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Department of Education
REGION IX – ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **663**, s. 2025

CONDUCT OF DIVISION FESTIVAL OF TALENTS 2026

To: Public Schools District Supervisors/DICs
All School Heads of Public and Private Schools
This Division

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 021, s. 2019 titled *Policy Guidelines on the K to 12 Basic Education Program*, the Department holds annual competitions at the school, division, and regional levels, which culminate at the national level. In preparation, the Schools Division of Zamboanga Sibugay will conduct the **Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) 2026** on **February 6, 2026**, at **Tungawan National High School**, Libertad, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay, with the theme:

“Unlocking Filipino potentials: Harnessing AI Responsibility to amplify talents, skills, and excellence.”

2. The activity aims to:
 - a. develop learners’ 21st-century skills, including creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication.
 - b. strengthen cultural awareness and appreciation through creative outputs and performances; and
 - c. determine division representatives for the Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) 2026.
3. School level competition shall be conducted on **January 13, 2026**. Winners will represent the school in SLC level competition which will be held on **January 16, 2026**. The activity shall be spearheaded by SLC manager with PSDSs/DICs as members. The venue shall be agreed by the group. Winners in various categories shall represent the SLC in the DFOT. Winners of this competition shall represent the Division during the Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT).
4. All competitions will follow the official mechanics and criteria set in the NFOT 2026. See Annex 1 & 2 for the NFOT Draft Guidelines.
5. Required documents, including parents’ consent/waiver, must be presented during the actual conduct of the competition to the appropriate contest personnel.



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6. Travel and other incidental expenses incurred by participants shall be charged to local funds/MOOE, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Coaches and participants are expected to observe health and safety protocols during the event.






7. Widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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Encl.: D0 019, s. 2025
Reference: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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