

2nd Circular of (IOAA-jr 2026)

The 5th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics for Juniors (IOAA-jr2026), Ubon Ratchathani, THAILAND, 1 November - 8 November 2026

Subject: Updates on registration, schedule and academic information Following 1st Circular of IOAA-jr 2026, the Organizing Committee is pleased to provide further information regarding the 5th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics for Juniors (IOAA-jr 2026) in Ubon Ratchathani, THAILAND. Please find below additional updates on the event.

1. List of Pre-Registered Countries

We are delighted to see an encouraging response to IOAA-jr 2026, with pre-registrations from 31 main teams.

Australia	Italy	Thailand	Ghana
Bulgaria	Lithuania	Ukraine	Greece
Canada	Nepal	Vietnam	Lao PDR
China	Poland	Bangladesh	Palestine
Czechia	Qatar	Bolivia	Russia
El Salvador	Republic of Moldova	Colombia	United Arab Emirates
Estonia	Romania	Egypt	Uzbekistan
India	Sweden	Ethiopia	

2. Important Dates

• Registration Dates

Pre-registration	10 th February 2026 - 20 th March 2026
Main Registration	15 th May 2026 - 30 th June 2026
Data Verification & Invoice Issuance	1 st – 15 th July 2026
Official Invitation to Participate	15 th July – 31 st July 2026
Payment Period	15 th July – 30th August 2026 15th September 2026
Passport and Travel Details	1 st – 30 th September 2026

• Event Dates

Participant's Arrival at Ubon Ratchathani	1 st November 2026
Welcome Dinner	1 st November 2026
Opening Ceremony	2 nd November 2026
Competition and Activities Period	3 rd -7 th November 2026
Closing Ceremony	8 th November 2026 (Morning)
Participant's Departure from Ubon Ratchathani	8 th November 2026 (Afternoon)

For teams planning to arrive before the scheduled date (1st November 2026) and/or depart after the scheduled date (8th November 2026), please be advised that any accommodation outside the official IOAA-jr2026 period will be at the team's own expense. These charges must be settled directly with the desired accommodations.

3. Fees and payment

Registration fee for a participating delegation (max 5 students and 2 leaders)	500 EUR per person
Observers (max 2 persons per team)	1000 EUR per person

- The registration fee is payable in full. Any applicable transaction fees or additional charges shall be borne by the participant separately.
- The fees can be paid only by bank transfer (details below).

Bank name	Siam Commercial Bank
Bank address	254 Phayathai Rd., Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand
Account name	POSN. Foundation (beware, there is a dot at the end of POSN)
Account number	435-159606-7
Swift code	SICOTHBK
POSN Foundation address	254, Chemistry Building 2, Faculty of Science, Chulalongkorn University, Phayathai Road, Wang Mai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330, Thailand.

If you pay by bank transfer, kindly send us the transfer details by email ioaajr2026@ubu.ac.th and upload the payment proof to the registration system <https://ioaajr2026.ubu.ac.th/registration/index.php>

4. Programme of IOAA-jr 2026

Day	Date	Time	Students	Leaders
1	01/11/2026	Morning	Participants' Arrival and Registration (check in at Centara Ubon Hotel after 02:00 PM)	
		Afternoon		
		Evening	Welcome Night Party	
2	02/11/2026	Morning	Travel from the Hotel to the Opening Ceremony Venue (Dress Code: Formal or Cultural Attire)	• Check Out (Before 07:30 AM) • Travel from the Hotel to the Opening Ceremony Venue (Dress Code: Formal or Cultural Attire)
		Afternoon	Ice Breaking and Team Building	• Culture Activity • Check in at Tohsang Heritage Khongjiam Hotel (05:30 PM)
		Evening	Free time	Free time
3	03/11/2026	Morning	Cultural Exchange Activity	IBM: Theory Discussion + Translation
		Afternoon		
		Evening	Free time	Theory Translation + Printing
4	04/11/2026	Morning	Theory Examination	Group Activity
		Afternoon	Telescope /Sky Observation Training	IBM : Observation Discussion + Translation
		Evening	Free time	Observation + Printing
5	05/11/2026	Morning	• Check Out (Before 07:30 AM) • Daytime Observation Examination	Excursion
		Afternoon		Free time
		Evening	• Sky Observation Practice • Check in at Khun Saichol Villa, Sirindhorn Dam (08:30 PM)	Excursion
6	06/11/2026	Morning	Excursion	Free time
		Afternoon	Free time	
		Evening	Night Observation Examination	Astro Night Party
7	07/11/2026	Morning	Excursion	Moderation 1
		Afternoon	Free time	• Moderation 2 • IBM : Final Jury Deliberation
		Evening	Cultural Night Party at Sirindhorn Dam	
8	08/11/2026	Morning	• Check Out (Before 07:30 AM) • Travel from the Hotel to the Closing Ceremony Venue	
		Afternoon	Closing Ceremony (10.00 AM)	
		Evening	Participants' Departure (01.30 PM)	

5. Equipment and Software for IOAA-jr 2026

• Calculators



The CASIO fx-991ES PLUS-2 standard scientific calculator (Source: CASIO).

A standard scientific calculator, CASIO fx-991ES PLUS-2 (Series 2nd edition), will be provided to each contestant as part of the registration kit. This is the only calculating device permitted for use throughout the competition. Personal calculators are prohibited, even if they have the same model as the CASIO fx-991ES PLUS-2. Contestants take responsibility for bringing their designated calculator to each examination round. For more information about the CASIO fx-991ES PLUS-2 functions and features, please consult the product manual.

• Telescope

Equatorial Telescope



The ASTROTECH AR-4 / EXOS-1 telescope (Source by Astro Instrument)

An achromatic refractor telescope with an optical diameter of 4 inches (102mm), a focal length of 1,000mm, a focal ratio of F/10, with german equatorial mount will be used during the telescope examination (Day & Night examinations). Telescope manufactured by Astro-Tech under the product designation ASTROTECH AR-4 / EXOS-1. Detailed specifications can be found on webpage of [Astro Instrument](https://astroinstrument.com/)

Dobsonian Telescope



The Dobsonian telescope; DOB250-PREMIUM (Source by SUVIT Telescope)

The Newtonian reflector telescopes with optical diameter of 10 inches (254mm), a focal length of 1,200mm, a focal ratio of F/5, with Alt-AZ mount will be used during the telescope examination (Day & Night examinations). Telescope manufactured by SUVIT METAL & OPTICS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Thailand) under the product designation DOB250-PREMIUM. Detailed specifications can be found on facebook/page of SUVIT Telescope

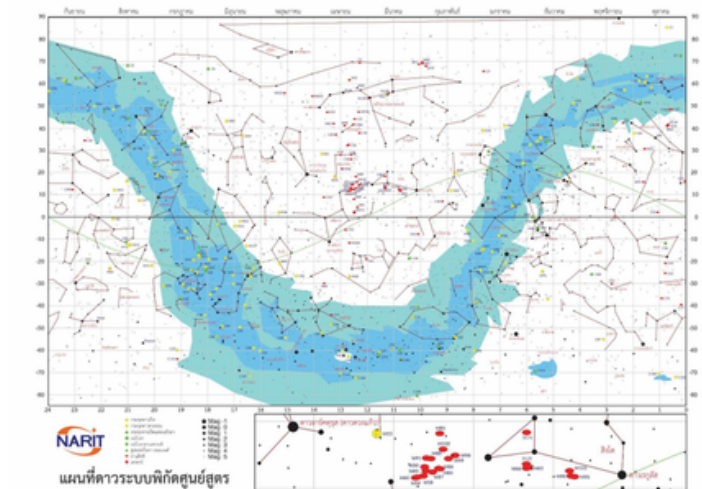
Binoculars



The UpClose G2 10x50mm Porro Binoculars (Sources by CELESTRON).

The UpClose G2 10x50mm Porro Binoculars with optical diameter 50mm, magnification 7 times, FOV 6.8 Degree will be used during the observation examination (Day & Night examinations). The binoculars manufactured by CELESTRON under the product designation CELESTRON UpClose G2 10x50mm. Detailed specifications can be found on webpage of CELESTRON

Equatorial Starmap



The NARIT RA-Dec Equatorial Starmap (Sources by NARIT).

The RA-Dec Equatorial Starmap designed by NARIT will be used during the observation examination (Day & Night examinations). It is designed by the NARIT team. it can by find and download the starmap via [NARIT RA-Dec Equatorial Starmap](#).

Mobile Planetarium Dom



The Mobile Planetarium Dome (Source by NARIT)

An 8-meter mobile planetarium dome (2 Domes) will be installed at the Ubon Ratchathani University exam site for the daytime observation portion of the competition. Inside the planetarium, Stellarium or other software will be used to simulate the night sky for the exam.

Spirit Level



The Spirit Level (Source by ACME SAFETY)

A spirit level will be provided at each station for the equatorial telescope observation examination base (both daytime and nighttime exam).

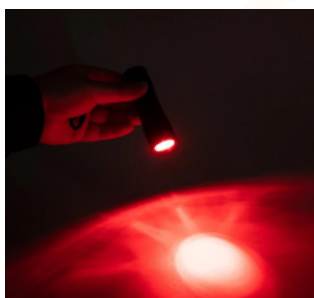
Compass



The Compass (Source by ANACONDA Shopping)

A compass will also be provided as another basic tool for exam questions that require determining directions using Earth's magnetic field (only for specific questions where necessary).

Red flashlight & Red Light Bulb



The Flashlight

Red flashlights and red light bulbs will be provided at the competition venue. Red lighting will be used throughout the exam area to minimize eye strain and disruption to the competitors' night vision. Prior to the start of the exam, candidates will be given time to adapt their eyes to the lighting and sky conditions before the timer begins.

Regarding the red flashlights, they will be provided for stations where their use is necessary to complete the exam task.