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REGIONAL MEETING ON HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOLS FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC, 11-15 NOVEMBER 2024, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

This is in relation to the World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific to organize the "Regional Meeting on Health Promoting Schools" on November 11-15, 2024 at the Diamond Hotel, Roxas Boulevard corner Dr. J Quintos St. Manila.

As a part of the meeting's learning strategies, World Health Organization's will be conducting a field visit to the following schools of Manila at Pedro Guevarra Elementary School, Jose Abad Santos High School, Gregorio del Pilar Elementary School and Center of Excellence Manila on November 13, 2024, from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. The objectives are to provide participants with practical understanding on how health policies are implemented in schools.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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18 October 2024

Dear Director Andaya,

Subject: Regional Meeting on Health Promoting Schools for the Western Pacific, 11-15 November 2024, Manila, Philippines

The World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific is organizing the Regional Meeting on Health Promoting Schools from 11-15 November 2024 at the Diamond Hotel, located at Roxas Boulevard corner Dr J. Quintos Street, Manila. This meeting aims to address critical health challenges faced by children and adolescents across the region, emphasizing the urgent need for school-based interventions. The event seeks to strengthen the engagement of policymakers and program managers, fostering greater awareness and commitment to school health initiatives.

The meeting will focus on best practices, challenges, and the future direction for Health Promoting Schools (HPS) implementation. Furthermore, it will facilitate discussions on strategies to improve collaboration between government agencies, education authorities, and health institutions.

As part of the meeting's learning strategies, we are planning a field visit to nearby schools on November 13, 2024, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The objective of this visit is to provide participants with a practical understanding of how health policies are implemented in schools across the Philippines. Delegates will have an opportunity to interact briefly with school heads and selected teachers in charge of health programs, fostering dialogue on the successes and challenges of health initiatives in local schools.

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cc: The Honourable Secretary of Health,
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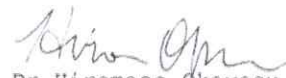
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We are expecting approximately 120 participants for this event. To ensure smooth coordination and maximize engagement, we plan to divide the participants into 3-4 groups, with each group assigned to visit one school. We would like to request your assistance in identifying and permitting access to two to three schools within the vicinity of UN Avenue and Ermita, Manila, to facilitate easy travel from the venue. These schools would serve as excellent examples of how school health programs are implemented at the local level.

We appreciate your support in facilitating this essential aspect of the Regional Meeting and look forward to collaborating closely with your office to ensure the success of this initiative. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Technical Specialist from the Country Office at adavid@who.int with copy to wpphlwr@who.int.

Thank you very much for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely



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