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NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

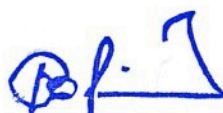
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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JA WE CHALLENGE

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), disseminates the attached communication from the Junior Achievement of the Philippines (JA Philippines) dated August 04, 2026 regarding the invitation to participate in the **"JA WE Challenge."**
2. Anent this, all Schools Division Offices, through their respective Youth Formation Focal Persons, shall identify two (2) teams (per SDO) to participate and ensure that the identified participants register through the provided link: <https://forms.gle/yENDibqH8WiFGJau8> and submit the accomplished list of participants using the attached template on or before **August 23, 2026, via email at nir@deped.gov.ph.**
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

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Reference: As Stated

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PROGRAMS

JV/ESSD/ Invitation to Participate in the JA We Challenge
August 12, 2026



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August 4, 2026

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Greetings from Junior Achievement of the Philippines!

For over 50 years, Junior Achievement of the Philippines, Inc. (JA Philippines)—a proud member of JA Worldwide®—has been dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy through experiential programs centered on workforce readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. In line with this mission, we continuously build partnerships that give Filipino students meaningful, real-world exposure to emerging career paths in technology and innovation.

In line with our mission, JA Philippines and the JA Philippines Learning Institute are pleased to introduce a new international program, the “**JA WE Challenge**,” in partnership with **Aramco**, one of the world's largest integrated energy and chemicals companies—a nationwide innovation challenge that invites high school students to design and develop solutions that transform everyday waste into clean, reliable energy for schools or communities.

The challenge aims to equip students with practical knowledge of energy innovation, sustainability, and design thinking, while helping them explore how technology can address real-world environmental challenges. Throughout the program, students will receive training and mentorship from energy sector experts, and sustainability professionals as they develop their waste-to-energy innovations.

In line with this, we would like to invite your **Region** to nominate a total of **100 students from Grades 9–12, in teams of two (50 pairs)**, to participate in this exciting learning opportunity. We believe this program will provide students with valuable exposure to renewable energy, innovation, teamwork, and career pathways in the science, technology, and sustainability sectors.

The program will include:

- Bootcamp sessions on the global and Philippine energy landscape, sustainability, and waste-to-energy opportunities
- Design thinking workshops covering problem definition, ideation, prototyping, and testing

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- Mentorship from energy industry experts, engineers, and sustainability professionals
- Pitch coaching, storytelling, and presentation skills training
- Final pitch presentations and a national judging round

Program Overview

- **Bootcamp 1 – Energy Innovation Starts with You:** Students will learn what waste-to-energy innovation is, explore the Philippine energy situation, and undergo a design thinking workshop to identify a problem and draft an initial solution concept.
- **Bootcamp 2 – Sharpening the Pitch:** Will focus on storytelling, presentation skills, and public speaking. Sessions include investor pitch coaching and practice on handling judges' questions to prepare teams for the finals.
- **Philippine Local Finals:** The top 12 teams will deliver their pitch presentations before a panel of judges, followed by the announcement of the top 3 Philippine Local Champions, who will go on to prepare for the Asia-Pacific Finals.

Program Rollout & TimelineRegistration

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 15, 2026	Bootcamp 1: Energy Innovation Starts with You (Online)
August 16, 2026 – September 5, 2026	Innovation Development
September 5, 2026	Project Submission Deadline
September 7–11, 2026	Judging Round (Selection of Top 12 Teams)
September 14, 2026	Announcement of Top 12 Teams Start of Mentorship Phase
September 19, 2026	Bootcamp 2: Storytelling, Presentation Skills, and Investor Pitch Coaching
October 3, 2026	Mock Finals
October 8, 2026	JA WE Challenge Philippines National Finals





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To formally register your participating schools and students, please complete the **registration form** through the following link: <https://forms.gle/yENDibqH8WiFGJau8> **on or before August 14, 2026**. Your timely submission will help us finalize preparations for the upcoming sessions. We look forward to your participation.

Institutional Value for Your School

The JA WE Challenge Philippines 2026 gives Grade 9–12 students hands-on exposure to waste-to-energy innovation, guided by industry mentors, at no cost to your school. It's a chance to connect your students to real-world sustainability challenges and career pathways in the energy sector — while positioning your school for future collaborations with JA Philippines.

We look forward to your institution's participation in this meaningful initiative that empowers the next generation of Filipino innovators to build a more sustainable future. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following email addresses:

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We would like to express our sincerest gratitude for your continued support of Filipino youth and their readiness for the careers of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Junior Achievement of the Philippines, Inc. (JA Philippines)

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