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INVITATION TO THE FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERACY AWARDS

The Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc. is inviting teachers and learners to participate in the **Fifth Instabright National Literary Awards** in celebration of **Buwan ng Wika 2026**. The national literary competition aims to showcase the talents of participants in producing original literary works, particularly poems and short stories, that reflect Filipino values, culture, and aspirations.

The competition shall feature the following categories:

- Inspirational Poems of the Year (English and Filipino Categories)
- Creative Short Stories of the Year (English and Filipino Categories)

Interested participants may submit their entries from June 16, 2026, to August 3, 2026. The Awarding Ceremony will be held on August 29, 2026, at View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City. The competition mechanics, criteria for judging, and submission links are provided in the attached communication from the organizer.

Widespread dissemination of this advisory is hereby requested.

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In celebration of the “Buwan ng Wika” this August 2026, the Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc. will be conducting the **FIFTH INSTABRIGHT NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS**.

This is a national competition that will showcase the talents of teachers, students, researchers, and writers in producing literary works, particularly poems and short stories that reflect Filipino values, culture, and aspirations.

Categories:

Inspirational Poems of the Year

(English and Filipino Category)

Creative Short Stories of the Year

(English and Filipino Category)

Details

1. All literary entries that meet the set standards will be recognized during the awarding ceremony. Authors will receive a **Certificate of Recognition** and an **Instabright Medallion**.
2. All qualified entries will be published in the **Instabright e-Gazette** free of charge.
3. The judging committee will select the **Top Three (3) Best Entries** in each category. Authors of the winning entries will receive a **Certificate of Recognition** and a **Medal**.
4. Sending of entries is from **June 16, 2026 to August 3, 2026**.
5. The **Awarding Ceremony** will be held on **August 29, 2026 at View Park Hotel, Tagaytay City**.

Mechanics for Poem

1. The poem must consist of **4–8 stanzas**.
2. It may be written in **English or Filipino**.



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3. Theme: “**Boses ng Bayan, Wika ng Pag-asa: Pagtataguyod ng Hustisya at Pagkakaisa**”
4. The poem must be **originally composed** by the author.
5. Submit entries through: <https://tinyurl.com/IBLITPOEM26>

Mechanics for Short Story

1. The story must be **original**.
2. The story shall present the rich culture, traditions, values, or contemporary realities of the Philippines.
3. There is **no restriction on length**.
4. It may be written in **English or Filipino**.
5. Stories with explicit sexual themes shall not be accepted.
6. Submit entries through: <https://tinyurl.com/IBLITSTORY26>

Criteria for Judging (Poem)

CRITERIA	POINTS
Relevance to the Theme	35
Creativity and Originality	25
Coherence of Form and Structure	15
Clarity of Imagery and Language	15
Overall Impact	10
TOTAL	100

Criteria for Judging (Short Story)

CRITERIA	POINTS
Originality	25
Relevance to the Topic	15
Characterization	15
Plot Structure	20
Quality of Writing	10
Use of Language and Literary Devices	15
TOTAL	100

For inquiries and updates regarding the competition, participants may coordinate with the Instabright International Guild of Researchers and Educators, Inc.

Celebrate the power of words, honor Filipino identity, and inspire change through literature. Join the Fifth Instabright National Literary Awards and let your voice be heard!