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Department of Education
 REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUMNo. 1181 s.2025

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA TRANSPARENCY GROUP
 (WPSTG) REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC
 SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LEARNERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 OIC-CLMD Chief
 CID Chiefs
 Araling Panlipunan Supervisors
 All Others Concerned

1. In reference with the MEMORANDUM dated August 20, 2025 by Atty. Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, re: *Request for Support and Participation on the West Philippine Sea Transparency Group (WPSTG) Regional Engagements with public school teachers and students*, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division, enjoins the Schools Division Offices to actively support and participate in the said initiative on **November 29, 2025** at a venue to be announced later.
2. The activity seeks to provide accurate and accessible information on United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the 2016 Arbitral Award, and official Philippine position on West Philippine Sea, with the end goal of enriching classroom instruction.
3. The **list of participants per Schools Division** and the **Program Flow** can be found as **enclosures** to this memorandum.
4. The incidental and travel expenses of the participants shall be charged against Local Funds, MOOE, PTA, SEF, SELG, SSLG, or other eligible sources, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



RONELO AL K. FIRMO CESO IV
 Assistant Regional Director
 Officer-in-Charge
 Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: List of Participants and Program Flow

References: MEMORANDUM, Communication Letter

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

ARALING PANLIPUNAN
WORKSHOP
CURRICULUM
TEACHERS
LEARNERS

CLMD-MSB

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Program Flow

I. Film Showing

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM- Simultaneous Film Showing for Teachers and Learners

II. Seminar-Workshop for Araling Panlipunan Teachers

12:30PM. **Registration**

1:00 PM **Invocation**

Welcome Remarks

RONELO AL K. FIRMO, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

1:20 PM **PRC's Violation of
International Law
In the WPS**

Prof. Jay L. Batongbacal

2:00 PM **The Philippines'
Position in the WPS
and the
2016 Arbitral Award**

Hon. Justice Antonio T. Carpio (Ret.)

3:00 PM **Health Break**

3:20 PM **United Nations Convention.
On the Law of the Sea**

Atty. Fretti G. Ganchoon

4:00 PM **Transparency Initiatives
of the Philippines in the
West Philippine**

Commodore Jay T. Tarriela PCG

5:00 PM. **OPEN FORUM
Synthesis and Closing**

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RODEL C. CABUHOC
Master Teacher III
Leyte Division



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MEMORANDUM

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
(Regions I, II, III, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XII)

FROM : **ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION ON THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA TRANSPARENCY GROUP (WPSTG) REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS**

DATE : August 20, 2025

This is in reference to the Letter dated 20 August 2025 from Commodore Jay T. Tarriela, Commander of Philippine Coast Guard-West Philippine Sea Transparency Group (WPSTG), regarding the conduct of a series of regional engagements with public school teachers and students as part of the government's *whole-of-nation approach* in asserting the Philippines' maritime rights and promoting national awareness on WPS issues.

Aligned with this approach, the WPSTG will spearhead a regional program composed of two (2) components, as follows:

1. **Morning Session** – Screening of the documentary *"Food Delivery: Fresh from the West Philippine Sea"* for selected students and teachers; and
2. **Afternoon Session** – Seminar-workshop on the WPS, specifically designed for Social Studies teachers. This session aims to deepen teachers' understanding of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the 2016 Arbitral Award, and the official Philippine position on the WPS, with the end goal of enriching classroom instruction.

In view thereof, WPSTG respectfully requests for support in the preparation and mobilization of three hundred (300) Social Studies teachers and two hundred (200) students from each of the following regions on the specified target dates:

REGION	TARGET DATE
Region V	September 6, 2025
Region VI	September 27, 2025
Region VII	October 4, 2025

Region XII	October 18, 2025
Region IX	October 25, 2025
Region III	November 8, 2025
Region II	November 15, 2025
Region I	November 22, 2025
Region VIII	November 29, 2025
Region X	December 6, 2025

Thus, this Office respectfully endorses the matter, for your review and evaluation, subject to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 1, s. 2023, and other relevant rules and regulations of the Department of Education.

For further inquiries and concerns, your office may coordinate with CDR Lana Rita L. Yap PCG, through operations@wpstransparency.ph. Likewise, kindly see the attached document, for your reference and immediate action.

Enclosure: as stated

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

Department of Education



PAMBANSANG PUNONGHIMPILAN TANOD BAYBAYIN NG PILIPINAS

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Philippine Coast Guard West Philippine Sea Transparency Group

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San Miguel, Manila

August 20, 2025

Hon. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara

Secretary

Department of Education (DepEd)

DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City

Dear **Secretary Angara**:

Greetings of peace!

As part of our efforts to promote maritime awareness and strengthen public understanding of the issues surrounding the West Philippine Sea (WPS), the Philippine Coast Guard—through the **West Philippine Sea Transparency Group (WPSTG)**—is organizing a series of regional engagements involving public school teachers and students. This initiative is aligned with the Philippines’ **whole-of-nation approach** in asserting our maritime rights and raising national consciousness on WPS issues.

Each activity will consist of a **morning screening of the documentary “Food Delivery: Fresh from the West Philippine Sea”** for teachers and students, followed by a **seminar-workshop on the WPS specifically for Social Studies teachers** in the afternoon. The program seeks to provide accurate and accessible information on UNCLOS, the 2016 Arbitral Award, and the Philippine position on the WPS, enriching the way these topics are taught in the classroom.

In this regard, we respectfully seek the support of the Department of Education in preparing **300 Social Studies teachers** and **200 selected students** from each of the following regions:

Date	Location
September 6, 2025	Region 5
September 27, 2025	Region 6
October 4, 2025	Region 7
October 18, 2025	Region 12
October 25, 2025	Region 9
November 8, 2025	Region 3
November 15, 2025	Region 2
November 22, 2025	Region 1
November 29, 2025	Region 8
December 6, 2025	Region 10

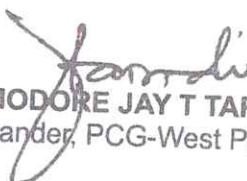
To ensure effective coordination and implementation, we also respectfully request for an **alignment meeting** with your office at your earliest convenience to discuss and finalize the details of this proposal.

“Ang laban sa West Philippine Sea ay laban nating lahat bilang Pilipino!”



We would be deeply honored by your favorable consideration of this request. Should your office require further coordination or information, please feel free to contact **CDR LANA RITA L YAP** PCG at **0917 192 7962** or email operations@wpstransparency.ph. Thank you very much!

Very Respectfully Yours,


COMMODORE JAY T TARRIELA PCG
Commander, PCG-West Philippine Sea Transparency Group

"Ang laban sa West Philippine Sea ay laban nating lahat bilang Pilipino!"

