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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**TINKER TOUR: A SCHOOL ROADSHOW PROMOTING SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS & MATH (STEAM)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a communication from Tinker House Inc., a legal partner of this Region, relative to its conduct of the Tinker Tour as part of a region-wide campaign aimed at enhancing and supplementing science education across Region VIII.
2. The Tinker Tour is a highly interactive STEAM Roadshow that brings pop-up mini labs and makerspace that put real tools and materials directly into the learners' hands, so they can design, build, test, and experiment. The tour focuses on helping bridge the gap between conceptual learning in the classroom to real-world applications.
3. The Tour features four learning areas:

Discovery District	A pop-up science lab where kids will do real hands-on activities and experiments.
Imagination Realm	An interactive area for pretend play adventures that spart imagination and role-play skills.
Creative Grounds	A pop-up craft studio with creative challenges that blend art and science for self-expression.
Maker Zone	A mobile makerspace that allows learners to design, test, and refine various maker projects.
Global Grove	Unforgettable experiences that build curiosity, confidence, and global citizenship.

4. Relative thereto, interested schools are enjoined to sign up as beneficiary so that the Tinker House Inc can work in matching them up with funding sponsors.
5. For any inquiries or to arrange a schedule, interested schools, through the Schools Division Office may reach the Tinker House Partnership Coordinator, Ms. Abbie Amos at 0906-656-5951 or through email at team@tinkerhouseph.com.

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

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Enclosures: as stated

References: as stated

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

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December 1, 2025

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Request for Memorandum & Advisory for the Tinker Tour for SY 2025–2026

Dear Dir. Firmo,

Greetings from Tinker House!

We are pleased to share that, following the successful pilot of our joint initiative, **Tinker Tour: A STEAM School Roadshow**, in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology VIII during SY 2024–2025, we officially started the tour's SY 2025–2026 edition in August 2025.

As we work to expand the program and bring the Tinker Tour to more schools across the region, **we respectfully seek your support in the issuance of a Regional Memorandum and Advisory announcing this school year's tour.** These will help ensure smooth coordination with division offices and school heads, while also encouraging the active participation of schools.

In addition, and in line with the project's objectives, we also humbly request permission to conduct **interviews and data-gathering activities with teachers, students, and administrators during our visits.** These efforts are vital to understanding the current state of science education in the region and will help us refine the program to better complement DepEd's initiatives in strengthening STEM/STEAM learning. We shall ensure that all activities are carried out in close coordination with division offices and school heads, with full adherence to DepEd guidelines and school protocols.

Attached to this letter is the invitation letter for schools, as well as more details about the tour's SY 2025-2026 edition. We deeply value your continued support and partnership in building stronger foundations for STEAM education in Eastern Visayas.

Thank you for your kind consideration. We look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitzi Sabando", written over a white rectangular area.

Mitzi Sabando

CEO, Tinker House Inc.



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Invitation to Join the Tinker Tour: A STEAM School Roadshow (SY 2025–2026)

Dear _____,

Greetings from Tinker House!

We are a Leyte-based education company dedicated to making STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) learning fun, accessible, and hands-on for children. Since our founding, we have reached more than 130,000 students nationwide through activity centers, after-school programs, school workshops, and mobile learning events—always with the goal of sparking curiosity, encouraging creativity, and developing problem-solving skills through playful exploration.

As part of our continuing partnership with the Department of Education Regional Office VIII and the Department of Science and Technology VIII, we are pleased to announce that the **Tinker Tour: A STEAM School Roadshow** has started its SY 2025-2026 run. This mobile STEAM program seeks to transform school spaces into interactive tinker spaces where students engage in hands-on experiments, dynamic exhibits, and fun activities that make science and technology come alive.

Program Highlights:

- Hands-on activities designed to complement classroom learning
- Interactive exhibits that make STEAM concepts engaging and accessible
- Opportunities for students to explore, ask questions, and experiment

For this school year, our goal is to reach 30,000 more students across Eastern Visayas, and we are excited to invite your school as one of our partner sites. There are two ways to participate:

1. Coordinate with your local PTA to host a tour.
2. Sign up as a beneficiary school, and we will work to match you with sponsors.

Through either pathway, your school will provide students the opportunity to engage with real-world science concepts, nurture curiosity, and build 21st-century skills in a fun and interactive environment.

More details about the tour are attached to this letter. Our team can coordinate closely with your office to finalize scheduling and logistics. All materials, equipment, and facilitators will be provided by Tinker House to ensure a seamless and enriching experience for your students.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration and support in allowing us to bring the Tinker Tour to your school. For any inquiries you may reach our **Partnership Coordinator Ms. Abbie Amos** at **09066565951** or through **team@tinkerhouseph.com**.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

Mitzi Sabando
CEO, Tinker House Inc.