



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

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **1651**, s. 2025

**KANTA BINISAYA: A REGIONAL SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON TEACHING  
EASTERN VISAYAN MUSICAL CULTURE, HERITAGE, AND IDENTITY**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education Regional Office No. VIII acknowledges its partnership with Dr. Stephen Q. Lagarde, PhD, proponent, author, and arranger of *Kanta Binisaya*, in the conduct of **Kanta Binisaya: A Regional Seminar-Workshop on Teaching Eastern Visayas Musical Culture, Heritage and Identity** on May 28-30, 2026 at Leyte Normal University, Tacloban City.
2. The aforementioned activity is a collaborative initiative highlighting the shared commitment to promote regional musical traditions, strengthen cultural heritage, and foster identity formation among learners and educators across Eastern Visayas. By aligning with **Project INSPIRE** (*Integrating Nurturing Strategies and Pedagogies for Inclusion, Reform, and Expression*), this activity seeks to inspire teachers to champion cultural preservation, strengthen heritage appreciation, and encourage learners to develop their sense of identity.
3. This seminar-workshop also ensures that the promotion of Eastern Visayas' musical culture is not only celebrated but also embedded in sustainable and innovative teaching practices across the region.
4. The participants of this activity are both elementary and high school teachers handling Music classes. The breakdown of participants is shown on the table below:

DIVISION	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS		TOTAL
	Elementary	High School	
Baybay City	6	6	12
Biliran	6	6	12
Borongan City	6	6	12
Calbayog City	6	6	12
Catbalogan City	6	6	12
Eastern Samar	6	6	12

Leyte	6	6	12
Maasin City	6	6	12
Ormoc City	6	6	12
Northern Samar	6	6	12
Samar	6	6	12
Southern Leyte	6	6	12
Tacloban City	6	6	12
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>156</b>

5. Travel, accommodation, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against their respective Local Funds/MOOE and/or other eligible source/s of funds subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosure: None  
 Reference: Communication from Dr. Stephen Q. Lagarde  
 To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:  
 KANTA BINISAYA  
 SEMINAR-WORKSHOP  
 TEACHERS

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