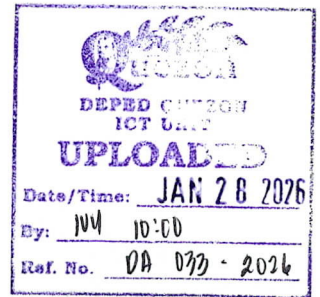




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For more information, please contact Ateneo BUILD at email address: [build.jgsom@ateneo.edu](mailto:build.jgsom@ateneo.edu) or website: <https://www.ateneo.edu/jgsom/build>, or Mr. Martin Gomez, Organizing Committee, at email address: [pmgomez@ioaiph.org](mailto:pmgomez@ioaiph.org) or website: [www.ioaiph.org](http://www.ioaiph.org).

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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
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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.

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