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**Department of Education**  
 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

July 13, 2023


**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 633s, 2023

**To:** Schools Division Superintendents

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION (NCR) LIST OF DELEGATES FOR THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)**

1. The DepEd- National Capital Region through Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), announces the participants of the 2023 National Festival of Talent to be held at Cagayan De Oro City, Region X, on July 17- 21, 2023.
2. Attached is the list of participants. (Enclosure no. 1)
3. There shall be no registration fee for the 2023 NFOT. Traveling expenses of learner participants and teacher-coach to be charged against the 2023 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Funds shall be downloaded to the divisions while traveling expenses of other official delegates shall be charged to their local funds or other eligible fund sources, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
4. Should the School Heads, Chiefs of the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), and Schools Division Superintendents, with official participants wish to attend the 2023 NFOT, their attendance shall be regarded as Official Business. However, they shall be responsible to make arrangements for their travel, meals, and board and lodging for the whole duration of their stay in Region X.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
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**2023 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS**  
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OFFICIAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

EVENT	CATEGORY	DIVISION	LEARNER PARTICIPANT	COACH
TECHNOLYMPICS	Dressmaking	PARAÑAQUE CITY	1. Julito Concepcion 2. Jamie Love Cruzal	1. Editha Montes
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	Sulatanghal Likhawitan Himig Bulilit	PASAY CITY MARIKINA CITY MANILA	1. Michaela Elaine Seña 1. Mark June O. Galang 1. Eldhan Mikael Candelaria 2. Zack Averi Rio 3. Johanna Ashmiralda Tolbas	1. Harold Pilapi 1. Judith J. Hermida 1. Ramelita D. Rafa
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SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION (SNED) EXPO	Sign Language Interpretation	PASAY CITY	1. Jedrick A. Ilas	1. Kristine Marie R. Margelino
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<b>LINGO STARS</b>	Foreign Language Exposition (FLE) 1. Spanish 2. Mandarin 3. Nihongo	1. QUEZON CITY 2. MAKATI CITY 3. MAKATI CITY	1. Kassandra Gweneth S. Huganas 2. Chloe Kiersten Lim 3. Kim Allysson Soliva	1. Maria Theresa C. De Guzman 2. Marites G. Delariarte 3. Marissa M. Razon
<b>STEMazing</b>	STEM Processes & Practices Exhibition	TAGUIG & PATEROS	1. Princess Anneabella B. Pioquid 2. Ashah Mae P. Macarimban 3. Aprelle Rowena F. Simora	1. Jimnaira U. Abanto
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>

**DIVISION EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR PARTICIPANTS (OFFICIAL)**

EVENT	NAME	DIVISION
TECHNOOLYMPICS	1. Dr. Grace R. Nieves	Navotas
	2. Dr. Antonio L. Layacan	Paranaque
	3. Dr. Librada L. Agon	Pasig
Sining Tanghalan	1. Mr. Shoji Gerona	Taguig Pateros
	2. Mr. Ernifer Cosmiano	Navotas
	3. Leonardo Dagum	San Juan
Population Development Read-A-Thon	1. Mr. Bernard Baltao	Pasig
	1. Dr. Edwin Mabilin	Manila
Lingo Stars	2. Dr. Rodrigo Morales	Paranaque
	1. Ms. Nimfa Gabertan	Quezon City
Special Need Education Expo	1. Rosalie Condes	Pasay
Musabaqah	1. Dr. Teresita Herrera	Pasig
STEMazing	1. Dr. Marivic Almo	Taguig Pateros
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(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 023, s. 2023)

**General Guidelines on the Conduct of the 2023 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)**

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**Dr. Maricar A. Bangit**  
EPS, Guhit Bulilit/ NFOT Asst. Focal

**Mrs. Marita D. Aquino**  
EPS, Sining Tanghalan Focal

**Dr. Gloria M. Tamayo**  
EPS Filipino, Read-A-Thon Focal

**Ms. Charito A. Villanueva**  
EPS, Musabaqah Focal

**Dr. Arnold C. Gatus**  
EPS, Lingo Stars Focal

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EPS English, Read-A-thon Focal

**Mr. Andrew E. Tan**  
EPS, PopDev Focal

**Dr. Roland D. Montes**  
EPS, SNED Focal

**Ms. Micah G. Pacheco**  
EPS, STEMazing Focal

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Chief, CLMD

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Technical Working Group

*Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) Skills Exhibition, Coaching and Solidarity Meeting*

Registration:

Dr. Grace R Nieves  
Dr. Librada L. Agon

Stage Decorations & Invitation:

Mr. Ismael Santiago  
Mr. Edgardo Reyes  
Mr. Renan Daer

Plan of Action by Areas:

Mrs. Marita D. Aquino – Sining Tanghalan  
Dr. Maricar Agao - Guhit Bulilit  
Dr. Arnold C. Gatus – Read-A-Thon  
Dr. Gloria M. Tamayo – Read-A-Thon Filipino  
Mr. Andrew E. Tan – Pop Dev  
Ms. Charito A. Villanueva – Musabaqah  
Dr. Roldan D. Montes – SNED  
Dr. Arnold C. Gatus – Lingo Stars  
Ms. Micah G. Pacheco – STEMazing

Documentation:

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2. The winners of the different event packages is reflected on the following enclosures:
  - a. Technolympics
  - b. Sining Tanghalan
  - c. Read-A-Thon
  - d. Population Development
  - e. Musabaqah
  - f. Special Needs Education (SNED)
  - g. Lingo Stars
  - h. STEMazing
3. This Office congratulates the regional winners and acknowledges the full support of SDO- Parañaque City through Dr. Nerissa L. Losaria, Schools Division Superintendent, as host for the said event.
4. The Regional Champions for each contest package will be the official representatives of the National Capital Region to the 2023 National Festival of Talents in Cagayan De Oro City from July 17- 21, 2023.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **023**, s. 2023

**2023 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public and Private School Heads

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD), will conduct the **2023 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** with the theme, **Reinforcing 21st Century Learning and Fostering Creative Industries through Talents and Skills Exhibition** in Region X (Northern Mindanao) from July 17 to 21, 2023 (inclusive of travel time).

2. As provided in the Republic Act (RA) 10533, titled An Act Enhancing the Philippine Basic Education System by Strengthening Its Curriculum and Increasing the Number of Years for Basic Education, Appropriating Funds Therefore and for Other Purposes, and DepEd Order (DO) No. 021, s. 2019, titled Policy Guidelines on the K to 12 Basic Education Program, consistent with the DepEd goal of producing functionally literate and holistically developed Filipinos, all NFOT events are aligned with the essential learning competencies and standards of the K to 12 curriculum.

3. The NFOT, as a co-curricular activity, is a clear and proactive reinforcement of the teaching and learning process and reflects the significant association between what the learners learned in school and what they performed and produced during this activity. The conduct of NFOT is consistent with the MATATAG education agenda: **TA**ke care of learners by promoting learner well-being, inclusive education programs, and ensuring that all learners, regardless of background, have access to quality learning opportunities and services.

4. Participation in the 2023 NFOT is **voluntary** and shall not, in any way, affect the time-on-task of teachers as this activity's target learning standards and competencies are already embedded in teachers' actual classroom teaching and assessment process.

5. For the past years, NFOT has provided basic education learners with relevant and meaningful learning opportunities and reflected on how well they perform in schools as the target learning competencies of this activity are also captured in the National Achievement Test (NAT). Specifically, NFOT enables learners to demonstrate their best products, services, and performances as authentic pieces of evidence of their learning across academic areas, key stages, inclusion, and special curricular programs.

6. With the passage of RA 11904, titled Philippine Creative Industries Development Act, DepEd is expected to contribute to achieving the much-needed protection and preference of local creatives and products. As such, NFOT, as one of the major activities of DepEd, will contribute toward the attainment of developing learners' talents and skills in creative industries.

7. For this year, the **2023 NFOT** aims to provide opportunities for learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools, as well as those from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous People Education (IPED), Special Needs Education Program (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) to showcase their talents and skills and explore the culture of the host region. It also provides a platform for strengthening teachers' and learners' knowledge and skillsets as they listen to the invaluable insights shared by the invited panel of experts.

8. The events of the 2023 NFOT shall be conducted in different modalities: in-person, online, video recorded, and hybrid. Specific details and all the procedures on the conduct of NFOT can be found in Enclosure No. 3: Specific Guidelines for Skills Exhibition for Each Event Category.

9. The regional and division offices and schools shall ensure strict observance of the conduct of in-person activities relevant to the 2023 NFOT pursuant to **DO 003, s. 2023**, titled An Order Allowing the Conduct of In-Person Activities in Schools and **DO 66, s. 2017**, titled Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities, and observe protection for learners against any form of abuse, violence, exploitation, discrimination, and bullying pursuant to **DO 40, s. 2012**, titled Child Protection Policy, and **DO 031, s. 2023**, titled Child Rights Policy.

10. To ensure the safety, health, and well-being of all participants and delegates of the 2023 NFOT, strict observance of minimum health protocols shall be implemented such as, but not limited to, social distancing, body temperature monitoring, wearing of face mask, and sanitation of event premises in compliance with the existing rules and regulations set forth by the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF).

11. The official logo, delegation per region, general guidelines, and specific guidelines for each skills exhibition are contained in the following enclosures:

Enclosure No. 1: Official Logo of the NFOT

Enclosure No. 2: General Guidelines and Number of Official Delegates which provide the overall procedures and details on the conduct of the 2023 NFOT

Enclosure No. 3: Specific Guidelines for Skills Exhibition for each Event Category which provide the detailed procedures for selecting participants for the national level

12. There shall be **no registration fee** for the 2023 NFOT. Support funds for the conduct of the Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) and Division Festival of Talents (DFOT) shall be downloaded to the regions. A separate Memorandum shall be issued for the utilization of support funds. Likewise, traveling expenses of learner-participants and teacher-coaches to be charged against the **2023 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Funds** shall be downloaded to the regions while traveling expenses of other official delegates and those from Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) shall be charged to **their local funds or other eligible fund sources**, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



13. The host Region and Division shall provide meals to official participants in their billeting schools including kits, identification tags, exhibition materials, and other eligible supplies necessary for the conduct of the different events of the 2023 NFOT in accordance with the budget allocation. The first meal to be served shall be **dinner on July 16, 2023**, while the last meal shall be **afternoon snacks on July 20, 2023**.

14. All designated heads of the regional delegations are advised to coordinate closely with the host Region and Division regarding details of their arrival and departure from the venue to ensure proper administrative arrangements with the concerned committees.

15. For inquiries or concerns, please contact the **Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division** through **Dr. Jose D. Tuguinayo Jr.**, Chief Education Program Specialist, or **Ms. Marites Paiton Romen**, Supervising Education Program Specialist, at telephone number (02) 8637-4346, or through email at [nfot.bldsid@deped.gov.ph](mailto:nfot.bldsid@deped.gov.ph).

16. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:



  
**GINA O. GONONG**

Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

Encls.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 021, s. 2019; 003, s. 2023; 66, s. 2017; 40, s. 2012; and 031, s. 2023)

DepEd Memorandum: (Nos. 42, s. 2012; 48, s. 2012; 205, s. 2012; 227, s. 2013; 12, s. 2015; 158, s. 2016; 209, s. 2016; 160, s. 2017; 168, s. 2018; 138, s. 2019; and 084, s. 2021)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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July 4, 2023

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 596 s. 2023

**To:** Schools Division Superintendents

**2023 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)  
 (Skills Exhibition, Coaching and Solidarity Meeting)**

1. The DepEd- National Capital Region through Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), will conduct the **2023 Regional Festival of Talents** (Skills Exhibition, Coaching and Solidarity Meeting) on July 13 & 14, 2023, at DepEd- NCR- Varela Hall.
2. The above activity aims to provide opportunity for winning learner participants from public and private elementary and secondary schools, as well as learners from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous People Education (IPED), Special Needs Education (SNEd), and Madrasah/ Muslim Education Program (MEP) to showcase their talents and skills. It also provides platform for strengthening teacher coach and learner participants' knowledge and skillsets as they listen to the invaluable insights shared by the invited panel of experts.
3. The schedule of activities is as follows:

Activity	Date And Time/ Platform	Venue
Solidarity Meeting	July 13, 2023/ 8:00-5:00/ Face to Face	DepEd- NCR, Varela Hall
Skills Exhibition and Coaching	July 14, 2023/ 8:00-5:00/ Online	

4. Transportation, and other allowable expenses of Learner Participants, Teacher Coach, EPS, Regional Personnel and TWG, shall be charged to division/ school local funds (MOOE, School Funds, other available funds). Likewise, meals, stage decorations & program invitation, logistics, communication, overhead cost mobilization, health and safety and



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contingency funds shall be charged to downloaded funds, Sub-Allotment Release Order No. OSEC-NCR-23-2785, subject to the usual Government and accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. Attached are the following for immediate information:
  - List of Official Participants for NFOT 2023
  - List of Technical Working Group (RFOT Skills Exhibition, Coaching and Solidarity Meeting)
  
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