



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

October 14, 2021

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **000628**, s. 2021

HANDOVER CEREMONY OF THE RESOURCE MATERIALS AND HANDWASHING FACILITIES TO SERG PROJECT PILOT SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICES (SDOs)

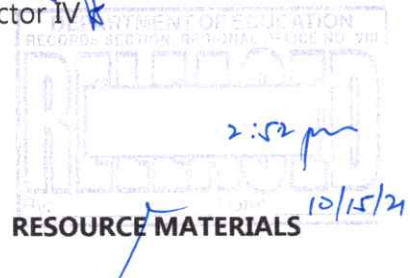
To: Schools Division Superintendents
 Regional Office Division Chiefs
 All Others Concerned

- Attached are letter and concept note from Ms. ADELINA H. VELASCO, Team Leader of Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) Project supported by the Australian Government in cooperation with Save the Children Australia, dated October 12, 2021 on the Handover Ceremony of the Resource Materials and Handwashing Facilities to SERG Project Pilot Schools Division Offices.
- The selected DepEd Region VIII participants stipulated in the attached concept note are requested to be at the Leyte Oriental Hotel, Baras, Palo, Leyte before 8:00 a.m. on October 21, 2021.
- All Schools Division Offices are encouraged to witness the handover ceremony on at 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. through Zoom Platform and Facebook Live Streaming where the links are provided before the start of the activity.
- Immediate dissemination of and appropriate action with this Memorandum are desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
 Director IV

Enclosures: As stated
 References: None
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

FACILITIES CEREMONY PROJECT RESOURCE MATERIALS



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12 October 2021

DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV

Regional Director
DepEd Region VIII
Palo, Leyte

ATTENTION : SUPT. MANUEL P. ALBANO, Leyte
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Respectfully,

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F. List of Participants (online)

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DepEd- CO	28. TBD
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DepEd Region VI	34. Dr. Ramir B. Uytico, <i>Regional Director for Region VI</i> 35. Supt. Ma. Luz. M. De Los Reyes, <i>SDO Iloilo City</i> 36. Supt. Ma. Roselyn J. Palcat, <i>SDO Guimaras</i>

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DepEd Region X	37. Dr. Arturo B. Bayocot, <i>Regional Director for Region X</i> 38. Supt. Randolp B. Tortola, <i>SDO Bukidnon</i> 39. Supt. Cherry Mae L. Limbaco, <i>SDO Cagayan De Oro City</i>
DFAT	40. Georgina Harley-Cavanough, <i>First Secretary for Development Cooperation</i> 41. Peter Carreon, <i>Portfolio Manager</i>
Save the Children	42. Atty. Albert Muyot, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> 43. Rowena Cordero, <i>Chief of Programs</i> 44. George De La Rama, <i>ACCM Director</i> 45. Kim Rodriguez, <i>Digital Media Coordinator</i>
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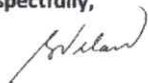
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