



PHILIPPINE PHYSICS SOCIETY (PPS)
48th Annual National Physics Seminar-Workshop/Convention
39th National Physics Olympics
34th National Physics Fair
May 19-22, 2026



Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College
San Nicolas, Candon City, Ilocos Sur

Theme: PPS@52: A Quantum Leap Into the Future: Empowering Communities Through Physics Education, Research, and Application

ANNOUNCEMENT/INVITATION

Physicists, college and high school physics teachers, physics students, as well as research and development personnel in industry, are invited to participate in the **48th Annual National Physics Seminar-Workshop/Convention** with the theme “PPS@52: A Quantum Leap into the Future: Empowering Communities through Physics Education, Research, and Application ” to be held on **May 19-22, 2026 at Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College, San Nicolas, Candon City, Ilocos Sur**. The seminar/workshop-convention incorporates the **39th National Physics Olympics and the 34th National Physics Fair**. The Convention Director is **Portugal A. Carbonel, PhD** of Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College.

The seminar/workshop-convention will feature lectures, workshops, short courses, equipment construction and utilization, and exhibits. Physics teachers, physicists, industry practitioners, and physics enthusiasts are invited to contribute research papers, lectures, workshops, or demonstrations or to share their classroom/industry experience. An abstract or description of the presentation (not exceeding half of an 8½” x 11” page, single-spaced) should be received not later than **April 29, 2026** by **Dr. Gerardo C. Maxino, Physics Department, Maxino College, 6200 Dumaguete City** (email: gerardomaxino@yahoo.com). For new PPS presenters, a one-paragraph profile should accompany the abstract. For collaborative work, the presenter should be clearly indicated by an underline.

The Physics Olympics will involve the application of physics principles and use of creativity in activities/contests like paper tower, egg drop, egg transport, large barge, super magnet, bamboo bridge, master robot, water rocket, and paper airplane. There are three separate categories: teachers/professionals, college students, and high school students. The PPS Physics Olympics Manual is available online at <http://philippinephysicsociety.org> . In this convention both the regular and beach physics olympics will be conducted. The Regular Physics Olympics will be held at the Main Campus, while the Beach Olympics will take place at the Darapidap, Candon City Campus.

The Physics Fair will present investigatory physics projects by students and teachers in all levels. No monetary prizes are involved; however, Certificates of Merit will be awarded to deserving entries. Three hard copies of the entry should be submitted by mail or in person to **Dr. Portugal A. Carbonel, Convention Director** not later than **May 19, 2026**. The physics fair also welcomes exhibits of instructional materials (equipment, modules, etc.), pictorials, and posters.

The participant's contribution is P3000 in CASH only. This will help defray expenses for seminar kit, certificates, snacks, Philippine Physics Journal, one dinner and membership and organizational matters.

Requests for reservations/accommodations or travel information should be addressed to the Convention Director: **Dr. Portugal A. Carbonel, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College, Candon City, Ilocos Sur**; email: cportugal7479@gmail.com.

Some equipment and printed materials may be available during the convention, with costs of P300 and higher.

Articles or notes for the Philippine Physics Journal Vol 48 2026 should reach the undersigned not later than May 22, 2026. Contributions may deal with research, instruction/education, physics and society, apparatus construction, laboratory experiment, literature or equipment review, and computational physics. Contributions may be submitted as email attachment to gerardomaxino@yahoo.com. Preferably, they should be in two columns, single-spaced, with font size comparable to 12 pts Times New Roman, 8½” x 11” page with 1” margin all-around, black and white illustrations, not more than 10 pages, in two versions: [Libre/Open Office (i.e. Ubuntu) or Microsoft Word (doc)] and pdf. Contributions should not have been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere. All submissions go through the processes of refereeing and editing. Contributions received late or unable to complete the refereeing and editing process in time for publication will not be considered.

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LUZON CONFERENCE HOSTS: ADAMSON UNIVERSITY (2002), MAPUA (2003), TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES (2005), COLEGIO DE SAN JUAN DE LETRAN – CALAMBA (2007).