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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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**INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL CONTEST 2026**

The Ateneo Business Insights Laboratory for Development (Ateneo BUILD), under the John Gokongwei School of Management of Ateneo de Manila University, invites Grades 7–12 learners from both public and private schools across the country to the 2026 International Olympiad in Artificial Intelligence Philippines (IOAI) National Contest, the premier selection event for the country's delegation to the IOAI, on January 31–February 8, 2026.

The IOAI is the International Science Olympiad in AI for high school students. As the sole accredited country coordinator for the Philippines, the Ateneo BUILD is responsible for selecting and training the Philippine National Team to compete at the Global Finals, hosted by the Mohamed bin Zayed University of Artificial Intelligence in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, from August 2 to 8, 2026. The selection process is divided into four distinct stages to ensure only the most capable and well-prepared students represent the country:

Stage	Date
Stage 1: National Eliminations A nationwide online screening focused on logic and fundamental AI concepts	January 31–February 8, 2026 Registration Deadline: January 25, 2026
Stage 2: Semi-Finals A deeper technical assessment for top-tier qualifiers	February 14–15, 2026
Stage 3: National Finals Face-to-face/hybrid competition for the top 20 finalists involving complex AI problem sets	February 22–23, 2026
Stage 4: Team Selection Bootcamp Intensive evaluation of the top 10 to determine the final four-member delegation	March 7–8, 2026

Interested participants may visit the official IOAI Philippines website at <https://www.ioaiph.org> for additional information.

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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