



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

April 22, 2022

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

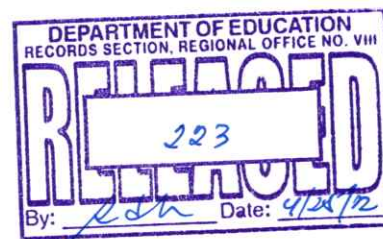
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To: Schools Division Superintendent } Divisions of Leyte  
HRDD Chief  
All Others Concerned

**HIGH-LEVEL VISIT OF THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN THE PHILIPPINES  
TO ARAMMS: A SERG Project Pilot School**

1. Attached is a letter from **Adelina H. Velasco**, Team Leader of Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) Project dated April 20, 2022, expressing the intent for the high-level visit of the Australian Embassy in the Philippines to A. Roque Marcos Memorial School (ARAMMS), a SERG Project Pilot School on April 26, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..
2. Further inquiries, contact Ms. Mercedes D. Sarmiento, HRDD Chief through [hrdd.region8@deped.gov.ph](mailto:hrdd.region8@deped.gov.ph).
3. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
Regional Director



HRDD-ABL



## SUSTAINING EDUCATION REFORM GAINS (SERG)

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20 April 2022

**DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO**

Regional Director  
DepEd Region VIII  
Palo, Leyte

**ATTENTION : SUPT. MANUEL P. ALBANO, Leyte**  
**DR. MERCY SARMIENTO, HRDD-Chief**

Dear Regional Director Fetalvero:

Warm greetings of peace and good health!

We would like to express our gratitude for the collaboration with the Australian Government and Save the Children Philippine in improving the system for professional development of teachers through the Sustaining Education Reform Gains (SERG) Project.

In the interest of continued collaboration, the Australian Embassy in the Philippines has expressed their **intent to once again have a high-level visit** to one of the SERG supported schools in SDO Leyte. The **objective** of the school visit is to gain better understanding of experiences and learnings from the implementation of the Learning and Development System (L&DS), and the current education situation from the lens of the school. An important aspect of the visit is to have a **conversation** with you, Supt. Manuel Albano, the School Head, and selected teachers and school stakeholders (i.e. representatives of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and local government).

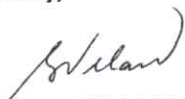
Specifically, high officials from Canberra and representatives of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in the Philippines and Save the Children would like to visit the **Roque A. Marcos Memorial School (ARAMMS) in La Paz, Leyte on April 26, 2022, from 11:30AM to 2:00PM**. The target school was selected due to its engagement with SERG and its High School curricular offering.

**In this regard, we are humbly requesting your endorsement of the said activity to Leyte SDO and to the nominated pilot school. More importantly, may we also request for both you and Supt. Albano's presence and participation to the school visit.**

Our Education Specialist assigned in your Region, Ms. Maya Lyn H. Banez, will be most happy to coordinate with your Office to further discuss and/or respond to any clarifications regarding the activity. Please do not hesitate to reach out to her via email address [Maya.Banez@savethechildren.org](mailto:Maya.Banez@savethechildren.org) or mobile number: [0917-805-2094](tel:0917-805-2094).

Our deepest gratitude to your unwavering support to SERG Project.

Respectfully,



**ADELINA H. VELASCO**

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SERG Project  
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