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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013, this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001, but only for the information of DepEd officials, personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.  
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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE PHILIPPINE CARING TEACHERS AWARD 2026

The Philippine Educators for Professional Development (PEPD) Inc. will confer the Philippine Caring Teachers Award (PH-CTA) 2026 to educators who have made meaningful, measurable contributions to their communities through sustained acts of care, compassion, and service initiatives that strengthen learner well-being, foster inclusive and safe classrooms, and deepen school, family, and community partnerships.

The award will highlight exemplary practices that can be replicated by other schools, celebrate the values of *malasakit* and professionalism, and elevate role models whose work advances the quality of basic education across the Philippines. Also, this initiative is fully aligned with the principles of a Child-Friendly School, which promotes a safe, inclusive, healthy, and engaging learning environment where the rights and well-being of the learners are respected and upheld.

Nominations for the PH-CTA 2026 are open to the public, including learners, parents, teachers, and principals, from October 5 to December 31, 2025. Complete details about the nomination will be posted on PEPD's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/empowerededucators2024](http://www.facebook.com/empowerededucators2024).

Participation of teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities and DO 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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