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but only for the information of DepEd NIR officials and personnel/staff.

2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG FILIPINAS COMPETITION

Attached is a communication from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), through the Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP), regarding the conduct of the 2026 DIWANG: Sagisag ng Kultura ng Pilipinas Competition.

The Schools Division Superintendents are given discretion to act on this matter.

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PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

13 July 2026

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Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)-Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP)!

The Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), will conduct the **2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG FILIPINAS COMPETITION** for the following components:

- **The 2026 DIWANG Balagtasan Competition** intends to revive the traditional arts of poetry and debate by discussing contemporary issues.

Submission of entries deadline: August 14, 2026

Registration Link - <https://tinyurl.com/26a3vs3k>

Deadline sa pagsusumite ng recorded video: Oktubre 4, 2026 (Top 10 only)

Grand National Finals: Nobyembre 19, 2026

- **The 2026 DIWANG Kundiman Competition** intends to revive and promote the traditional kundiman.

Submission of Entries Deadline - September 4, 2026

Registration Link - <https://tinyurl.com/bdf3xyry>

Grand National Finals: Nobyembre 19, 2026

- **The 2026 DIWANG ILAW Lesson Plan Writing Competition** aims to train teachers to develop culture-based lesson plans. It aims to promote awareness of and appreciation for local and national cultural icons.

Submission of Entries Deadline - October 18, 2026

Registration Link - <https://tinyurl.com/bd3nfz2f>

Announcement of Winners - December 14, 2026

In connection with this, we would like to request a **DepEd memo/advisory** to formally announce the program to the program coordinators, school divisions, city superintendents, and heads of public and private elementary and secondary schools.

DIWANG aims to introduce, promote, disseminate, and inculcate the importance of



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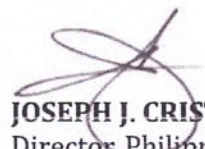
Filipino cultural icons to our students, educators, and all Filipinos.

If you have further questions regarding the matter, please don't hesitate to email us at pcep@ncca.gov.ph.

We are hoping for your favorable and immediate response.

Thank you very much.

Truly Yours,



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<https://www.facebook.com/pcepofficial/>

<https://philippineculturaleducation.com.ph/about-pcep/>

Reference: Philippine Cultural Education Program

(PCEP) 2026 Programs - [DM-OUOPS-2026-15-00146 PCEP Project Components](#)

Attachment(s):

1. [2026 DIWANG Balagtasán & Kundiman Contest Guidelines \(pdf\)](#)
2. [2026 DIWANG ILAW Lesson Plan Writing Contest Guidelines \(pdf\)](#)
3. [2026 DIWANG Balagtasán Competition Art Cards](#)
4. [2026 DIWANG Kundiman Competition Cards](#)
5. [2026 DIWANG ILAW Lesson Plan Writing Competition Art Cards](#)

