



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. NCR- 739, s. 2023

TO : **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**
SDO Mandaluyong City
SDO Manila
SDO Pasig City
SDO Quezon City
SDO TAPAT

FROM : **WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III**
Regional Director

SUBJECT : **2023 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION**

DATE : August 8, 2023

1. This has reference to the attached Memorandum No. ICO-A-DM-0188-071423 dated July 18, 2023, from Director Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros, External Partnership Service, on the above-captioned activity which will be held on **August 9-10, 2023 (Wednesday to Thursday) 9:00 AM -12:00 PM** with the theme "**Bayanihan like ASEAN: Leveraging Cooperation in Education to Strengthen ASEAN Identity**" to be held at DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
2. The activity aims to highlight the significance of the ASEAN education sector to the national development of basic education in the Philippines. More importantly, the integration of the Filipino core value of Bayanihan (coming together for a common purpose) in support of the **Makabayan** at **Matatag** core values of the Department of Education.
3. In addition, the following SDOs are also requested to participate in the above captioned activity. Please see the attached communication for reference.

SDO	No. of Participants
Mandaluyong	5
Pasig	5
Quezon City	6

4. Meals and transportation of participants may be charged to their local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. Attached are the list of the identified participants for reference.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Encl/s: as stated
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Enclosure 1

Regional Participants
“BAYANIHAN LIKE ASEAN!” Leveraging Cooperation in Education to Strengthen ASEAN Identity
DepEd Central Office, Bulwagan
August 9-10, 2023

Regional Participants	Designation
1. Andrew E. Tan	RO-EPS CLMD
2. Marita D. Aquino	RO-EPS CLMD
SDO Mandaluyong City	
1. Caesar A. Nachor	EPS CID
2. Werlito C. Batinga	EPS CID
3. Jovy D. Balbuena	EPS CID
4. Dr. Ruby E. Baniqued	EPS CID
5. Dr. Ginalyn M. Mendoza	EPS CID
SDO Manila	
1. Amalia A. Solis	EPS CID
3. Lejanie L/ Andalis	Teacher
4. JM Lovely D. Tablico	Teacher
5. Flordelyn D. Paglinawan	Teacher
6. Paul Gavasan	Teacher
7. Hilario D. Casis Jr.	Teacher
Participants in the cultural presentation (Day 1)	
1. Romeo Fiddelis Jr.	SDO Manila
2. Rannie Ray Geronimo	SDO Manila
3. Mike Bryan Arcega	SDO Manila
4. Regine Santos	SDO Manila
5. Angelo Sambayon	SDO Manila
6. Ruella Duncil	SDO Manila
7. Danielle Barrameda	SDO Manila
8. Katie Charlyze Purificacio	SDO Manila
9. Jhon Noel Broqueza	SDO Manila
10. Zoe Olivay	SDO Manila
11. Arianne Joyce Mariones	SDO Manila
12. Micaela Gabumpa	SDO Manila
13. Jedge Pecson	SDO Manila
14. JC Mae Mendoza	SDO Manila
15. Alonzo Lachica	SDO Manila
16. Sofia Canlapan	SDO Manila
17. Emanuel Nemesis Langit	SDO Manila
18. Joy Valerie Dacudao	SDO Manila
19. Mikha Lumaad	SDO Manila
20. Daphie Jamaica Lomboy	SDO Manila
21. Jonathan Sabas	SDO Manila
22. Kevin Andrade	SDO Manila
23. Savanna Valladolid	SDO Manila
24. Aron Duncil	SDO Manila
25. Rizza Juatco	SDO Manila
26. Vincent Temporada	SDO Manila
27. Erich Mae Punzalan	SDO Manila



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SDO Pasig City	
1. Bernard R. Balitao	EPS CID
2. Dr. Norlyn D. Conde	EPS CID
3. Dr. Perlita M. Ignacio	EPS CID
4. Dr. Susan L. Cobarrubias	PSDS
5. Rose Ann B. Pamintuan	SEPS
SDO Quezon City	
1. Ederlina D. Balena	EPS CID
2. Dexter P. Jino-O	HT VI
3. Michelle P. Bartolome	HT III
4. Editha Biboso	HT III
5. Babylyn P. Castillo	HT VI
6. Arnaldo C. Relator	HT II
SDO Taguig City and Pateros	
1. Ferdinand Paggao	EPS CID
2. Bernadette D. Bautista	PSDS
3. Marietta F. Valida	HT
4. Beverley S. Sulit	MT
TOTAL	46

Note: All participants are encouraged to wear their **ASEAN-inspired attire for the entire two (2) days event.**

Prepared by:

Andrew E. Tan

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Office of the Director

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **WILFREDO E. CABRAL**
Regional Director, DepEd NCR

FROM : 
MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS
Director IV

SUBJECT : **Invitation and Request for the Display of DepEd NCR's ASEAN-UNESCO Learning and Engagement Exhibit in the Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Central Office on August 9 - 10, 2023 in line with the celebration of the ASEAN Month**

DATE : July 18, 2023

Background:

This is in relation to the upcoming celebration of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Month in August. Grounded on Proclamation No. 282 (Amendment to Proclamation No. 1008 issued in 1997) August is declared as the ASEAN Month in the Philippines. The Proclamation was signed "to further strengthen and heighten awareness of the ASEAN, and instill in the minds of the Filipino people the importance, value and meaning of the ASEAN in achieving and maintaining regional peace and sustainable development." The External Partnerships Service (EPS) – International Cooperation Office (ICO) deems it necessary to continue upholding this commitment to raise awareness on ASEAN and recognize the importance of Department of Education's (DepEd) participation in the Association through the celebration of the ASEAN Month.

Guided by the theme, "**Bayanihan like ASEAN: Leveraging Cooperation in Education to Strengthen ASEAN Identity**" this year's celebration and activities will highlight the following:

1. The significance of the ASEAN education sector to the national development of basic education in the Philippines;
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The integration of the Filipino core value of *Bayanihan* (coming together for a common goal) in the theme is done to support the Makabayan core value of DepEd and the

Makabansa component of the MATATAG Agenda. Furthermore, the theme also echoes the goals of two commitments undertaken by DepEd through the EPS which are the Brigada Eskwela and the SEAMEO Council Presidency of the Philippines for the years 2023 - 2025. The incorporation of a Filipino word in the theme is also in line with the celebration of the Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa which similarly falls on the month of August.

One of the activities that will be conducted by the EPS – ICO is scheduled on August 9, 2023 (Wednesday) from 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the program titled “*Bayanihan Like ASEAN! Celebrating 56 years of Southeast Asian Regional Cooperation*”, will be conducted to serve as a platform where selected DepEd personnel working in the Central Office may learn from two lectures on ASEAN cooperation, specifically the concept of ASEAN Centrality and the Future of Education in the region.

This will be followed by the forum “*Bayanihan Like ASEAN! Education and Youth at the Center of Community – Building*” scheduled on August 10, 2023 (Thursday) from 09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The forum aims to bring experts and policy – makers and hear their insights on how DepEd can further align its education programs with its international commitments, and how education can be further enhanced as an avenue to raise ASEAN Awareness among the Filipino learners.

Clear Statement of Request and Recommended Action

In recognition of DepEd NCR’s effective and sustainable efforts to raise awareness on ASEAN through the ASEAN – UNESCO Learning and Engagement Hub which is made possible through the utilization of the ASEAN – UNESCO Information Drive Funds 2022, the EPS – ICO deems that this year’s ASEAN Month 2023 celebrations will be an opportune time for Central Office (CO) Personnel and Officials to see DepEd’s NCR’s project in person.

In this regard, we are respectfully inviting DepEd NCR to set-up an exhibit a the Bulwagan ng Karunungan at the Department of Education Main Office on August 9 – 10, 2023. Specifically, we are inviting your Office to set up the ASEAN – UNESCO Learning and Engagement Hub for the viewing of DepEd CO Personnel, and other guests from other government agencies who will be joining DepEd in its ASEAN Month Activities.

In addition, we are also extending the invitation to **five (5) personnel from the Regional Office of DepEd NCR**, specifically those who are from the **Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD)**, to attend the activities on August 9 -10, 2023. Moreover, we are also requesting the assistance of DepEd NCR in extending this invitation to the **Schools Division Offices of Pasig, Mandaluyong, and Quezon City who are enjoined to send one (1) or two (2) representatives to attend and join the activities as well. Attached are invitations addressed to the Schools Division Superintendents of the aforementioned SDOs for their reference and information.** For reference, these Division Offices were the recipients of ASEAN information materials from the ICO during the ASEAN Month Celebration in 2021.

We are truly looking forward to DepEd NCR's presence and participation in our activities. Certificates of Attendance/Participation for the attendees and Appreciation for the Regional Office will be given by the ICO as a sign of our gratitude. Further coordination on this matter may be coursed through the International Cooperation Office via email at ico@deped.gov.ph and cc: Ms. Maribeth S. Chua (maribeth.chua002@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you very much.

**2023 ASEAN MONTH
TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

I. BAYANIHAN LIKE ASEAN! CELEBRATING 56 YEARS OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGIONAL COOPERATION

Date: August 9, 2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 09:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Venue: Bulwagan ng Karunungan

Activity	Time	Speaker / In Charge
Preliminaries	09:00 a.m. – 09:15 a.m.	
Welcome Remarks	09:15 a.m. – 09:20 a.m.	Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros Director IV External Partnerships Service
ASEAN 101 History and Relevance in the 21 st Century	09:20 a.m. – 09:40 a.m.	Department of Foreign Affairs
Trivia Game	09:40 a.m. – 09:50 a.m.	
ASEAN and the Education Sector	09:50 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
Cultural Performance	10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	
Message of Solidarity	10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	ASEAN Secretariat
Trivia Game	10:40 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.	
Closing Remarks	10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	SOM-ED Official Philippines

II. BAYANIHAN LIKE ASEAN! FORUM EDUCATION AND THE YOUTH AT THE CENTER OF COMMUNITY-BUILDING

Date: August 10, 2023 (Thursday)

Time: 08:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Venue: Bulwagan ng Karunungan

Livestream: DepEd Philippines Facebook Page

Activity	Time	Speaker / In Charge
Registration	08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.	
Preliminaries	09:00 a.m. – 09:15 a.m.	
Welcome Remarks	08:15 a.m. – 08:20 a.m.	
Purpose and Objectives of the Program	08:20 a.m. – 08:30 a.m.	Dr. Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros Director IV External Partnerships Service
Lecture on ASEAN Centrality	08:30 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.	<i>High-Level Task Force on the ASEAN Post-2025 Vision</i> Department of Foreign Affairs
The Importance of ASEAN Awareness in Southeast Asian Regional Cooperation	09:00 a.m. – 09:30 a.m.	Office of ASEAN Affairs Department of Foreign Affairs
The ASEAN Youth Development Index	09:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	National Youth Commission
Youth Empowerment in the Department of Education	10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Department of Education
Panel Session	10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	

And Q and A Session		International Cooperation Office External Partnerships Service
Synthesis and Reflections	11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	International Cooperation Office External Partnerships Service and three members of the audience
Awarding of Certificates Of Appreciation for Speakers and Photo Opportunity	11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	
Closing Remarks	11:25 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	
Distribution of Certificates of Appearance and Participation	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	

DEPED ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION 2023

BAYANIHAN LIKE ASEAN!

Leveraging Cooperation in Education to Strengthen ASEAN Identity

July 31, 2023 - August 31, 2023

CONCEPT NOTE

Rationale:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on August 8, 1967 by the five founding countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, through their respective Foreign Ministers also known as the Founding Fathers of ASEAN: Adam Malik, Tun Abdul Raman, Narcisso Ramos, S. Rajaratnam, and Thanat Khoman. ASEAN was established to facilitate economic cooperation and maintain peace and security in Southeast Asia during the Cold War and amid other factors influencing geopolitical tensions in the region. In the years that followed, the Association expanded its membership to include Cambodia, Brunei Darussalam, Viet Nam, Myanmar, and Laos. Last year, it also granted observer status to Timor - Leste, allowing the country to begin with the first steps towards becoming an official member of ASEAN. Through the establishment of the ASEAN Community in 2015, cooperation between the member states was further strengthened and has reached significant milestones across different sectors.

Cooperation in the education sector is designated under the ASCC and was ASEAN through the establishment of the ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (ASEM) in 2006 in line with the 41st Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Council Conference. Education is at the heart of ASEAN's quest towards equitable human development in the region. The Association envisions education as a "powerful transformative force" in the lives of its peoples. It also recognizes that education is vital to enable sustainable development in the region. Quality education is also deemed as a precursor to better health outcomes, higher social capital, peaceful and gender-equal societies, and decent work opportunities. Thus, ASEAN is keen on supporting global and regional commitments in education by promoting lifelong learning underpinned by the principles of equity, inclusion, and quality. In line with this, the specific priorities of the Association include advancing future-ready basic, higher, and technical and vocational education and training. ASEAN enumerates the following as the highlights of its work in education: 1) support for students and learners transition to the workforce through internship opportunities, higher education scholarships, and responsive skills development, 2) support for teachers and vocational trainers on the latest teaching methodologies, 3) advocacy to reach out-of-school children and youth, and 4) advocacy for safe and resilient schools.

ASED as an institution has been working to render ASEAN as a knowledge-based society (ASEAN, 2015) particularly through the development of the higher-education sector. ASED is in charge of implementing a five-year work plan called the ASEAN Work Plan on Education (AWPE). Currently, in its fourth phase the AWPE (2021-2025), and having been adopted during the pandemic under the leadership of the Department of Education (DepEd) as Chair (2020-2021), the latest workplan places a premium on strengthening the resilience of the education sector, addressing the needs of inclusivity, and leveraging the education sector as a platform to raise ASEAN awareness among the youth.

Through the External Partnerships Service (EPS) - International Cooperation Office (ICO), DepEd has been an active member of ASED and has continued to support the goals of ASEAN in the education sector. Since 2017, the ICO has led the celebration of the ASEAN Month and the founding anniversary of ASEAN on August 8 in DepEd in line with its mandate to coordinate understanding between the Philippines and other countries in matters related to education. Grounded on Proclamation No. 282 (Amendment to Proclamation No. 1008 issued in 1997) August is declared as the ASEAN Month in the Philippines. The Proclamation was signed “to further strengthen and heighten awareness of the ASEAN, and instill in the minds of the Filipino people the importance, value and meaning of the ASEAN in achieving and maintaining regional peace and sustainable development.” The ICO deems it necessary to continue upholding this commitment to raise awareness on ASEAN and recognize the importance of DepEd’s participation in the Association through the celebration of the ASEAN Month.

Guided by the theme, **“Bayanihan like ASEAN: Leveraging Cooperation in Education to Strengthen ASEAN Identity”** this year’s celebration and activities will highlight the following:

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Objectives:

Overall, the ASEAN Month Celebration aims to:

- Enable DepEd stakeholder to understand the important role of ASEAN and regions cooperation to the development of the Philippine Basic Education sector;
- Raise awareness on ASEAN's history, relevance, and contributions to national development among policy-makers, teaching personnel, and learners in DepEd

Activities:

The following activities will be conducted and led by ICO to celebrate the ASEAN Month 2023.

- July 31, 2023: Leading of the Flag Raising Ceremony (In anticipation of the first day of August as the official launch of the ASEAN Month at the Rizal Building Lobby)

Activity Title: ASEAN Month Kick-Off Ceremony

Participants: DepEd Personnel

To give way to the Brigada Eskwela kick-off on August 7, 2023 which is the first Monday of August, the ICO will be leading the Flag Raising Ceremony on July 31, 2023 (Monday) to facilitate the singing of the ASEAN Hymn and to conduct a short program (08:00 - 08:30 including the usual flag ceremony routine) to announce the official launch of the ASEAN Month in anticipation of the first day of August. The ICO will be inviting a representative from the Department of Foreign Affairs - Office of ASEAN Affairs to deliver a short message (either in-person or virtual) to the members of DepEd and provide a brief explanation on the importance of ASEAN to the Philippines and in the Education Sector. The ICO will also endeavor to request an official message from the Vice-President and Department of Education Secretary Sara Z. Duterte to the DepEd Community in celebration of the ASEAN Month. The ICO will also be playing a message from the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta and will be distributing mini ASEAN flags and pamphlets containing relevant information about the Association.

Through a Department Order on the celebration of ASEAN Month in the Department, all Regional Offices will also be invited to sing the ASEAN Anthem and display during their respective flag ceremonies, and announce August as the ASEAN Month, coinciding with the celebration of the Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa.

- August 9, 2023: Conduct of the ASEAN Day Celebration at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan

Activity Title: Bayanihan like ASEAN! Celebrating 56 years of Southeast Asian Regional Cooperation

Participants: DepEd Personnel

To formally celebrate the founding anniversary of ASEAN, the ICO will be conducting a short program at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan in collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs and other relevant offices. The program will convene special guests from the Foreign Service sector who have been actively involved with ASEAN in the past decades.

It will also feature students¹ who will perform traditional dances from selected ASEAN Countries, and discussions on DepEd's participation in the ASEAN education sector, and how it contributes to the development of the Basic Education Sector in the Philippines. The celebration will also feature an information display of ASEAN learning materials that audiences can view while the program is on-going.

- August 10, 2023: Conduct of a Seminar on ASEAN Policies on Education and the Youth at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan (Hybrid)

Activity Title: Bayanihan like ASEAN! Education and the Youth at the Center of Community-Building

Participants: Representatives from various DepEd Offices.

The lecture will feature a discussion from Amb. Elizabeth P. Buensuceso, Philippine Eminent Person to the High-Level Task Force on the ASEAN Post-2025 Vision who is the author of the book, ASEAN Centrality. The discussion will serve as an opportunity for working-level personnel in DepEd to learn more about how ASEAN Centrality may be observed in the Department's international commitments and how the region's development may affect education in the coming years.

It will also feature a lecture from officers working in the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community or the Education, Youth, and Sports Division (EYSD) of the ASEAN Secretariat, and the National Youth Commission (NYC) who will discuss the importance of youth empowerment and education cooperation to the development of Southeast Asia as a region. Certificates of Attendance and

¹ Engagement of students will be subject and compliant to the provisions of DO 66, s. 2017 or the DepEd Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off - Campus Activities

Participation will be given to those who will be able to finish the lecture and answer the evaluation questions.

The target audience² for this seminar are personnel from the Offices of Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries in the Department, the offices under the Curriculum and Teaching Strand, Operations Strand, and selected offices in the Administration, Legal, and Human Resource and Organizational Development Strand, whose work are related to policy development, program implementation, project development and monitoring, and other roles that entail a substantive aspect in its deliverables.

- August 21-25, 2023: Posting of Video Messages about ASEAN Awareness among the Filipino Youth and Education Stakeholders through the ICO and DepEd Philippines Facebook Page

Activity Title: #AkoatASEAN Video Series

Participants: Representatives from various DepEd Offices

This week will feature daily posting of video messages from the Ministers of Education from ASEAN Member States, Heads from the ASEAN Socio Cultural Community, and various government officials in the area of Youth Development and Foreign Affairs that will echo and further explain the importance of ensuring **ASEAN Awareness among the Filipino youth.**

It will also feature videos from relevant stakeholders in the education sector answering the prompt **“When did you first learn about ASEAN in school?”** or **“What does being an ASEAN Citizen mean to you?”** to shed light on how education plays a role in raising awareness about the establishment of ASEAN, the strengthening of ASEAN identity, and ASEAN’s significance to Filipino and Southeast Asian history.

Target Speakers:

Target speakers for the activities to be conducted during the ASEAN month will consist of experts, officers and government officials from the ASEAN Community, the ASED, and DFA respectively. Please refer to Annex 1 for a detailed list of the target speakers.

Target Participants:

The target participants for the activities for the ASEAN Month are DepEd Personnel, especially working-level personnel at the Central Office, Regional Focal Persons for

² The number of target audience for this seminar is 100 pax

ASEAN Affairs in the regional offices, and selected learners and teachers. Please refer to Annex 1 for a detailed list of the target participants.

Venue and Mode of Delivery:

The ASEAN Month Activities will be conducted in the following venue and modalities:

Activity Title	Date and Time	Modality	Venue/Platform
ASEAN Month Kick-Off Ceremony	July 31, 2023 08:00 a.m. - 08:30 a.m.	In-Person	Rizal Lobby, DepEd Central Office
Bayanihan Like ASEAN! Celebrating 56 years of Southeast Asian Regional Cooperation	August 8, 2023 09:00 a.m. - 12:00 n.n.	In-Person	Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Central Office
Bayanihan like ASEAN! Education and the Youth at the Center of Community-Building	August 10, 2023 09:00 a.m. - 12:00 n.n.	In-Person	Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Central Office
#AkoatASEAN Video Series	August 21 - 25, 2023	Online	DepEd International Cooperation Office Facebook Page DepEd Philippines Facebook Page



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July 18, 2023

DR. RITA E. RIDDLE
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office
Department of Education, Manila

ATTENTION: **CONRADO S. CONTRERAS**
Education Program Specialist
Schools Division of Manila

MERLE ANGON
Principal
Lakandula High School

Dear **Dr. Riddle**:

The External Partnerships Service (EPS) – International Cooperation Office (ICO) will be spearheading the conduct of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Month Celebration of DepEd on August 2023. Guided by theme, “Bayanihan like ASEAN!” this year’s celebrations will include an ASEAN fair, lectures, seminars, and a social media campaign all aimed at raising awareness on ASEAN and emphasizing the relevance of regional cooperation in youth empowerment and education.

One of the activities to be conducted by the EPS – ICO is scheduled **on August 9, 2023 (Wednesday)**. This event called ***Bayanihan Like ASEAN! Celebrating 56th Years of Southeast Asian Regional Cooperation*** aims to commemorate the founding anniversary of ASEAN which was established on August 8, 1967 to facilitate regional cooperation in the areas of peace building and economic development among the countries of Southeast Asia. To make this celebration more vibrant and meaningful, we are respectfully inviting the **Sining Lahi Dance Troupe** from the **Lakandula High School** to join us and perform during the program. Specifically, we would like to invite ten (10) members of the group to perform a medley of dances from different Southeast Asian countries. In addition, we would like to extend the invitation to five (5) teachers in the field of social sciences who are teaching subjects such as History, Globalization, Understanding Culture, Society, and Politics, and Trends, Networks, and Critical Thinking in the 21st Century and other related subjects to attend this commemoration.

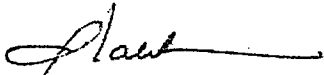
Moreover, **these teachers are also invited to attend the *Bayanihan Like ASEAN! Education and Youth at the Center of Community – Building on August 10, 2023 (Thursday)*** which is a forum that will focus on sessions and discussions on how the education sector leverage its commitments with ASEAN to inspire the youth to become proactive citizens not only of the country, but of the whole region. We deem that this activity will become a good learning opportunity for the selected teachers. Meals, transportation allowance and certificates of

appreciation/participation will be provided for your school's delegation to this activity.

Your support will be highly appreciated. Further coordination on this matter may be coursed through the EPS - ICO via email at: ico@deped.gov.ph and cc Ms. Maribeth S. Chua (maribeth.chua002@deped.gov.ph) or Ms. Cecil Mendiola (09515448549). We would greatly appreciate receiving feedback on or before July 25, 2023 (Monday).

Thank you very much.

Truly yours,



MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS
Director IV



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July 18, 2023

DR. CARLEEN SEDILLA

Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office
Department of Education, Quezon City

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Thank you very much.

Truly yours,



MARGARITA CONSOLACION C. BALLESTEROS
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ICO-A-LC-0192-071823

July 18, 2023

SHERYLL T. GAYOLA

Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office
Department of Education, Pasig City

Dear **SDS Gayola**:

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Thank you very much.

Truly yours,



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July 18, 2023

DR. AURELIO G. ALFONSO, CESO VI

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Schools Division Office

Department of Education, Mandaluyong City

Dear **Dr. Alfonso**:

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