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**SERIES OF ACTIVITIES BY THE INTERNATIONAL  
CHAMPIONS IN EDUCATION (ICE), INC.**

Attached is the letter from the ICE, Inc., dated November 17, 2024,  
announcing the conduct of series of activities such as competitions in the fields of  
English, Mathematics, and Science for Academic Year 2025 - 2026.

The target participants are English, Mathematics, and Science learners and  
teachers across the different grade levels.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-  
disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting  
Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

See the attached letter for more information.

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are  
given the discretion to act on this matter.

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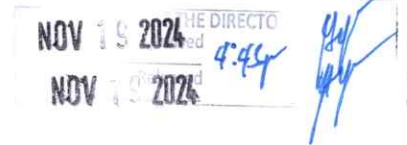
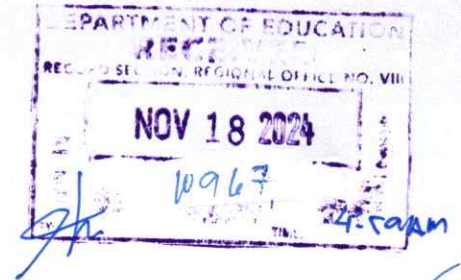




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November 17, 2024

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**Director IV / Regional Director**  
Department of Education - Region VIII  
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte



**Dear Madam,**

Greetings of Peace and Prosperity!

The International Champions in Education, Inc. (ICE) is a non-stock and non-profit organization comprised of professionals, officially registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) with office address in 2F Alison Bldg., Zamora St., San Roque, Tarlac City, Tarlac, and an international office in Bangkok, Thailand. Our primary mission is to nurture and enhance the critical thinking abilities of young Filipino students. To realize these objectives, ICE has introduced a range of contests in English, Mathematics, and Science. We have also established partnerships with over forty countries worldwide. It collaborated with European organizations like ELPC Olympiad International LLC, European Summer School, Bucksmore Educations, Gatehouse Awards, and others. It helps promote diverse competitions, and provides comprehensive training opportunities to participants, equipping them with the character and skills needed to become future champions.

In light of this, we are delighted to extend an invitation to outstanding learners in the Philippines to participate in and compete in the competitions and associated programs that we organize.

In this context, we kindly request and greatly value your assistance in promptly and broadly distributing this message from your esteemed office through a DepEd advisory. We also would like to request your good office to honor and recognize the excellence and achievements of our dear students and awardees so that their awards can be counted as extra points in the computation of their academic grades.



To further elaborate each competition, kindly see the structured and detailed description below.

- **Siam International Math & Science Olympics (SIMSO)**

**Organizer:** International Champions in Education (ICE)

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.facebook.com/simsothailand/>

**Year Started:** 2020

**Participating Countries:** Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Thailand, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

It is yet another stellar math-and science-based competition, only based in the Kingdom of Thailand. The International Champions in Education, Inc. is, once again, at the forefront of establishing an event that continues to discover champions around the globe, in the field of numbers and logics of math plus the bizarre yet canny concepts of science. We aim to foster the crème-de-la-crème – the top students of Thailand – and develop their talent through our holistic approach to education. SIMSO is also not alone in this endeavor as it calls other countries such as Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, France, Georgia, Ghana, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Latvia, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Thailand and many more as its mutual collaborators and partners. With these partner-countries, SIMSO aims to cultivate competitiveness on a global scale and set the educational standard of practice for years to come.

- **Philippine International Math and Science Olympics (PIMSO)**

**Organizer:** International Champions in Education (ICE)

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.facebook.com/@pimsoofficial/>

**Year Started:** 2020

**Participating Countries:** Australia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Hongkong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Thailand, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam

It is an annual international Olympiad competition organized by ICE from the Philippines. PIMSO is divided into 2 stages: PIMSO National Round and International Finals. We all dream of becoming a champion. We believe that every child has the potential to become a champion – a champion who could stand the test of time and contribute to the success of society. To this end, ICE created PIMSO, a community to bring together champions from all places, of all beliefs and races, of all color and culture



for the betterment of our global society. We believe that math and science are the foundations of our society's success. Through PIMSO, we aim to unite students across nations and establish their aspirations in pursuit of excellence by recognizing each child's potential through technologically driven, innovative, fair, and relevant opportunities.

- **Asian Science and Maths Olympiad (ASMO)**

**Organizer:** Asian Science and Maths Olympiad (ASMO)

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.asmo2u.com/>

**Participating Countries:** Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, USA and Uzbekistan

It is a competition platform designed to challenge and evaluate student's knowledge in Mathematics, Science and English at their grade level. The questions in the Olympiad will stretch their knowledge and understanding of the concepts.

- **Fermat Mathematical Olympiad - FMO**

**Organizer:** Fermat Education

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.facebook.com/FermatMO1>

**Participating Countries:** Vietnam, Azerbaijan, India, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Macau, Philippines, Thailand, Uzbekistan

It is an annual competition developed and held by Fermat Education – an authorized Vietnamese organization board of many international Olympiad competitions. FMO is a mathematical playground for students from Kindergarten to High School. Ultimately, the purpose of this competition is to help every student answer the age-old question: "Why study Mathematics?". In 2023-2024, the Fermat Mathematical Olympiad FMO will take place for the third time. In the previous seasons, the competition was a great success by having attracted the attention of many students from all over the world such as Cambodia, Thailand, Philippines, Bulgaria, Indonesia, Turkey, India, Hong Kong, Macau, etc. Following that success, with some alterations in the examination structure and the appearance of real-life problems, together with many valuable cash prizes, FMO 2023-2024 promises to be an educational, interesting but also a challenging mathematical playground for students. This is also a great opportunity for the participants to compete on a global scale and have memorable experiences.



- **International Mathematics Exam Center Olympiad**

**Organizer:** IMEC Online Olympiad

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.facebook.com/online.IMEC/>

During this global pandemic period we witness, students' shift to the online learning system. There are three levels of participation, 1st level KG and grade 1, 2nd level grade 2 and grade 3, 3rd level grade 4 and grade 5, 4th level grade 6 and grade 7, 5th level grade 8 and grade 9 and 6th level grade 10, grade 11 and grade 12. The key competence tested by IMEC.online Olympiad is logical combination, not just pure knowledge of formulas. The IMEC.online Olympiad Preliminary Round must be conducted by the country or region of each IMEC.online Olympiad member. Students in the pre-selection will be eligible to participate in the Final Round. Per category, 60 % of the IMEC.online Preliminary round per category qualifies for the IMEC.online Olympiad Final Round. There is no doubt that math education is crucial for students of all ages around the world. IMEC.online Olympiad aims to establish a global competition that is accessible to all students - youths receive the unique opportunity to challenge their skills, be encouraged and rewarded, and to enjoy the fascinating world of mathematics.

- **Junior English Olympics (JEO)**

**Organizer:** Universal Center of Educational Platform (UniCEP)

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.unicep.org/public/jeo>

**Participating Countries:** nearly 20 countries and regions such as Australia, UK, US, Canada, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, Egypt, Thailand, Philippines, Vietnam, Mongolia

It was founded and organized by the Universal Center of Educational Platform (UniCEP) with the purpose of promoting the importance of the English language and providing useful intellectual competition for children from different countries.

- **HIPPO International English Language Olympiad**

**Organizer:** Global Hippo Association

**Page to Visit:** <https://hippo-thecontest.org/>

**Participating Countries:** more than 65 countries, students from all corners of the globe

Global Hippo Association is a non-profit organisation founded in 2012 with the purpose of promoting the importance of English language knowledge and bringing together children from different countries. Hippo "English Without Borders" Olympiad is an international Olympiad which promotes English language, challenges students around the globe to compete in English language knowledge, and improves the co-operation between teachers. The Olympiad encourages the development of a shared sense of identity and integration, serves as a role model for young people living together as one community.



The main goal is to create and nourish friendly relations, international understanding and a spirit of sporting competitiveness between young people interested in English language from all around the world

- **Future Intelligence Students Olympiad (FISO)**

**Organizer:** FISO Olympiad

**Page to Visit:** <https://fisoolympiad.com/>

**Participating Countries:** Angola, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Egypt, India, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Thailand, and Philippines

It is a highly respected worldwide academic contest open to students from KG level (grade) to 12. It is organized by experienced educators who have a deep understanding of global education. FISO was officially founded in 2021 with the goal of fostering curiosity and critical thinking. It does so by providing a truly global and cross-cultural platform that goes beyond traditional boundaries. FISO offers a variety of subject Olympiads and places a strong emphasis on developing students' ability to reason and think critically, rather than relying on memorization. Aiming to encourage students to study and critical thinking. FISO Olympiad team decided to conduct an online Olympiad of FISO Mathematics, English, Science, Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Art Olympiad.

- **Global Junior Math Aptitude Test (GJMAT) and Global Junior Math Online Competition**

**Organizer:** Global Olympiad Academy

**Page to Visit:** <https://globalolympiadsacademy.com/>

**Participating Countries:** India, Asian countries like Philippines and Thailand, and other countries worldwide

It is an online international mathematical aptitude assessment and competition for talent hunt and Global Junior Math Online Competition (GJMOC) is an International global online Olympiad competition for elementary and middle school students from Grade 1 to Grade 8. They are organized by Global Olympiad Academy, India. These competitions' objective is to introduce and give exposure to students on the core purpose of learning mathematics, which is to develop logical & critical thinking and a problem-solving mindset and attitude.



- **Eurasian Spelling Bee**

**Organizer:** ELPC – English Language Proficiency Competition LTD International

**Page to Visit:** <https://eurasianspellingbee.org/>

**Participating Countries:** Uzbekistan, The Philippines, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Thailand

This competition is organized by ELPC Olympiad International LLC to promote Lexical skills in English language, and challenge students learning English as a foreign language from the countries around the world to improve their lexical skills, particularly in respect to spelling. It inspires students to read more, in line with the theme “Read to Succeed”, in order to encourage them to learn the major principles and patterns of English, expand their vocabulary and work on their pronunciation. It also enhances students’ development of poise and communication under pressure and provides an opportunity for them to get exposed to the national limelight. It also brings attention to the schools’ pressing literacy needs and prepares and equips teachers with the skills to teach English. The main goal is to create and nourish friendly relations and national understanding between young people interested in English language from private and public schools around the world.

- **Turkic International Mathematical Olympiad**

**Organizer:** The Gifted Education Council

**Page to Visit:** <https://timoolympiad.com/>

**Participating Countries:** Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Philippines, and Turkey

It is established to identify talented students in the field of mathematics and develop their skills. This olympiad offers an excellent platform for students of various age groups to test and develop their mathematical abilities. Participants compete in different categories according to specific age groups and educational levels.

- **Angkor Mathematics Competition**

**Organizer:** Bright Education Consultants and Travel

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.brightcambodia.com/angkor-mathematics-competition/>

**Participating Countries:** Cambodia, the United States, the Philippines, Angola, Brazil, Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam

It is a Cambodian local math competition for 1st through 12th grade students. The competition is divided into 5 categories for different grade levels (Category 1 is for 3–4 grades, Category 2 is for 5–6 grades, etc.). Each category consists of three rounds. After the first online round only, 50% of the students will pass to the second online round. After the second online round, 50% of the students will pass to the final round. The final round will be onsite. Each question has a point value. There are a total of 30



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multiple-choice questions; 10 of the questions are three points each, 10 of the questions are four points each, and 10 of the questions are five points each. The sum of the earned points is a student's score or result. The length of the exam is 75 minutes. The competition test is a combination of logic and math. The more points a question is worth, the harder it is. The maximum score is 120 points.

- **Young Master Challenge**

**Organizer:** Young Master Challenge

**Page to Visit:** <https://www.youngmaster.org/>

**Participating Countries:** London, New York, Thailand, Philippines, and Dubai

It is an educational competition designed to challenge and showcase the talents of young students in English and Mathematics. This competition typically consists of a qualifying stage, including local and online rounds, culminating in a grand global final. The challenge primarily focuses on nurturing academic excellence, fostering critical thinking, and enhancing problem-solving abilities in young participants. The structure of the Young Master Challenge involves multiple online and local rounds, with a focus on English and Mathematics. Participants are assigned resources such as books, films and a value to study in preparation for a knowledge test and other challenges. The test is designed to cater for all abilities. Anyone can achieve a certificate by thoroughly studying the given resources. Successful performance in the challenge can lead to scholarship opportunities and global recognition.

### **Target Participants**

Our competitions allow all interested learners from Kindergarten to Senior High School. We are open to all educational institutions - public or private.

### **Process**

To join our competitions, our official Facebook page - ICE - International Champions In Education ( <https://www.facebook.com/iceinofficial> ) and official Website ( <https://iceinofficial.org> ) posts our upcoming competitions including the details and registration link. Learners must register to the link, and days before the competition, login details will be sent to the participant. Learners will then take the competition, and the results will be released in two weeks to one month. Once the awards (medals and certificates) are ready, these will be distributed to the awardees, or on the Awarding Ceremony.





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### **Awarding**

For every competition, both participants and coaches will be presented with trophies for the top three achievers. Additionally, medals and certificates will be awarded. Furthermore, plaques of recognition will be granted to schools, School Division Offices (SDOs), and Regional Division Offices (RDOs) that have the highest number of Gold Medalists in both the National and International Rounds.

Our organization also conducts Awarding Ceremony at least twice to thrice a year. Awardees are encouraged to join for the recognition of their achievements and excellence. The Awarding Ceremony is usually held in the University of the Philippines - Diliman Campus.

Kindly refer to the succeeding page for our Calendar of Competitions for Academic Year 2025 - 2026.



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# COMPETITIONS SCHEDULE

A.Y.: 2025 - 2026

### JANUARY

- 10 - 12 FERMAT MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD (FMO) - FINAL ROUND
- 10 - 13 ASIAN SCIENCE AND MATH OLYMPIAD (ASMO) - FINAL ROUND
- 19 INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS EXAM CENTER (IMEC) - NATIONAL ROUND
- 19 JUNIOR ENGLISH OLYMPICS - PHILIPPINES NATIONAL ROUND

### FEBRUARY

- 09 TURKIC INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD (TIMO) NATIONAL ROUND
- 16 FUTURE INTELLIGENCE STUDENTS OLYMPIAD (FISO) - INTERNATIONAL ROUND
- 23 ICE AWARDING CEREMONY

### MARCH

- 02 GLOBAL JUNIOR MATH APTITUDE TEST (GJMAT)
- 09 HIPPO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD - PRELIMINARY ROUND
- 23 SIAM INTERNATIONAL MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPICS (SIMSO) - NATIONAL ROUND

### APRIL

- 04 - 07 PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPICS (PIMSO) - FINAL ROUND
- 13 - 16 INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS EXAM CENTER (IMEC) - FINAL ROUND
- JUNIOR ENGLISH OLYMPICS - PHILIPPINES NATIONAL ROUND
- 17 - 22 TURKIC INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD (TIMO) FINAL ROUND

### MAY

- 04 EURASIAN SPELLING BEE (ESB) - PRELIMINARY ROUND
- 11 HIPPO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD - NATIONAL FINALS ROUND
- 25 ICE AWARDING CEREMONY

### JUNE

- 08 EURASIAN SPELLING BEE (ESB) - SEMI-FINAL ROUND
- 22 YOUNG MASTER CHALLENGE

### JULY

- HIPPO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD - REGIONAL QUALIFIERS ROUND
- 06 GLOBAL JUNIOR MATH ONLINE COMPETITION (GJMOC)

### AUGUST

- 08 - 11 SIAM INTERNATIONAL MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPICS (SIMSO) - FINAL ROUND
- 17 FERMAT MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD (FMO) - NATIONAL ROUND

### SEPTEMBER

- HIPPO INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE OLYMPIAD - FINAL ROUND
- 21 PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL MATH & SCIENCE OLYMPICS (PIMSO) - NATIONAL ROUND

### OCTOBER

- EURASIAN SPELLING BEE (ESB) - FINAL ROUND
- 05 ANCHOR MATH COMPETITION (AMC) NATIONAL ROUND
- 12 ASIAN SCIENCE AND MATH OLYMPIAD (ASMO) - NATIONAL ROUND

### NOVEMBER

- 09 ICE AWARDING CEREMONY
- 29 - 30 FUTURE INTELLIGENCE STUDENTS OLYMPIAD (FISO) - NATIONAL ROUND

### DECEMBER

- 21 ANCHOR MATH COMPETITION (AMC) FINAL ROUND



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We express our gratitude in advance. We eagerly anticipate further collaborations and successes with you in the future. May the Lord God bless you many folds! *Mabuhay ang Pilipinas!*



Sincerely yours,

  
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President and CEO, ICE, Inc.