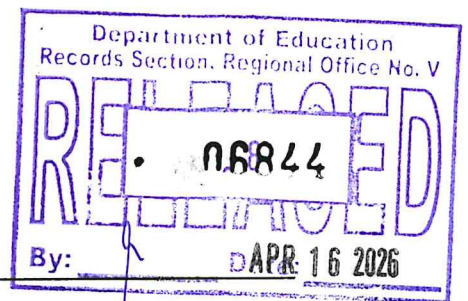




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION V - BICOL




14 Apr 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 00557, s. 2026

2026 NATIONAL INNOVATION DAY (NID) CELEBRATION

To : Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the basic communication sent through an email dated 14 April 2026 from the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) Region 5, relative to the request for all government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as other concerned entities, to extend full support and cooperation in the celebration of the 2026 National Innovation Day (NID), scheduled from 28 to 29 April 2026.
2. In view thereof, this Office hereby encourages all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) to actively participate in and promote the event by undertaking any of the following activities:
 - a. Play the Filipinnovation and National Innovation Agenda and Strategy Document (NIASD) audio-visual presentations (AVPs) in relevant activities and events, accessible through this link: bit.ly/2026NID_AVP.
 - b. Display the official 2026 NID campaign materials, including banners, video loops, and posters, in conspicuous areas via tarpaulins or LEDs, accessible through this link: bit.ly/2026NID_Posters.
 - c. Showcase the Filipinnovation branding by incorporating the logos into your innovation-related events, with guidelines available at bit.ly/2026NID-Logos.
 - d. Organize theme-related activities such as hackathons, forums, and exhibits.
 - e. Promote the campaign on your official social media pages using the hashtags #Filipinnovation, #2026NID, and #AGOS.
 - f. Connect with the official Filipinnovation Facebook page via facebook.com/NICfilipinnovation.
3. For questions and clarifications, you may contact Mr. Larry S. Bonto of DEPDev Region 5-Development Research Division via email dro5@depdev.gov.ph and lsbonto@depdev.gov.ph.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Regional Director

Encls: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

ACTIVITIES CELEBRATION INNOVATION

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 115

DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, AND ENCOURAGING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO SUPPORT THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2026 NATIONAL INNOVATION DAY

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act (RA) No. 11293 or the "Philippine Innovation Act" declares it a policy of the State to foster innovation in the country as a vital component of national development and sustainable economic growth;

WHEREAS, Section 27 of RA No. 11293 declares 21 April of every year as the "National Innovation Day (NID)" to: (i) promote public awareness and national support for innovation; (ii) highlight government milestones and private sector initiatives on innovation; and (iii) mandate the National Innovation Council (NIC), in coordination with concerned government agencies, to plan, design, and implement programs and activities in celebration thereof;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 2026 NID, which will be held on 28 to 29 April 2026, forms part of the official activities in line with the Philippines' Chairship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) 2026;

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 2026 NID, with the theme, "AGOS ASEAN: Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Growth, Opportunity, and Sustainability in ASEAN," aims to: (i) recognize and celebrate outstanding innovations and innovators in the ASEAN; (ii) provide a platform for collaboration and knowledge exchange among government, industry, academe, startups, local government units (LGUs), and ASEAN Member States; and (iii) intensify public support and cultivate a culture of innovation by highlighting the transformative role of AI in shaping industries, enhancing public service delivery, and addressing complex societal challenges, while promoting ethical and inclusive adoption across sectors and across borders;

WHEREAS, the 2026 NID will feature ASEAN-focused initiatives highlighting AI-enabled solutions addressing shared challenges across key sectors, including food and agribusiness, health and well-being, and learning and education, while promoting innovation-driven approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation;



WHEREAS, the success of the celebration of the 2026 NID requires the active participation of all concerned government agencies and instrumentalities, as well as the support of LGUs and the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article VII of the Constitution vests in the President the power of control over all Executive departments, bureaus, and offices;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following are hereby ordered:


Consistent with Section 27 of RA No. 11293, the NIC, in close coordination with the Department of Science and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, shall spearhead the conduct of programs and activities for this year's celebration of the NID, which is scheduled on 28 to 29 April 2026.

All government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, are hereby directed, and all LGUs and the private sector are hereby encouraged, to extend full support and cooperation in the conduct of programs and activities in the celebration of the 2026 NID.

This Circular shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Manila, this 26th day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

By authority of the President:


Acting Executive Secretary

