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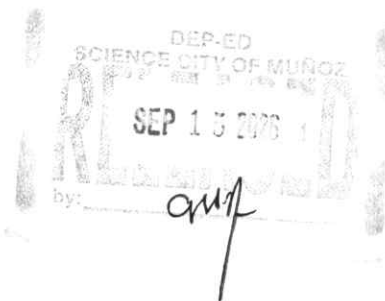
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PROJECT START (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESEARCH FOR TOMORROW)

For information dissemination. See attached invitation to participate to Project START, a research competition for high school learners (Grades 10–12) dedicated to turning brilliant ideas into real-world community solutions. It provides a platform for young innovators to pitch their inventions directly to investors and industry leaders who can scale their impact. The event will feature an exclusive Investor Showcase, offering partners dedicated time to connect and invest in tomorrow's breakthroughs.

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PROJECT: START (Science, Technology, and Research for Tomorrow)

The University of the Philippines Society of Proactive Advocates for Research and Knowledge (UP SPARK) will host a national research competition, Project: START (Science, Technology, and Research for Tomorrow), on November 21, 2026.

Project START is a research competition for high school learners (Grades 10–12) dedicated to turning brilliant ideas into real-world community solutions. It provides a platform for young innovators to pitch their inventions directly to investors and industry leaders who can scale their impact. The event will feature an exclusive Investor Showcase, offering partners dedicated time to connect and invest in tomorrow's breakthroughs.

The Competition aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Provide high school learners a platform to share their scientific discoveries and talents with their peers, educators, investors, and the wider scientific community;
2. Boost and strengthen professional and scientific discourse between rising student researchers and field experts to revitalize scientific appreciation for science and technology among the youth;
3. Exhibit the incredible potential and abilities of Filipino youth in the field of science and technology; and
4. Enhance learners' minds and skills in science and discovery by immersing them in the world of research.

Interested participants may visit the UP SPARK's Facebook page to register and access the event primer, handbook, and other updates on Project START.

Participation of schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 009, s. 2026, titled Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education and Activities and DO 9, s. 2005, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law).

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