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Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

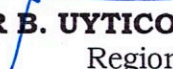
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3RD DENGUE SLAYER CHALLENGE 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), disseminates the communication from the **Junior Achievement of the Philippines (JA Philippines)** dated March 13, 2026, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: As Stated

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under the following subject:

PARTNERSHIPS

PROGRAMS

MPJDP/ESSD/ Communication from JA Philippines, Master Dengue Slayer Challenge 2026
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MARCH 13, 2026

RAMIR B. UYTICO

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Greetings from Junior Achievement of the Philippines!

Junior Achievement Philippines is excited to be organizing the **summer program, Master Dengue Slayer 2026**, a challenge focused on addressing the global dengue endemic Asia Dengue Voice and Action Group & Junior Achievement. This initiative aims to inspire and empower students to develop innovative solutions to combat the dengue crisis and to raise awareness within their communities

As we continue our mission to educate, encourage, and empower Filipino youth, we are thrilled to present a prestigious global competition: the Master Dengue Slayer 2026. This summer program is designed to inspire students to solve real-world problems through scientific innovation. The Master Dengue Slayer 2026 empowers students to tackle one of the most pressing public health challenges: Dengue. Participants will design innovative solutions, such as vaccines, diagnostics, or AI models, to combat this disease.

The **3rd Dengue Slayers Challenge 2026**, "*Innovate. Influence. Eliminate Dengue*," will evolve this model by empowering students not only to create solutions but also to become influential advocates. The 2026 program will place a strong emphasis on short-form video storytelling and social media, equipping the next generation to drive widespread behavioral change and community action.

We are pleased to invite **200 students – 66 teams with a maximum of three (3) members per team** from the **Negros Island Region** to participate in Master Dengue Slayer 2026 and collaborate with us in inspiring and empowering students to address the dengue crisis through innovation and advocacy.

To further motivate our young innovators, we are proud to announce a high-stakes incentive for program excellence: The winner of The Master Dengue Slayer program will be granted the **prestigious opportunity to represent the Philippines in Singapore**. This international exposure will allow our top talent to engage with global leaders and further solidify their path toward excellence.

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Objectives

- Promote youth-driven innovation in dengue prevention and community health.
- Strengthen communication and advocacy skills among students through short-form video storytelling.
- Amplify dengue awareness via social media, extending the reach of student-led initiatives.
- Encourage cross-country collaboration and exchange of ideas among youth in Asia.
- Foster partnerships between schools, government agencies, NGOs, and the private sector to sustain youth engagement in public health.

Below are the essential details:

Program Overview:

- **Target Audience:** For the science-driven changemaker **Grade 7-10 students**
 - Eager to design solutions (vaccines, diagnostics, AI models) to combat dengue.
 - Thrives in labs, fieldwork, or cross-disciplinary collaborations
 - Passionate about public health, biology, engineering, or data science.
- **Program Duration:** March 2026 - June 2026

Program Timeline

Dates	Activities
March 12 - 30, 2026	<p>Team Registration</p> <p>Teams who wish to participate in the competition may register through this link: bit.ly/MasterDengueSlayer2026 Note: 3 members per team</p> <p>Join this Facebook Group for further updates regarding the competition: https://bit.ly/4rnCjkP <i>*The guidelines for this activity will be uploaded in the FB Group</i></p>
April 6, 2026	<p>Release of Online Materials</p>
<p>May 4, 2026</p> <p>Time: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Platform: Zoom</p>	<p>Orientation and Workshop Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86765318769?pwd=dIQqu4cHbtJcigQhWrRxaiGbObbNLI.1





May 8, 2026	Submission of Initial Draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission Bin: https://bit.ly/DengueSlayerSubmissions
May 11, 2026 Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Platform: Zoom	Mentoring Sessions 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89767737387
May 15, 2026 Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Platform: Zoom	Mentoring Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86765318769?pwd=dIQqu4cHbtJciqQhWrRxaiGbQbbNLI.1
May 22, 2026	Final Submission Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission Bin: https://bit.ly/4bpDcU5
May 29, 2026 Event Details: TBA	Final Presentation
June 15 - June 16, 2026	ASIA PACIFIC Finals

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Innovation and Creativity	25%
Solution Feasibility	25%
Pitching and Presentation	25%
Teamwork	15%
Participation and Commitment	10%





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As a supportive partner, we encourage your students to take this opportunity to become pioneers in the implementations of these summer programs. We believe that with your support, we can empower the next generation of Young Filipinos.

For more details or to schedule a discussion regarding the registration of your students, please contact **Ms. Martina Serilla** at martina@japionline.org.

Thank you and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Patrice De la Cruz".

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