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Department of Education
REGION X
DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 878 s. 2025

**2025 DIVISION SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE AND
DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief, Schools Governance Operations Division
CID and SGOD Personnel
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
This Division

1. In consonance with DO 94, s. 1992 titled Promulgating the Rules and Regulations Necessary for the Effective Implementation of RA 7079 Otherwise Known as the "Campus Journalism Act of 1991", which stipulates the holding of annual schools press conference, and aligned with the Department of Education's commitment to delivering quality, relevant, inclusive, and responsive basic education stipulated in RA 9155, this Office through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) announces the conduct the 2025 Division Schools Press Conference (DSPC) and Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) at Fr. William F. Masterson S.J. Elementary School on October 16-17, 2025.
2. This year's theme is "The Kagay-anon Edge: Forging Creative Expressions Beyond Headlines for Global Competence." The theme entails the unifying vision by challenging a level of excellence that is both locally grounded and internationally relevant.
3. This year's conduct of the DSPC and DFOT encourage learners to pull their unique cultural identity and local narratives to produce compelling outputs. Thus, journalism participants are challenged to move beyond headlines while talent participants are pushed to create original and innovative products or performances. Thereby equipping Kagay-anon youth to be critically thinkers and successful contributors in the global creative and media economy.
4. In compliance with DO 9, s. 2005, Instituting Measures to Increase Engage



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Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, participation in 2025 DSPC and DFOT is voluntary. As the events in 2025 DSPC and DFOT are already embedded in the actual classroom teaching and assessment process, the support of the school faculty and staff in learner's preparation and participation is expected to be given due consideration.

5. Consent of parent/guardian and medical certificate for the participation shall be secured before allowing the learners to join. These documents shall be collected during the coordination meeting of the coaches.
6. There will be no registration fee for the conduct of 2025 DSPC and DFOT.
7. Schools shall provide meals for their official participants school head, coaches, and students.
8. For proper identification and security, school heads and coaches are directed to wear their official Thursday Uniform on October 16, 2025, and District/School Polo shirt as identified by their PSDS on October 17, 2025.
9. Learner-participants are directed to wear their proper complete uniform during the entire contests except for event categories where costumes, protective attire, and appropriate dress are required.
10. School identification cards of learner-participants shall be checked by facilitators before contest event shall start.
11. Top three winners will be declared in all categories as soon as results are finalized by the judges. Official announcement of 2025 DSPC and DFOT winners will be done through a Division Memorandum.
12. The qualifiers eligible for the 2025 Regional School Press Conference and Regional Festival of Talents who will represent DepEd CDO shall be issued through a separate Memorandum in accordance with 2025 RSPC and RFOT guidelines.

RSPC Qualifiers		RFOT Qualifiers	
Individual Categories	DSPC Top three winners	All categories	DFOT Top one winner/team
Group Categories	DSPC Top one team		
School Paper	DSPC Top five		

13. Top three performing district shall be declared in DSPC and DFOT based on the overall score calculation.
14. To ensure successful conduct of 2025 DSPC and DFOT the following schedules shall be observed:



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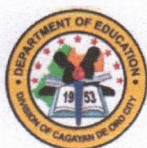
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2025 Division Schools Press Conference

Activity	Concerned Persons	Date and Time	Venue
Coordination Meeting	TWG Chair and Co-chair	October 9, 2025, 2:00 PM	LRMDS Office
Orientation	Contest Proctors	October 10, 2025, 8:00 AM	FWMES ICT Room
Preparation by Working Committee	All TWG	October 9 – 13, 2025	As agreed by the committee
Updating of Preparation per Committee	Contest Proctors and TWG	October 13, 2025 1:00 PM	SDO Conference Room
Final Checking of the Contest Venues and Materials	TWG and Contest Proctors	October 15, 2025	FWMES SDO Conference Room
Checking of Devices for Group Events	TWG for group events, coaches and participants for group events	October 15, 2025, 8:00AM to 12:00NN	FWMES Covered Court *for TV broadcasting at ABCCA
Submission of Parent Consent, Medical Certificate, and school paper publication	School Journalism Coordinators and Cagayan de Oro Journalists and School Paper Advisers and Coaches Association Incorporated (CDOCJSPACAI)	October 15, 2025, 8:00AM to 12:00NN	FWMES Covered Court
Contest Pre-Orientation	Coaches and Contest Proctors, Concerned TWGs	October 15, 2025, 1:00-3:00 PM	SDO conference room
2025 DSPC Opening Program	All participants	October 16, 2025 8:00AM	FWMES

2025 Division Festival of Talents

Activity	Concerned Persons	Date and Time	Venue
Coordination Meeting	TWG Chair and Co-chair	October 13, 2025, 1:00 PM	CID Office
Submission of Parent Consent and Medical Certificate	Contest Proctors coaches and participants for individual and group events	October 15, 2025 8:00AM to 12:00PM	FWMES/ Balulang NHS
2025 DFOT Opening Program	All participants	October 16, 2025 8:00AM	FWMES



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15. For details of the conduct of the 2025 DSPC and DFOT, the following repositories are provided:

2025 Division Schools Press Conference

Content	Link	QR Code
Guidelines	https://tinyurl.com/2025DSPCguide	
Division Qualifiers	https://tinyurl.com/2025DSPCCDOqualifiers	
Opening Program	https://tinyurl.com/2025DSPCprog	
Contest Schedule, Venues, and Directory	https://tinyurl.com/2025DSPCvenuesked	
Contests Proctors and Technical Working Group	https://tinyurl.com/2025DSPCTWG	

2025 Division Festival of Talents

Content	Link	QR Code
Guidelines	https://tinyurl.com/CDO2025DFOTguide	
Division Qualifiers	https://tinyurl.com/2025DFOTquali	
Opening Program	https://tinyurl.com/2025DFOTCDOprog	



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Contest Schedule, Venues, and Directory	https://tinyurl.com/2025DFOTvenueskedetc	
Contests Facilitators and Technical Working Group	https://tinyurl.com/2025DFOTTWGFaci	

16. Any form of plagiarism in all competitions, as proven by the board of judges, shall be ground for disqualification.

17. Any violation of the stipulated guidelines of 2025 DSPC and DFOT, the Technical Working Group serves the right to declare disqualification.

18. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspect of the contest is final and irrevocable.

19. All participants shall accomplish the daily monitoring and evaluation which link will be posted daily in the contest venues to confirm their attendance.

20. By joining the competition, the learner-participants allow DepEd to use their entry for educational and publicity purposes, without prejudice to the intellectual property rights of the learner.

21. By participating to 2025 DSPC and DFOT, all participants accept the terms stipulated in the Memorandum and its enclosures.

22. Service credits or compensatory time-off (CTO) shall be granted for working days that will fall on holidays or weekends in accordance with the CSC and DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004.

23. In adherence to Equal Opportunity Principle (EOP), inclusive and fair treatment is accorded to all personnel regardless of disability, sexual orientation, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity.

24. This Office directs immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum.


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