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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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YOUTH INNOVATION CHALLENGE 2026

The Multiple Intelligence International School invites public and private junior and senior high school learners nationwide to participate in the Youth Innovation Challenge (YIC) 2026, to be held via Zoom on March 6–7, 2026.

The YIC is an academic platform designed to equip learners with future-ready competencies by engaging them in design thinking, problem-solving, and collaborative dialogue. With this year's theme, I.D.E.A. in the Age of A.I. Leading for Sustainability, YIC empowers Filipino youth to lead sustainable national development by harnessing I.D.E.A. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Anti-Discrimination) principles and emerging artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to address real-world social, environmental, and community challenges.

Specifically, YIC 2026 aims to

- introduce design thinking and I.D.E.A. principles as practical frameworks for capacity-building and nation-building in the age of artificial intelligence;
- equip learners with the mindset and tools to design AI-informed, context-sensitive solutions to pressing social, environmental, and community challenges in the Philippines;
- promote meaningful dialogue that deepens understanding of sustainable development and the responsible use of emerging technologies;
- strengthen learners' 21st-century competencies—communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity (4Cs), to enhance global competitiveness; and
- deepen learners' understanding of their multiple intelligences, providing a platform for skill-building, ethical innovation, and youth leadership toward creating positive and sustainable social impact.

Interested participants can register using the link: tinyurl.com/2026YIC.

Participation of public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar 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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