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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, S. 2013
This advisory is issued for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

INTERNATIONAL LETTER-WRITING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Attached is an invitation to International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People from Ms. Rianne Aybil Peñaredondo, Public Relations Officer IV, Business Lines Department, Philippine Postal Corporation on the captioned activity with the theme: "Write a Letter to a Friend about why human connection matters in the digital world," contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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

Moreover, schools are reminded of the "No Collection and No selling of Tickets Policy" stipulated in DepEd Order Nos. 19 and 40, s. 2008 and RA Nos. 4206 and 5546.

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Invitation to Participate in the International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People 2026

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Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 11:07 AM

Dear Ma'am/Sir:

Greetings from the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost)!

In an age where messages are sent instantly and often forgotten just as quickly, the value of a handwritten letter remains timeless. A letter is something a child can keep, reread, and cherish with pride for years. In this regard, we are pleased to invite your esteemed institution to participate in the **International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People 2026**.

This year's theme is: **"Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world."**

The competition aims to provide young learners with a meaningful platform to express their thoughts creatively, enhance their writing skills, and appreciate the enduring importance of personal communication. It also offers an opportunity for Filipino youth to represent the country on the international stage.

Prizes:

- First Prize: ₱25,000
- Second Prize: ₱20,000
- Third Prize: ₱15,000

The winning entry will be officially submitted by PHLPost as the Philippines' representative to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) International Letter-Writing Competition in Berne, Switzerland.

Eligibility: Students aged 9–15 years old

Deadline for Submission: 10 April 2026

Please note the following guidelines:

- Entries must be **handwritten**
- Entries must be **original**
- Maximum of **800 words**

Participants may register and submit their entries through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/PHLPostLetterWriting2026>

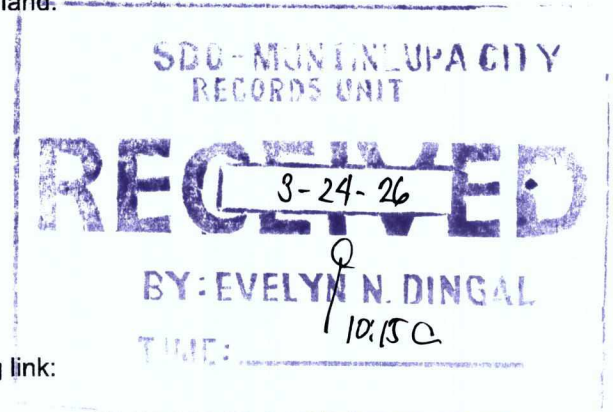
In this connection, we respectfully request your support in disseminating this invitation to your students and encouraging their active participation. Your assistance will greatly contribute to nurturing young Filipino writers and promoting the art of letter writing in the digital age.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to receiving inspiring entries from your students.

Respectfully yours,

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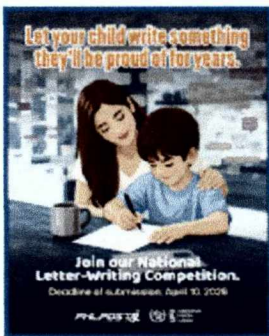


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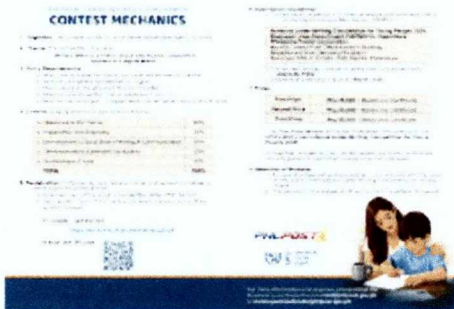


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**Let your child write something
they'll be proud of for years.**



**Join our National
Letter-Writing Competition.**

Deadline of submission: April 10, 2026



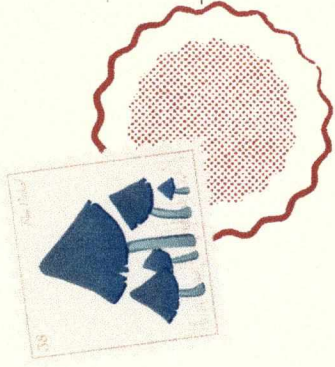
55th International Letter Writing Competition

Business Lines Department
Philippine Postal Corporation
18 March 2026



Background

- Official Poster
- Mechanics of the Competition
- Prizes
- Links for Collaterals



Write a letter.
Win 25,000!

JOIN THE NATIONAL
LETTER-WRITING COMPETITION.



WRITE A LETTER TO A FRIEND ABOUT
WHY HUMAN CONNECTION MATTERS
IN A DIGITAL WORLD.

Winners will receive a travel certificate and corresponding cash prize.
1st Prize: Php 25,000 2nd Prize: Php 10,000 3rd Prize: Php 5,000

Deadline of submissions is on April 10, 2026.

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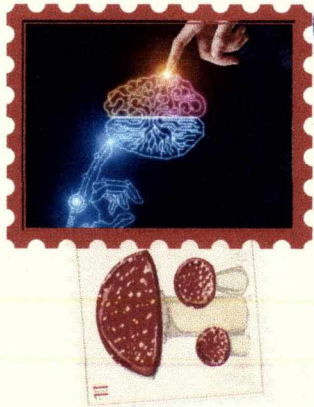


Eligibility:

The contest is open to all students
nationwide ages 9-15 years.



Theme:



“Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world.”

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Must strictly follow the theme and must not exceed 800 words

Must adhere to the standard format of a letter

Must be recently written and unpublished in any form

Must be the participant's original work and not generated by any AI tools



Criteria:

- 1 Relevance to the Theme - 30%
- 2 Demonstrates a Good Style of Writing & Communication - 20%
- 3 Imagination and Originality - 20%
- 4 Demonstrates an Extensive Vocabulary - 20%
- 5 Youthfulness of Tone - 10%



Registrations: Participants must register online* and upload the following before submitting their entries:

Scanned copy of the original handwritten letter (PDF format)



High-quality photo of the participant (white background, in PNG or JPEG format)

To register, visit this link: bit.ly/PHLPostLetterWriting2023

Submission Guidelines

a. Entries must be placed in a brown envelope and submitted **ONLY** via Domestic Express Mail Service (DEMS) to:

National Letter-Writing Competition for Young People 2026

Business Lines Department - OAPMG for Operations

Philippine Postal Corporation

Manila Central Post Office Annex II Building,

Magallanes Drive, Liwasang Bonifacio,

Barangay 659-A, Ermita, 1000, Manila, Philippines

b. Entries sent through private couriers shall be automatically **DISQUALIFIED**.

c. Deadline of submission is on **27 March 2026**.

Prizes:

First Prize - Php 25,000 + Medal and Certificate

Second Prize - Php 20,000 + Medal and Certificate

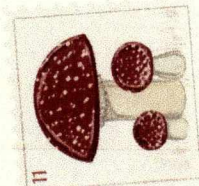
Third Prize - Php 15,000 + Medal and Certificate

The First Prize winner will be the Philippines' official entry to the UPU's 55th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People 2026.

All qualified non-winning entries will receive electronic certificates of participation through their registered email addresses.

Selection of Winners:

- a. A panel of judges will evaluate entries in accordance with the rules of UPU's 55th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People.
- b. The decision of the judges shall be final and not subject to appeal.

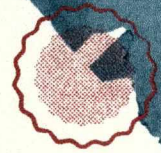


Thank You!

For more information and inquiries, please email the
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National Letter-Writing Competition

CONTEST MECHANICS

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2. **Theme:** The competition theme is:
"Write a letter to a friend about why human connection matters in a digital world."
3. **Entry Requirements:**
 - a. Must strictly follow the theme and must not exceed 800 words
 - b. Must be completely handwritten in English
 - c. Must adhere to the standard format of a letter
 - d. Must be recently written and unpublished in any form
 - e. Must be the participant's original work and not generated by any AI tools
4. **Criteria:** Judging shall be based on the following:

a. Relevance to the Theme	30%
b. Imagination and Originality	20%
c. Demonstrates a Good Style of Writing & Communication	20%
d. Demonstrates an Extensive Vocabulary	20%
e. Youthfulness of Tone	10%
TOTAL	100%

5. **Registration:** Participants must register online¹ and upload the following before submitting their entries
 - a. Scanned copy of the original handwritten letter (PDF format)
 - b. High-quality photo of the participant (white background, in PNG or JPEG format)

¹To register, visit this link:

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Or scan the QR code:



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