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CHAIRMAN: HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP BENNY MARIO TRAVAS

FROM THE DESK OF CEO

Dear Reader,

As we journey through the second half of 2025, I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your continued commitment to the mission of Catholic education. The past few months have been filled with learning, growth, and a renewed sense of purpose in our schools.

This term, I have had the great privilege of visiting several school communities and witnessing first-hand the incredible work of our Master Trainers, Teacher Educators, Teachers and the enthusiasm of our students. From classrooms filled with curiosity to schoolyards echoing with joy, the Spirit is truly alive in our Catholic schools.

Our focus this term has been on deepening our commitment to faith, learning, and wellbeing. Whether through STEM trainings, academic achievements, or leadership trainings, our schools continue to foster environments where every child is known, valued, and supported.

As we look ahead to the final term of the year, I encourage all members of our community to take time for reflection. Let us continue to walk together in faith, embracing the challenges and opportunities that lie before us, and always striving to be a light for others.

Thank you for being a vital part of our Catholic education family. May the coming months bring renewal, peace, and joy to you and your loved ones.

WITH EVERY BLESSING

Asher Javaid

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NCEC ADMINISTRATIVE DESK

EMPOWERING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE ONLINE TRAINING ON RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES

As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, a group of four participants from Pakistan, Mr. Asher Javaid, Mr. Maxwell Shanti, Mr. Snawer Gill and Ms. Sunita Shaukat participated in an online training program on Renewable Energy Resources arranged by Tulip in collaboration with BEGECA. This professional development opportunity, held from 8th to 11th July 2025, brought together participants from across our Catholic communities around the globe with a shared goal: to better understand the role of renewable energy in caring for our common home.

The training covered a range of topics including solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy, as well as the importance of transitioning towards clean energy solutions in the face of climate change. Through a series of interactive sessions, participants explored the science behind renewable energy technologies, the economic and environmental benefits, and practical ways to integrate sustainability into school practices and learning environments.

Participants described the training as inspiring, informative, and highly relevant, especially in light of Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'* to take urgent action to protect our planet. The sessions also offered a platform for meaningful dialogue around how Catholic schools can model ecological responsibility and lead by example in their communities.



NCEC FINANCE DESK

A 6 – DAY ACCOUNTANTS WORKSHOP

REFRESH, REVISE & RECHARGE FOR STRONGER FINANCIAL PRACTICES

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), Pakistan, successfully organized a 6-day workshop titled “Accounting Insight: Refresh, Revise and Recharge” from 14th to 19th July 2025 at The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, Lahore.

Accountants representing Catholic Board of Education (CBE) and Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) offices from across the country actively participated, with engaging presentations delivered by representatives from Lahore, Quetta, Hyderabad, Multan, Karachi, Faisalabad, and Islamabad/Rawalpindi.

Covering topics such as effective financial management, accounting principles, business communication, taxation, budget preparation, QuickBooks, ERP systems, and procurement policies, the workshop not only refreshed participants’ knowledge but also strengthened uniform practices across diocesan institutions.

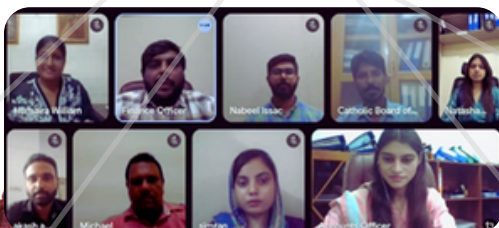
Group discussions and collaborative presentations fostered peer learning, while the finalization of a Daily Fee Collection Format and the decision to hold biannual meetings marked important steps toward sustainable financial development in Catholic education.

The workshop served as a platform to refresh, revise, and recharge skills, ensuring accountants are better equipped to manage resources effectively for the future.

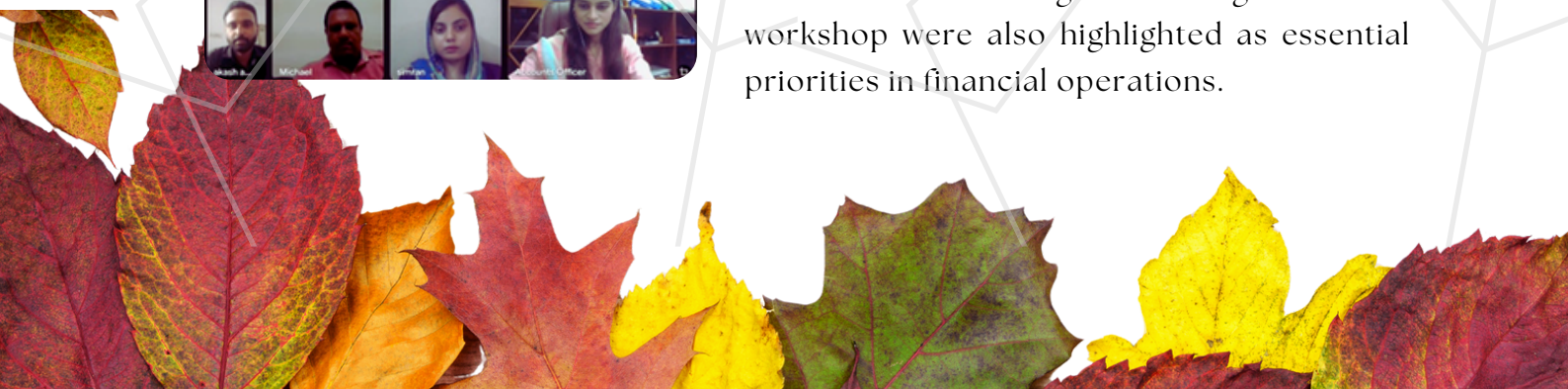


NCEC FINANCE TEAM LEADS PRODUCTIVE ONLINE ACCOUNTANTS’ MEETING

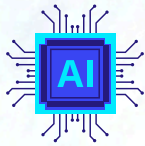
On Monday, 25th August 2025, the NCEC Finance Team convened an online meeting via Google Meet with all CBE/DBE accountants to review ongoing financial matters and strengthen compliance practices.



The session, held at 10:00 AM, provided a platform to reflect on the outcomes of the recent workshop and discuss practical steps. Audit and the sharing of learnings from the workshop were also highlighted as essential priorities in financial operations.



NCEC ACADEMICS DESK



EMPOWERING EDUCATORS WITH AI NCEC'S INNOVATIVE WORKSHOP SERIES

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), in collaboration with Portal Consultants, organized a 20-hour workshop titled “Effective Use of AI Tools in Classroom” on July 18th, 19th, and 25th, 2025, at the NCEC Office, Lahore. The workshop aimed to help educators effectively integrate AI tools such as ChatGPT, Khanmigo, and Curipod into classroom practice through hands-on strategies, collaborative activities, and innovative techniques for lesson planning, assessment, and personalized learning.

The NCEC extends heartfelt thanks to Portal Consultants and facilitator Ms. Batool Jafari for their valuable contribution and continued partnership in enhancing digital teaching competence among educators.



ONE-DAY “CANVA FOR TEACHERS” WORKSHOP AT CBE LAHORE

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) organized a one-day, face-to-face training titled “Canva for Teachers” on July 26, 2025, at the Catholic Board of Education, Lahore. The session was facilitated by Mr. Saimon Robin and Ms. Shahida Iqbal,

The workshop aimed to enhance teachers’ digital literacy by introducing them to creative and practical uses of Canva for classroom teaching. Participants learned how to design engaging presentations, posters, and learning materials to make lessons more interactive and visually appealing.



The session concluded with a spirit of creativity and collaboration, as participants expressed excitement to apply their new skills in developing innovative classroom resources that inspire and engage students.



NCEC ACADEMICS DESK

NCEC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CORE COMMITTEE SETS STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR 2025–26

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) held its Core Committee Meeting on July 21, 2025, under the leadership of Mr. Asher Javaid, CEO–NCEC, at the NCEC Office, Lahore. The meeting brought together the Academic Team, Core Committee members, and Leadership Program Group Leaders both in person and online for a day of purposeful collaboration and planning.

Key members including Mr. Nadeem Gill, Ms. Sunita Shoukat, Ms. Shahida (Vice President), and Mr. Saimon Robin (Education Officer, NCEC) attended in person, while Ms. Shakila, Mr. Haroon, and Mr. Shenazar joined virtually. Together, they reviewed the assessment results, reports, and feedback from the Trainer Development Course (TDC), Teacher Leaders Course (TLC), and School Leaders Course (SLC), presented respectively by the program leaders.



The committee finalized the structure of the Leadership Programs for the 2025–26 session, incorporating refinements in modules, duration, and program flow. The Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Standards for teachers were also approved, marking a key step in ensuring sustained professional excellence across Catholic schools. Additionally, the newly formed Groups of Master Trainers for the Leadership Programs were announced and entrusted with guiding the next phase of capacity building.

The meeting concluded with Mr. Asher's note of appreciation for the dedicated service of the Core Committee members, program leaders, and Master Trainers. He reaffirmed his confidence in the team's collective vision and commitment to advancing the mission of Catholic education, expressing optimism for a fruitful and transformative year ahead.



"Together, we continue to form leaders who inspire excellence, integrity, and faith in every classroom."

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STEM MASTER TRAINER WORKSHOPS BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR STEM CLUBS

As part of Stage 2: Setting Up STEM Clubs, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), in collaboration with Science Fuse, conducted the second phase of STEM Master Trainer workshops between August and September 2025. These sessions aimed to strengthen the pedagogical skills, creativity, and facilitation capacity of STEM trainers to establish effective and inclusive STEM Clubs across Catholic schools in Pakistan.

The Lahore workshop, held on August 21–22, 2025, at OBAN Hotel, Gulberg III, brought together participants from CBE Lahore, Faisalabad, Multan, and DBE Rawalpindi. The session was facilitated by Mr. Waqas Nasir, Mr. Shayan Moazzam, and Ms. Kalsoom from the Science Fuse Karachi team. The Rawalpindi workshop, conducted on September 4–5, 2025, at the Christian Study Centre, engaged master trainers from CBE Karachi, Hyderabad, and Quetta, led by Mr. Qumber Abidi, Senior Trainer and Advisor at Science Fuse.

NCEC commends all master trainers and facilitators for their commitment to fostering curiosity and scientific thinking among young learners, paving the way for a stronger, more equitable STEM culture in Catholic schools across Pakistan.



*"When curiosity
meets creativity,
learning becomes
limitless."*

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PEEP INTO THE FUTURE AI FOR EDUCATORS WORKSHOP

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) organized a two-day face-to-face workshop titled “AI for Educators” under the theme Peep into the Future on September 6–7, 2025, at the NCEC Office. Facilitated by Mr. Saimon Robin, this 10-hour training brought together 19 Teacher Educators, Master Trainers, and STEM members from all dioceses, with an apology from CBE Faisalabad.



The workshop aimed to help educators understand the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence in education and its potential to enhance teaching and learning. By the end of the sessions, participants were able to organize, store, and share classroom resources using Google Drive, leverage Gemini for lesson planning and content creation, and critically reflect on the ethical and pedagogical impacts of AI tools.

Through hands-on activities and discussions, teachers explored how AI can foster creativity, save time, and support diverse learning needs—preparing them to integrate innovative digital tools effectively in their classrooms. This initiative marked a forward-looking step by NCEC toward building digital readiness among Catholic educators across Pakistan.



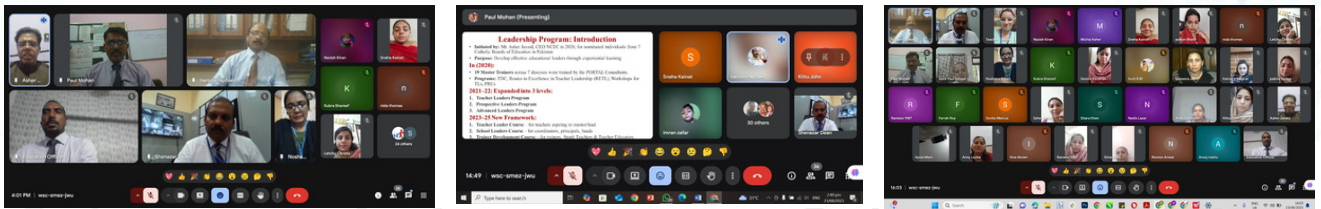
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LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS EMBARK FOR THE 2025–26 SESSION

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has officially launched its Leadership Programs for the 2025–26 session, marking another significant step in strengthening leadership capacity across Catholic schools in Pakistan. The programs have commenced with renewed energy and commitment to the NCEC vision of building faith-filled, competent, and reflective educational leaders.

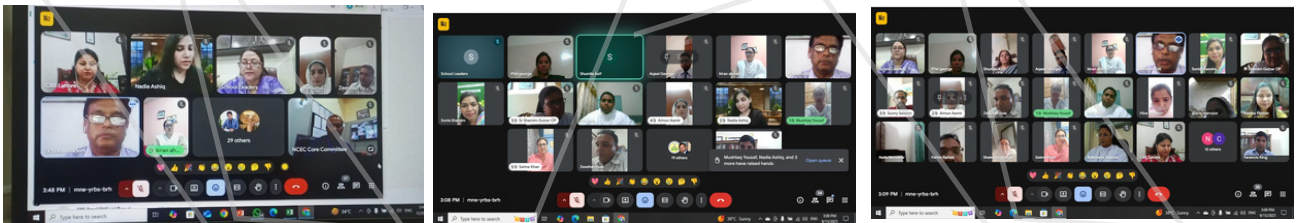
THE TEACHER TRAINER COURSE

The Teacher Trainer Course (TTC), a 70-hour program, is followed by its orientation on August 23, 2025, engaging 37 participants representing diverse seven Catholic dioceses.



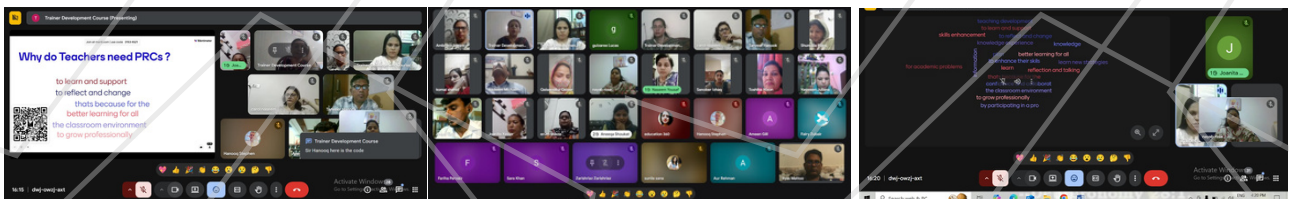
THE SCHOOL LEADERS COURSE

The School Leaders Course (SLC) contains six modules, it is 80-hour program, it began with an orientation on August 22, 2025, welcoming 35 participants from all seven dioceses.



THE TRAINER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

The Trainer Development Course (TDC), a 100-hour advanced program comprising 6 modules, a Professional Reading Circle (PRC), and Teacher Training practice, held its orientation on August 29, 2025, with 33 participants from all dioceses.



Each program is designed to promote instructional leadership, reflective practice, and continuous professional growth within the Catholic education system. The enthusiastic participation of educators from across the country reflects a shared dedication to advancing quality education rooted in faith and service.

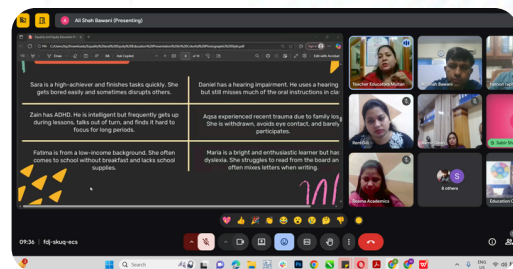
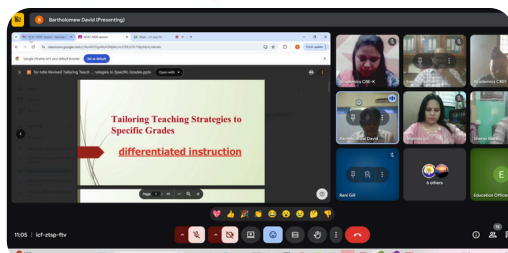
"Leadership is not a position but a calling to serve, inspire, and transform."



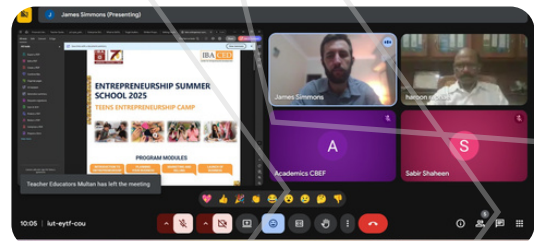
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NDIE TRAINING SESSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2025

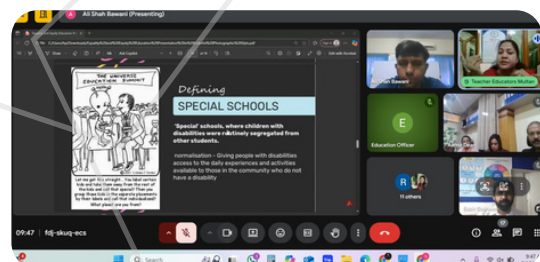
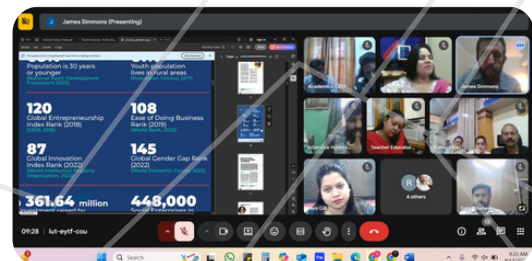
The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) continues to strengthen its partnership with the Notre Dame Institute of Education (NDIE) through a series of online professional development sessions held from September 11th to 13th, 2025. These sessions, part of the September learning episode, aimed to enhance teachers' pedagogical skills and promote reflective teaching practices.



Throughout the three days, participants engaged in a diverse range of topics: "Relationship Building in Education" and "Tailoring Teaching Strategies to Meet Specific Learners" facilitated by Mr. Bartholomew David, "Inclusive Education" led by Mr. Ali Shah Bawani, "Implementation of PBL – Reflection" guided by Mr. Noman Nidir and Mr. Munir Lalani, and "Money Management and Entrepreneurship" facilitated by Mr. James Simmons.



Each session offered teachers practical tools to strengthen classroom relationships, personalize learning experiences, promote inclusivity, and build essential 21st-century life skills. The collaborative and interactive format of the NDIE sessions continues to inspire educators toward reflective practice and innovative teaching approaches across diocesan schools.



JOB FAIR 2025 AT LAHORE

EMPOWERING PAKISTAN'S YOUTH THROUGH INCLUSIVITY AND OPPORTUNITY

The Lahore Job Fair, held on 20th September 2025 at St. Anthony's Higher Secondary School, 3 Cecil Chaudhary Road, Lahore, was a collaborative initiative jointly organized by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lahore and Saiban-e-Pakistan, under the banner of the Paigham-e-Pakistan Centre for Peace, Reconciliation, and Reconstruction Studies, with the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) as one of the key collaborators.

It aimed to promote inclusivity, educational growth, and career opportunities for youth particularly from non-Muslim communities in Lahore.

The day-long fair brought together students, educators, and professionals from diverse backgrounds. The formal program began with the arrival of the Chief Guest and Guests of Honor, followed by a tour of the stalls that showcased employment, educational, and skill-development opportunities. The opening prayer and national anthem set a tone of unity and hope for the day.

Mr. Asher Javaid, CEO of NCEC, delivered the welcome note, highlighting NCEC's ongoing commitment to empowering youth and promoting equitable access to education and employment opportunities across dioceses.

The event concluded with messages of encouragement from the Chief Minister Punjab and His Excellency Archbishop Benny Mario Travas, followed by closing remarks and a vote of thanks by Fr. Asif Sardar, Vicar General.

The Lahore Job Fair 2025 stood as a vibrant symbol of hope and inclusivity, offering young people meaningful opportunities for growth and empowerment. NCEC was honored to collaborate in this important initiative promoting peace, education, and equality for all.



SAN'T EGIDIO-NCEC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EDUCATION, FAITH, AND HOPE IN ACTION

Since 2023, the Community of Sant'Egidio, in collaboration with the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), has been empowering underprivileged students across Pakistan. The Scholarship Program began in four key dioceses: Karachi, Lahore, Rawalpindi, and Faisalabad. It aims to ensure that every child, regardless of background, has access to quality education. Together, Sant'Egidio and NCEC have opened doors of opportunity for hundreds of young learners. Many beneficiaries have become doctors, bankers, teachers, engineers, and professionals.



This joint mission uplifts families economically and builds a culture of peace and dignity. NCEC's guidance and network of Catholic schools have been vital in implementing this vision. Through careful coordination, transparency, and pastoral care, NCEC has helped reach the most deserving. Sant'Egidio's spiritual and community accompaniment nurtures both mind and heart. Students are encouraged to grow in faith, serve the poor, and live Christian values. Education here is not only academic, it is a journey of transformation and compassion.

The partnership embodies a shared commitment to justice, inclusion, and human dignity. Together, they form a model of collaboration between faith and service.

Each scholarship becomes a seed of hope planted in the soil of possibility. The program continues to inspire a new generation of responsible Christian citizens.

It strengthens both the Church's mission and Pakistan's social fabric. Faith and education walk hand in hand through this shared mission of love. Since 2016, this collaboration has changed lives and continues to grow in grace.

Truly, the Sant'Egidio-NCEC Scholarship Program stands as a witness of hope, unity, and peace.





NCEC CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

"Celebrating the Birth of Christ through Colors of Faith and Joy."

Categories & Themes:

GROUP 1: CLASSES 3 – 5

THEME: "THE JOURNEY OF THE THREE WISE MEN"

GROUP 2: CLASSES 6 – 8

THEME: "THROUGH THE WINDOW ON MY CHRISTMAS EVE"

ARTWORK SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

- THE ARTWORK MUST BE CREATED ON CHART PAPER OR POSTER-SIZE SHEET, LEAVING A TWO-INCH MARGIN ON ALL SIDES.
- STUDENTS MAY USE WATERCOLORS, OIL PAINTS, COLOR PENCILS, OR CRAYONS.
- THE ARTWORK MUST BE TWO-DIMENSIONAL (2D); 3D ART WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

COMPETITION GUIDELINES:

- THE TOP THREE ARTWORKS FROM EACH GROUP WILL BE FEATURED IN THE NCEC CALENDAR 2026.
- EACH ARTWORK MUST CLEARLY INCLUDE THE STUDENT NAME, CLASS, SCHOOL, AND THE RESPECTIVE CATHOLIC/DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (CBE/DBE).
- EACH CBE/DBE MAY SUBMIT A MAXIMUM OF FIVE (5) ARTWORKS PER GROUP.
- ALL ARTWORKS MUST BE CREATED IN SCHOOL UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A TEACHER.
- ONCE SUBMITTED, ALL ARTWORKS WILL REMAIN WITH NCEC.
- NCEC WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY TRANSPORTATION DAMAGE PRIOR TO EVALUATION.
- DETAILED MARKING CRITERIA WILL NOT BE SHARED; ONLY THE FINAL POSITIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.
- THE DECISION OF THE INDEPENDENT PANEL OF JUDGES WILL BE FINAL AND BINDING.
- **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 25 NOVEMBER 2025**



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