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**INVITATION TO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PHILIPPINE CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION SUMMIT**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine Cervical Cancer Elimination Summit is inviting DepEd NCR to attend this event on May 16, 2024, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Novotel Hotel, Cubao, Quezon City. Invited participants from the Regional Office are the following: ESSD chief, regional medical officer, and regional supervising dentist while from the Schools Division Offices are the Superintendents or their representatives, Nurse in charge and ARH focals.

This activity will highlight the need for increased and accelerated multisectoral cooperation towards cervical cancer elimination. As an add on, it will feature Oplan Kalusugan sa Department of Education (OK sa DepEd) that provides sustainable holistic school health program towards better learning outcomes.

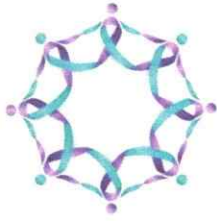
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# 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine Cervical Cancer Elimination Summit

## One Community Against HPV

May 16, 2024 (Thursday) | 09:00 am – 05:00 pm (Philippine Standard Time)  
Novotel Manila Araneta Center

12 April 2024

**DR. JOCELYN DR. ANDAYA**

Regional Director  
Department of Education-National Capital Region  
Quezon City

Thru: **CONNIE P. GEPANAYAO, MD, FPPS**  
Medical Officer IV  
Head- School Health Unit, DepEd-NCR

Dear Dr. Jocelyn Andaya,

Greetings of good health!

Human papillomavirus (HPV) and HPV-related diseases, most importantly cervical cancer, continue to affect vulnerable individuals across the globe. In the Philippines, **cervical cancer is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of cancer and 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death from cancer in Filipinas, with 37.8 million Filipinas remaining at risk (ICO, 2022).**

In 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) launched the *Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer as a Public Health Problem*. This strategy proposed the following targets to be reached by 2030:

- **90% of girls fully vaccinated with HPV vaccine by age 15 years.**
- **70% of women are screened with a high-performance test by 35 years of age and again by 45 years of age.**
- **90% of women identified with cervical disease receive treatment.**

If all three elimination pillars are reached by 2030, the Philippines could eliminate cervical cancer by 2064 (UNDP). However, the Philippines has reported only 33% vaccine coverage for girls by age 15 (WHO) and less than 1% screening rate for women. Scaling-up of cervical cancer prevention through immunization, screening coverage towards early treatment, improving monitoring systems, and implementing vaccination registers are critical for ensuring that elimination targets are met. These highlight the need for **increased and accelerated multisectoral cooperation towards cervical cancer elimination**, in line with the WHO.

DepEd-NCR and School Division Offices (SDO) are a valuable collaborator in the multistakeholder effort to achieve our shared goal of eliminating cervical cancer in the Philippines. Given this, we wish to invite you and/or three (3) representatives from the DepEd-NCR likewise three (3) representatives from SDOs, including Schools Division Superintendent, as attendees to the first Philippine Cervical Cancer Elimination Summit on May 16, 2024, from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, at Novotel Manila, Araneta Center Cubao, Quezon City.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** on **May 16, 2024** for the **1<sup>ST</sup> PHILIPPINE CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION SUMMIT** and join the **One Community Against HPV**.

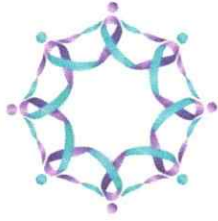
As part of this momentous event, we are pleased to offer you a complimentary booth space to allow you to showcase DepEd's efforts through Adolescent Reproductive Health programs in achieving cervical cancer elimination aspirations of the Philippines. Our objective is to inspire others by highlighting the health initiatives and programs of the DepEd. As an add on, you can also feature Oplan Kalusugan sa Department of Education (OK sa DepEd) that provides sustainable holistic school health program towards better learning outcomes.

The provisional programme is provided for your reference. Kindly send back attendance confirmation and contact the HPV Summit Secretariat through email at [hpvsummit@gmail.com](mailto:hpvsummit@gmail.com) or the undersigned at 09178977165 / [carolyn.bayabos@mcrcck.com](mailto:carolyn.bayabos@mcrcck.com) for any inquiries. Pre-registration for the Summit will open nearer to the date of the event.

Thank you and we look forward to your presence at the 1<sup>st</sup> Philippine Cervical Cancer Elimination Summit.

Sincerely,

**Carolyn C. Bayabos**, Access Program Manager, on behalf of  
1<sup>st</sup> Philippine Cervical Cancer Elimination Summit



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Time: 09:00am – 05:00pm (PST)

Venue: Monet Ballroom, Novotel Manila Araneta Center

General Aguinaldo Avenue, Araneta City 0810 Quezon City

Audience: Patients and patient advocates, national and local government officials, health and allied health professionals, non-government organizations, development partners, and pharmaceutical and industry partners

Attire: Business casual

*Please observe health protocols and cough etiquette, including proper masking, distancing, and handwashing. If you experience any symptoms related to COVID-19, contact a health professional and observe proper isolation and management protocols.*

Time	Session	Session overview
08:00am	Registration	
09:00am – 10:00am	<b>Undeclared:</b> Filipinos and Filipinas in the fight against cervical cancer	Leaders in the fight against cervical cancer commit to help accelerate its elimination in the Philippines
10:00am – 10:15am	Coffee break	
10:15am – 12:00nn	<b>Protecting the future against cervical cancer:</b> the 90% immunization agenda	Various sectors of society respond to the call to protect those at risk for cervical cancer
12:00nn – 01:30pm	Lunch break	<i>Tribute to cervical cancer warriors and survivors</i>
01:30pm – 03:15pm	<b>Catching cancer early:</b> the 70% target for screening	Experts weigh in on the significance of detecting cervical cancer in its early stages
03:15pm – 03:25pm	Afternoon snacks	
03:25pm – 04:25pm	<b>Addressing unmet needs:</b> responding effectively to the Filipino cancer patient	A dialogue between and among cervical cancer patients, caregivers, and care providers
04:25pm – 05:00pm	Commitment to Cervical Cancer Elimination	<i>One commitment towards cervical cancer elimination</i>