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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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**CALL FOR ENTRIES TO THE 2026 SEAMEO-JAPAN EDUCATION
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD**

The Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) and the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology of Japan (MEXT), in cooperation with the UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Bangkok, announce the 2026 SEAMEO-Japan Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Award.

With the theme, Learning and Well-being for Sustainable Futures: Leveraging the Power of Artificial Intelligence, the 2026 SEAMEO-Japan Award for ESD aims to

1. raise awareness of ESD in schools and communities across Southeast Asia,
2. promote ESD best practices in schools and communities across Southeast Asia,
3. share and exchange knowledge and best practices among schools in Southeast Asia and Japan,
4. encourage networking among schools and communities implementing initiatives in Southeast Asia and Japan, and
5. support the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

All public and private kindergarten, elementary, secondary, vocational, and technical schools (up to Grade 12) in the 11 SEAMEO Member Countries are invited to apply by completing the submission form, which can be downloaded at <https://link.seameo.org/ESD2026>.

Detailed information about the award and submission guidelines is also available at the same link. Completed submission forms, together with supporting documents, must be uploaded through the following Google Form: <https://link.seameo.org/ESD2026/Submission> on or before July 15, 2026.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private 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 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), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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