



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

January 28, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **115** s. 2026

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a communication from the Regional Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking and Anti-Violence Against Women and Children (RCAT-VAWC), of which the Department of Education is an active member, requesting the participation of selected learners and their advisers in the observance of Safer Internet Day 2026 on February 10, 2026, in Catbalogan City. The exact venue shall be communicated through a separate Advisory.

2. This year's observance is anchored on the theme: **"Ikaw, Ako, Tayo: Konektado at Protektado Laban sa OSAEC at CSAEM."** The activity aims to strengthen learners' awareness of online safety concerns while deliberately developing their critical thinking skills, particularly in navigating digital spaces and the ethical, responsible, and discerning use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Through guided discussions and interactive activities, learners are expected to analyze online content, identify risks, and make informed decisions that protect themselves and others in an increasingly AI-driven digital environment.

3. The participants requested by the council should come from the following schools:

No	Schools Division Office	School	No. of Participants (Learners & Teachers)
1	Catbalogan City	Samar National High School	20
2	Catbalogan City	Guinsorongan National High School	20
3	Catbalogan City	Eastern Visayas Regional Science High School	10
4	Catbalogan City	Catbalogan National Comprehensive High School	10
5	Catbalogan City	Silanga National High School	10
6	Catbalogan City	Catbalogan City Agro-Industrial School	10

4. In adherence to the Department of Education's mandate on the non-disruption of classes and the protection of actual instructional time, Schools Division



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Offices and concerned school heads are hereby directed to ensure that appropriate administrative and instructional strategies are put in place so that participation in this activity shall not adversely affect the conduct of regular classes.

5. Further, it is advised that the designated participants shall primarily be the elected officers of the Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) and their duly authorized SSLG Adviser. Other performing learners may be included, as necessary, solely to complete the number of slots allocated to the school, subject to existing policies and without prejudice to the continuity of classroom instruction.

6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Officer In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosures: None

References: As Stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subject:
RCAT-VAWC SAFER INTERNET DAY

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Regional Director
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Regional Office VIII
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ATTENTION: **MS. EDEN A. DADAP**
Project Development Officer IV

Dear Director Fetalvero:

Greetings from the Inter-Agency Council.

In observance of **Safer Internet Day 2026**, the Regional Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking and Anti-VAWC (RCAT-VAWC), together with its member agencies and partners, will conduct a symposium for 80 high school students on February 10, 2026, in Catbalogan City.

This year's theme, "**Ako, Ikaw, Tayo: Konektado at Protektado Laban sa OSAEC at CSAEM**," focuses on the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence and strengthening reporting mechanisms for online child abuse. The symposium aims to educate participants on the risks and advantages of AI, as well as online abuse prevention and reporting protocols.

We would like to request your assistance in allowing students from the following schools to attend. Each school has been allocated a specific number of slots, and we suggest inviting student leaders or members of the student government:

- Samar National School (SNS): 20 slots
- Guinsorongan National High School (GNHS): 20 slots
- Eastern Visayas Regional Science High School (EVRSHS): 10 slots
- Catbalogan National Comprehensive High School (CNCHS): 10 slots
- Silanga National High School (SNHS): 10 slots
- Catbalogan City Agro-Industrial School (CCAIS): 10 slots

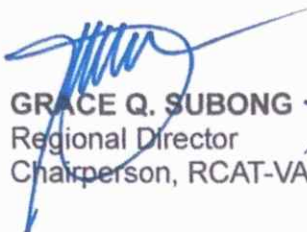
Our goal is to guide the youth on the responsible use of AI and ensure they are aware of the referral mechanisms for child abuse and exploitation.

For queries or clarifications, please contact the Secretariat through **Mr. Micah Premne G. Amable** at 0935 507 4243 or iacacp.fo8@dswd.gov.ph.

Together, let us continue to promote the welfare of women and children in Eastern Visayas.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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Regional Director
Chairperson, RCAT-VAWC

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2026
10 February 2026, Tuesday | Catbalogan City

"AKO, IKAW, TAYO: KONEKTADO AT PROTEKTADO LABAN SA OSAEC AT CSAEM"

PRELIMINARIES Prayer and National Anthem (AVP)	9:30 AM – 9:45 AM
OPENING MESSAGE Hon. Dexter M. Uy City Mayor	9:46 AM – 10:00 AM
INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE Pros. Julius P. Babalcon OIC-City Prosecutor Office of the City Prosecutor Catbalogan City	10:01 AM – 10:15 AM
TOPIC 1: Artificial Intelligence for Students: Advantages, Dangers, and Possibilities DICT Resource Person	10:16 AM – 11:30 AM
OPEN FORUM	11:31 AM – 12:00 NN
LUNCH BREAK	12:01 PM – 1:00 PM
TOPIC 2: Internet Safety, Red Flags of Online Abuse, With Reporting Mechanisms PNP RACU Resource Person	1:01 PM – 2:00 PM
OPEN FORUM	2:01 PM – 2:30 PM
MESSAGE OF HOPE Ms. Annie G. Mustacisa, RSW City Social Welfare & Dev't Officer	2:31 PM – 2:45 PM
CLOSING MESSAGE: Micah Premne G. Amable PDO III/RCAT-VAWC	2:46 PM – 3:00 PM
AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES	3:01 PM – 4:00 PM

Host /Emcee