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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE THE EDUCOMICS PROGRAM OF JUNIOR
ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (JA PHILIPPINES)**

Junior Achievement of the Philippines, Inc. (JA Philippines) - a member of JA Worldwide®, proudly serves as the implementing arm of Junior Achievement programs in the country. With JA Worldwide's unwavering commitment to empowering youth globally, it is with great pride that the organization has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for five consecutive years.

The **EduComics Program** is an innovative Science education initiative in partnership with Johnson & Johnson, designed to inspire and empower Grade 6 students by making Science engaging, relatable, and enjoyable through interactive, comic-based learning. It is specifically designed to: a. inspire and empower youth in STEM by utilizing original, curriculum-aligned EduComics that present Grade 6 Science concepts through vibrant illustrations and highly engaging storytelling formats; b. strengthen foundational scientific literacy by integrating structured lessons on ecosystems, matter, forces, energy, and human body systems directly into classroom instruction to bolster reading comprehension and critical thinking; c. enhance instructional delivery and teaching strategies by providing educators with professional development workshops, classroom integration matrices, and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities; and, d. nurture scientific communication and student confidence through a culminating national competition and structured corporate mentoring sessions that allow student finalists to refine and showcase their science-based creative outputs.

In line with this initiative, all Grade 6 student beneficiaries are enjoined to participate in this activity. These selected learners will receive interactive science comic modules and tailored instructional materials designed to significantly improve their reading comprehension, scientific inquiry, and critical thinking skills.

No instructional block activities shall be affected upon the conduct of this activity.

To confirm your participation, please accomplish the official registration form on or before August 20, 2026:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iV6tlwnT865-Ags7JpTRi6AL804mzSWUBisoaL4_aHhw/edit?usp=sharing

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Ms. Andrea Robles** at andrea@iapionline.org.

Participant Group	Target Count	Coverage Details
Student Beneficiaries	10,000 Grade 6 Students	Open to selected public schools across Region XII (SOCKSARGEN)
Science Educators	Participating Grade 6 Science Teachers	Entitled to capacity-building sessions and training opportunities

Updated Implementation Timeline

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Program Kick-off & Launch	August 28, 2026 Official virtual launch ceremony celebrating program milestones, highlighting partner commitments, and unveiling the new EduComics edition and competition mechanics
Online Enrichment & Rollout	September 5 & 12, 2026 Interactive virtual enrichment and learning sessions for teachers and students focusing on science content enhancement and comic-based facilitation
Submission of Tech Innovation Plan	December 10, 2026 Registration Form: https://forms.gle/ioRKEEdFcBm4tsB36
Deadline of Tech Innovation Plan	December 15, 2026 Submission Link: https://forms.gle/6q7doEt4UcMJ36Fv8
Announcement of Top 10	January 8, 2027 Evaluation of initial student comic-based competition entries and the official announcement of the Top 10 national

	finalists
National Mentoring Block	January 22 & 29, 2027 Structured coaching sessions where finalists receive expert guidance from educators and industry mentors to refine their science communication and presentation skills
EduComics Final Competition	February 19, 2027 National culminating event showcasing finalist presentations, celebrating student creativity, and conferring regional recognition and awards