



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

March 24, 2023

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **269**, s. 2023

**PARTICIPANTS TO THE CONDUCT OF THE SCHOOL-BASED
FEEDING PROGRAM (SBFP) PARTNERS' FORUM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
SBFP Division Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the Memorandum, dated March 20, 2023, from Nenneth Esplana-Alama, Director IV, Bureau of Learner Support Services announcing the conduct of the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) Partners' Forum on April 11-14, 2023 at Tanza Oasis Hotel, Tanza, Cavite.

2. In view of this activity, the following personnel have been identified as the official participants of the Region for the face-to-face activity:

Name	Division
Adara Lourdes S. Luaton	ESSD-SHS Regional Office
Jeanne T. Araneta	Baybay City
Girlye D. Cagnan	Biliran
Ma. Theresa V. Amidar	Borongan City
Adrian Marie C. Nuevo	Calbayog City
Sandra C. Galitan	Catbalogan City
Linalyn A. Almo	Eastern Samar
Riza A. Suyom	Leyte
Charlotte Sumaya	Maasin City
Camelia B. Nemil	Northern Samar
Karen A. Denaya	Ormoc City
Ivy J. Yalung	Samar
Maricon Fatima M. Egido	Southern Leyte
Dorothy R. Antoni	Tacloban City

3. In case the above-mentioned names cannot attend the activity, they may send their alternate representative.

4. The registration of participants at the venue shall start at 1:30 PM. All participants are expected to arrive in time for the Opening Program.



5. The Schools Division Superintendent shall prepare/issue the Travel Authority of the participants in accordance with DepEd Order No. 022, s. 2019 and RM No. 532, s. 2019.
6. Travel and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged from the SBFP Program Support Funds downloaded to the division and region. It is also requested that the SDO augment any fund shortages that may occur, subject to usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO III
Regional Director *NS*

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

PARTNERS' FORUM PROGRAM SBFP

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FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
 Regions I- XII, CARAGA, CAR, & NCR

FROM : **NENNETH ESPLANA-ALAMA**
 Director IV, BLSS

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Furthermore, it is respectfully requested that the participants be advised on the following:

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5. All regional and division SBFP focal persons shall register in the link provided on or before April 3, 2023 <https://oob.dps.deped.gov.ph/SBFPFocus-PartnersForum>.

For further details, Mei-Ling V. Duhig, or Ferdinand M. Nuñez, BLSS-SHD, may be contacted at cellphone no. 0923-871-5146/0999-305-6058 or 0917-5620849 or email at sbfp@deped.gov.ph. Attached is the Bulletin of Information for ready reference.

**SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM
(SBFP) PARTNERS' FORUM**
April 11-14, 2023/Tanza, Cavite

BULLETIN OF INFORMATION

I. RATIONALE:

The Department of Education through the Bureau of Learners Support Services – School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) continues to implement the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) nationwide in accordance with the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2023 and in compliance with Republic Act No. 11037 “*Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act*”. RA 11037 or the “*Masustansyang Pagkain Para sa Batang Pilipino Act*”, signed by President Duterte on June 20, 2018, constitutes the primary statutory basis for the implementation of SBFP. The law aims to implement programs that sustain and improve the health of school children thru the SBFP.

The implementation of SBFP in FY 2022 as of December 2022 progress report, has benefitted 3,491,028 learners with nutritious food products (NFP), in 35,309 public elementary schools; while 3,445,254 learners were provided with pasteurized/sterilized milk in about 26,342 public elementary schools. With these accomplishments, the collaboration and coordination with NFP suppliers and partners from NDA and PCC has been a success, thus for this year it is also important to conduct a partners forum to sustain the gains from the previous school years.

The Partners' Forum aims to link the local food manufacturers of NFP with SDO focal persons to improve the variety of foods to be served. It shall also be the venue to solicit and increase commitment from suppliers. Each partner/supplier will have an opportunity to exhibit their products for evaluation by the focal persons. Furthermore, SBFP focal persons and partners will have a dialogue to discuss the product specifications and DepEd requirements and to harness their commitment and support to SBFP. It is also a great venue to engage and encourage more partners and to strengthen existing partnerships that successfully supported the SBFP implementation.

II. OBJECTIVES:

The activity aims to:

1. present the NFP products from partners/suppliers in all regions;
2. provide forum for advocacy and exchange of informations, including successful experiences; and
3. solicit and increase commitment from partners;

III. DATES AND VENUES:

The workshop will be on April 11-14, 2023 in Tanza Oasis Hotel and Resort, Tanza, Cavite.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- SBFP Focal Persons from Regions
- SBFP Focal Persons from SDOs
- Select Partners/Suppliers from Regions
- Representatives from DOST-FNRI
- Representatives from DTI
- Representatives from the Office of the Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary for Operations
- BLSS-Office of the Director
- BLSS-School Health Division

V. BUDGET ESTIMATES

Please see attached file

VI. INDICATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**Day 1 – Apr 11, 2023**

Time	Activity	In-Charge
1:30-3:30pm	Arrival & Settling-in Registration	Secretariat
3:30-4:30pm	Mechanics of the Program	Officer of the Day

Days 2 – Apr 12, 2023

Time	Activity	In-Charge
8:00-8:15am	Preliminaries	
8:15-8:30 am	Opening Program	
8:30-9:30 am	SBFP Updates and Implementation Plan for FY 2023	Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao
9:30-10:00 am	Nutritional Quality of Food, Localizing Technical Specifications, and Sample Cycle Menu	Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga
10:00-10:15 am	Open Forum	
10:15-10:40 am	Nutrition Break	
10:15-10:40 am	Nutritious Food Products: Food Items & Source, Packaging, Labeling, Quality Control, & Process Flow	Ms. Mei-Ling V. Duhig
10:40-11:00 am	Milk: Food Items & Source, Packaging, Labeling, Quality Control, Milk Mapping, & Process Flow	Mr. Ferdinand M. Nunez
11:00-12:00 pm	Open Forum Messages of Support and Presentations	DOST-FNRI DTI NNC
12:01-1:00 pm	Open Forum Lunch Break	
1:00-6:00 pm	Presentation from Partners/Suppliers from Regions 1-10	Partners/Suppliers
	Open Forum Dinner	

Day 3 – April 13, 2023

Time	Activity	In-Charge
7:00-8:00am	Breakfast	
8:00 am-12:00 nn	Presentation from Partners/Suppliers from Regions 11, 12, Caraga, CAR & NCR	Partners/Suppliers
	Open Forum Lunch Break	
1:00-5:00 pm	Exhibit of Nutritious Food Products by Suppliers	Partners/Suppliers

5:00-6:00 pm	Presentation of Evaluation of the Exhibit Closing Program	
6:00pm	Dinner	
Day 4 - April 14, 2023		
Time	Activity	In-Charge
7:00-9:00 am	Breakfast	
10:00 am	Check-out	