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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Regional Legal Unit Head  
Schools Division Superintendent, SDO Manila  
Schools Division Superintendent, SDO San Juan City

**CONDUCT OF THE POLICY WORKSHOP FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND  
SUBSIDY OFFICE PROGRAMS**

1. In line with Memorandum OUF-2023-0663, the following regional and schools division office personnel are hereby invited to participate in the abovementioned workshop on **October 18 – 20, 2023** at **DepEd NCR, Varela Hall**.
2. Enclosed is the invitation together with the indicative program of activities.
3. It is of utmost importance that this Memorandum is immediately disseminated widely, and strict compliance with its provisions is expected.

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

Encl.: As stated  
Reference:  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index



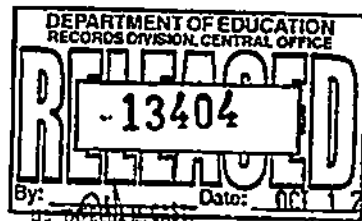
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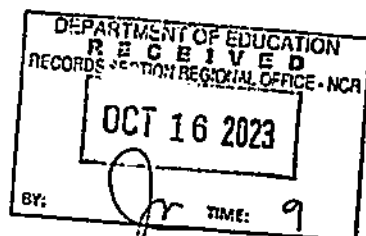


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**MEMORANDUM**  
OUF-2023- 0663

**TO :** REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
LEGAL OFFICERS  
All regions

**FROM :** **ATTY. MICHAEL WESLEY T. POA**  
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff  
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Undersecretary for Finance  
Chairperson, GAS Composite Team



**SUBJECT :** INVITATION ON THE CONDUCT OF THE POLICY WORKSHOP BY  
THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUBSIDIES OFFICE (GASO)

**DATE :** SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

The Government Assistance and Subsidies Office (GASO) plays a crucial role in overseeing the development of policies, program design, and the management of the Department's subsidy programs for Junior High School and Senior High School learners.

These Government Assistance and Subsidies (GAS) programs include the Educational Service Contracting (ESC), Teachers' Salary Subsidy (TSS), Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP), and the Joint Delivery Voucher Program (JDVP). GAS programs are integral to the Department's mission of providing accessible and quality education to learners, both in public and private schools, with a focus on underprivileged students, as mandated by the 1987 Constitution.

In 2018, two significant assessment activities were conducted to gain comprehensive insights into the GAS programs:

- a. Performance Audit conducted by the Commission on Audit (COA); and
- b. Assessment of the Educational Service Contracting (ESC), Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP), and the Joint Delivery Voucher Program for Senior High School Technical-Vocational-Livelihood Specializations (JDVP-TVL) conducted by the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

These studies unveiled policy matters necessitating in-depth analysis, fine-tuning, and the development of comprehensive, multi-year policies of the GAS Programs. In response to these findings, GASO will be spearheading the conduct of Policy Workshop on GAS Programs, which aims to:

1. Review the existing policies and procedures in the implementation of the ESC, TSS, SHS VP, and the JDVP;
2. Identify gaps in the program implementation and policy issues at the regional level and come up with possible solutions to address the gaps; and

3. Discuss and develop policy proposals that respond to the recommendations by the Commission on Audit (COA) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Performance Audit Report and Study on GASTPE programs.

In this regard, GASO respectfully invites all Regional Directors and one (1) Legal Officer per region to actively participate in this significant activity. There will also be selected participants from the Quality Assurance Division (QAD) and Schools Division Office (SDO). The workshop, scheduled to take place from October 18-20, 2023, at the Department of Education-National Capital Region's Varela Hall, 4th Floor, will serve as a collaborative platform for policy development. It is a crucial step toward achieving our target by the end of 2023, which is to establish comprehensive, multi-year, and all-encompassing guidelines for the GAS programs.

Enclosed herewith is the indicative program of the Policy Workshop and list of participants for your reference. You may access the materials for the activity through the link <https://bit.ly/GASO-Policy-Workshop>.

The pre-registration link for the expected participants can also be accessed here <https://bit.ly/PreReg-PolicyWorkshop>.

May we also request that the selected participants from the regions such as Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) and Quality Assurance Division (QAD) Chiefs be informed by the Regional Offices. A pre-workshop template was transmitted in advance through email on September 22, 2023.

Please be informed that the travel and board and lodging of the participants coming from outside NCR shall be arranged by the respective regions and its expenses shall be covered by their respective local funds.

This invitation memorandum shall also serve as the Travel Authority/Order for the participants of the activity.

For queries and/or clarifications, your staff may contact Angelica D. Abad or Ariane P. Cornejo of the GASO through the email address [gaso@deped.gov.ph](mailto:gaso@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you.



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**GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND SUBSIDIES OFFICE (GASO)**

**INDICATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE POLICY WORKSHOP ON GOVERNMENT  
 ASSISTANCE AND SUBSIDIES (GAS) PROGRAMS**

| Date & Time    | Activity  | Person / Office In-Charge   |
|----------------|---|---|
| <b>Day 1</b>   |   |   |
| 8:30-9:30 AM   | Registration  | <b>GASO</b>   |
| 9:30-9:45 AM   | Preliminaries   |   |
| 9:45-10:00 AM  | Introduction of Participants  |   |
| 10:00-10:20 AM | Opening Remarks   | <b>Usec. Michael Wesley T. Poa</b><br>Undersecretary and Chief of Staff<br>Officer-in-Charge, Office of the<br>Undersecretary for Finance |
| 10:20-10:30 AM | Presentation of Indicative Program  | <b>GASO</b>   |
| 10:30-11:30 NN | Presentation of 2018 Performance Audit<br>Observation on the Implementation of the<br>GASTPE Programs         | <b>Commission on Audit<br/>Representatives</b>  |
| 11:30-1:00 PM  | Lunch   | -   |
| 1:00-1:45 PM   | Open Forum  | <b>Moderator</b>  |
| 1:45-3:15 PM   | Presentation of the findings and<br>recommendations on the Assessment of the<br>JHS ESC, SHS VP, and JDVP-TVL | <b>Dr. Vicente B. Paqueo</b><br><b>Dr. Michael Ralph M. Abrigo</b><br>Asian Development Bank  |
| 3:15-4:00 PM   | Open Forum  | <b>Moderator</b>  |
| 4:00-4:15 PM   | Health break  | -   |
| 4:15-4:30 PM   | Updates on the DLI 5.5  | <b>Ms. Baby Lyn J. Briones</b><br>PDO IV, GASO  |
| 4:30-5:00 PM   | Synthesis   | <b>Atty. Tara C. Rama</b><br>Project Manager III  |
| <b>Day 2</b>   |   |   |
| 7:00-8:00 AM   | Registration  | <b>GASO</b>   |
| 8:00-8:15 AM   | Preliminaries   |   |
| 8:15-9:00 AM   | Presentation of Issues and Concerns<br>(Consolidated Prewrite)  | <b>Atty. Tara C. Rama</b><br>Project Manager III  |
| 9:00-9:15 AM   | Health Break  | -   |
| 9:15-10:15 AM  | Presentation of the Draft Omnibus<br>Guidelines   | <b>Atty. Tara C. Rama</b><br>Project Manager III  |
| 10:15-10:30 AM | Presentation of Workshop Objectives,<br>Mechanics, and Guide Questions  | <b>GASO</b>   |

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| 10:30-12:00 NN         | <b>Workshop 1: Proposed adjustments, comments, or inputs on the Draft Omnibus Guidelines</b> | <b>Participants</b>  |
| 12:00-1:00 PM          | Lunch  | -  |
| 1:00-2:30 PM           | Presentation of Workshop Output 1  | <b>Participants</b>  |
| 2:30-3:00 PM           | Comments and inputs from the ADB Consultants   | <b>Dr. Vicente B. Paqueo<br/>Dr. Michael Ralph M. Abrigo<br/>Dr. Rosario G. Manasan<br/>Mr. Rozanno E. Rufino<br/>Asian Development Bank</b> |
| 3:00-3:15 PM           | Health break   | -  |
| 3:15-3:30 PM           | Presentation of Workshop Objectives and Guide Questions                                      | <b>GASO</b>  |
| 3:30-4:30 PM           | <b>Workshop 2: Implementation Plan</b>   | <b>Participants</b>  |
| 4:30-5:00 PM           | Synthesis  | <b>Atty. Tara C. Rama<br/>Project Manager III</b>  |
| <b>Day 3</b>           |  |  |
| 8:00-8:30 AM           | Registration   | <b>GASO</b>  |
| 8:30-8:45 AM           | Preliminaries  |  |
| 8:45-9:25 AM           | Continuation of Workshop 2   | <b>Participants</b>  |
| 9:25-10:40 AM          | Presentation of Workshop Output 2  | <b>Participants</b>  |
| 10:40-10:55 AM         | Ways Forward   | <b>Atty. Tara C. Rama<br/>Project Manager III</b>  |
| 10:55-11:10 AM         | Closing Remarks  | <b>Usec. Revsee A. Escobedo<br/>Undersecretary for Operations</b>  |
| 11:10-11:20 AM         | Photo Opportunity  | -  |
| 11:20-12:00 NN         | Lunch  | -  |
| <b>End of Activity</b> |  |  |



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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**I. Central Office:**

| <b>Office</b>                                       | <b>Participants</b>                  |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Office of the Undersecretary for Finance            | (1) OIC- Undersecretary<br>(1) Staff |
| Office of the Director Finance Service (OD-FS)      | (1) Director IV                      |
| Office of the Director for Legal Service (OD-LS)    | (1) OIC-Director IV                  |
| Office of the Director for Planning Service (OD-PS) | (1) OIC- Director IV                 |
| Bureau of Curriculum Development (OD-BCD)           | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Staff         |
| Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BAE)         | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Staff         |
| Private Education Office (PEO)                      | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Staff         |
| Policy Research and Development Division (PRDD)     | (2) Staff                            |
| Planning and Programming Division                   | (1) Staff                            |
| Government Assistance and Subsidies Office (GASO)   | (1) Project Manager III<br>(5) Staff |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>20</b>                            |

**II. Field Office:**

| <b>Region</b>                      | <b>Participants</b>   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| National Capital Region (NCR)      | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer<br>(1) SDS - Manila<br>(1) SDS - San Juan  |
| Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR) | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer<br>(1) SDS - Tabuk City                    |
| Region 1                           | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer  |
| Region 2                           | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer  |
| Region 3                           | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer<br>(1) QAD Chief<br>(1) SDS - Angeles City |

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| Region 4A   | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer<br>(1) SDS - Dasmariñas |
| Region 4B   | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 5  | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 6  | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 7  | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer<br>(1) QAD Chief        |
| Region 8  | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 9  | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 10   | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 11   | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer<br>(1) QAD Chief        |
| Region 12   | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Region 13   | (1) Director IV<br>(1) Legal Officer                         |
| Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) | (1) Minister of Basic Education<br>(1) Legal Officer         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>42</b>  |

### III. Resource Speaker:

| Region  | Participants         |
|---|----------------------|
| Commission on Audit (COA)                           | (2) Resource Speaker |
| Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) | (2) Resource Speaker |
| Asian Development Bank (ADB)                        | (4) Consultants      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>8</b>             |