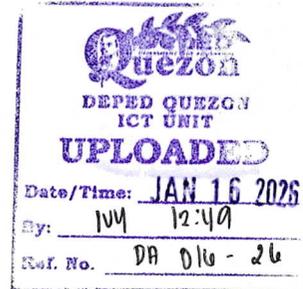




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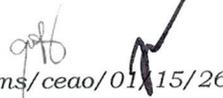
SCIENCE CASTLE PHILIPPINES 2026

Leave a Nest Philippines, Inc. invites schools to participate in the **Science Castle Philippines 2026**, a research conference for high school students that provides a platform to present research work and explore opportunities for collaborations. The conference will be on January 17-18, 2025 at Mapua University – Intramurus Campus Gymnasium Metro Manila Philippines.

Participation of learners and teachers from both public and private schools is strictly voluntary and must not interfere with instructional time. This aligns with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025, titled "Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities," as well as DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith." Furthermore, any off-campus activities must adhere to the guidelines specified in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of RA 5546 also known as 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), and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No.041, s. 2024.

The details of the activity can be found in the attached letter from Alexander Gali, Assitant Manager, Education Development Division.


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Science Castle Philippines 2026: Invitation Letter

Greetings from **Leave a Nest Philippines, Inc.**

A subsidiary of the esteemed Japanese company **Leave a Nest Co., Ltd.**, we are a social enterprise dedicated to pioneering knowledge manufacturing—creating sustainable solutions while addressing societal issues. Our mission is to advance science and technology for global happiness by bridging the gap between education, human development, research and business creation. To learn more about Leave a Nest, please visit our website: <https://global.lne.st/>.

We are delighted to invite your school to join the upcoming **Science Castle Philippines 2026**, a research conference for high school students dedicated to nurturing the next generation of young researchers. This program is organized by Leave a Nest Philippines.

- **Date** : January 17–18, 2026
- **Time** : Day 1 — 12:30 PM–6:00 PM PHT | Day 2 — 9:30 AM–6:00 PM PHT
- **Venue** : Mapúa University – Intramuros Campus Gymnasium | 658 Muralla St, Intramuros, Manila, 1002 Metro Manila, Philippines
- **Application Deadline: October 31, 2026 (Friday) | Extended**
 - **Note:** Please disregard the deadline indicated on the form, as it has been updated to a different date indicated above.

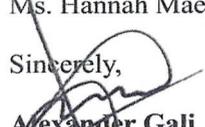
Learn more at <https://castle.lne.st/en/schedule/philippines2026/>.

About Science Castle

Science Castle is the flagship program of Leave a Nest, under the Education Development, a research conference for high school students (<https://castle.lne.st/en/>). Since its inception in Japan, it has expanded across Asia, providing young researchers with a platform to present their research, receive feedback from academia, government, and industry mentors, and explore opportunities for collaboration. The conference nurtures scientific thinking, communication skills, an innovator's mindset, and collaboration through early exposure. By bringing this experience from local to global schools and communities, Science Castle showcases student research on a national stage and connects it with opportunities across Asia.

We hope your school will join us in this exciting academic endeavor. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Edriel Lee at edriel@lne.st, cc: Mr. Alexander Gali (alex@lne.st) and Ms. Hannah Mae Balisi (hannah@lne.st). Thank you for considering this invitation.

Sincerely,



Alexander Gali
Assistant Manager, Education Development Division
Science Castle Philippines 2026 Project Lead
Leave a Nest Philippines, Inc.

I. Activity Timeline

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Day 1: January 17 (Saturday) 12:30 - 6:00 PM		
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	Registration
12:30 PM	1:15 PM	Opening Ceremony
1:15 PM	2:45 PM	Science Castle Splash (Research Pitch Presentation)
2:45 PM	3:40 PM	Knowledge Exchange Session
3:40 PM	5:45 PM	Workshop Sessions & Teacher Sessions
5:45 PM	6:00 PM	Closing Remarks

Day 2: January 18 (Sunday) 9:30 - 6:00 PM		
8:45 AM	9:30 AM	Registration
9:30 AM	9:45 AM	Opening Ceremony
9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Science Castle Grant Demo Day
10:30 AM	12:45 PM	Poster Session
12:45 PM	1:45 PM	Lunch Break
1:45 PM	3:30 PM	Oral Presentation
3:30 PM	5:00 PM	Booth Exhibit
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Awarding & Closing Remarks

NOTE: This is a two-day program, and attendance on both days is required to ensure a complete and meaningful experience. The activities are designed to build upon one another, and full participation across both days is essential for achieving the intended outcomes of the program.

II. Timeline Details

Activity	Date
Opening of Applications	September 15, 2025
Deadline for School Applications	October 31, 2025
Announcement of Oral and Poster Presenters	November 14, 2025
Orientation & Mentoring Session for Oral Presenter	November to December 2025
Event Day – Science Castle Philippines 2026	January 17 - 18, 2025

III. Submission of Application

Please ensure that your application is submitted at the following link: <https://castle.inc.st/en/schedule/philippines2026/> by clicking the “Application link”.

Your application will be reviewed for selection as either an Oral Presentation or a Poster Presentation. Applications not selected for an oral presentation will automatically be included as a poster presentation.

To apply, you must first have a Leave a Nest ID. You can create one through the same Application link. Once your account is created, return to the same link to submit your application.