



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

April 29, 2026

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**WORK IMMERSION FAIR FOR PILOT STRENGTHENED  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTERS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), informs the Schools Division Offices (SDOs), through the Education Program Supervisor in charge of the Technical Professional Track of the Strengthened Senior High School Program, on the conduct of the **Work Immersion Fair for Pilot Implementers of the Strengthened Senior High School Program**. The activity will be hosted by Hilongos National Vocational School, Division of Leyte, on May 14, 2026, at Hilongos National Vocational School, Hilongos, Leyte.
2. The activity aims the following:
  - a. Ensure robust collaboration between schools and industry;
  - b. Obtain formal commitments from potential partner companies to host work immersion sessions for learners under the pilot Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) Curriculum for the School Year 2026-2027; and
  - c. Highlight the readiness of SHS learners for the workforce.
3. Participants in the activity include the School Heads of pilot Strengthened Senior High Schools (SSHS) offering the Technical Professional Track; Assistant Principals or School Senior High School Coordinators; representatives from potential Work Immersion partner industries; representatives from the Division and Regional Offices; and various partners of the host school from the Local Government Unit and the Provincial Office.
4. The identified pilot Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) implementers shall invite at least three (3) partner industries to attend the activity. Meanwhile, the host school may invite the actual number of partner industries that will be involved in the Work Immersion Program for School Year 2026-2027, provided that the total number of partner representatives shall not exceed twenty (20).
5. A Post-Work Immersion Conference with the pilot Strengthened Senior High School (SSHS) program implementers shall be conducted on May 15, 2026, at the same venue, to finalize plans for the full implementation of the program for School Year 2026-2027.



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6. Expenses incurred by the host school in relation to the conduct of this activity shall be charged against the downloaded funds / local funds / MOOE. While transportation, travel, and other incidental expenses of the participants from the pilot SSSHS implementers including their invited representatives of the partner industries, shall be charged to school local funds / MOOE or any other available funds. And the expenses of the division and regional personnel shall be charged to their respective local funds / Strengthened Senior High School fund, subject to the usual government accounting rules and regulations.

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

  
**SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director

Enclosure: As stated

Reference: As stated

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

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
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WORK IMMERSION FAIR



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **All Regional Directors**  
  
**MOHAGHER M. IQBAL**  
Minister of Basic Education - BARMM

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

SUBJECT : **NOMINATION OF HOST SCHOOLS FOR THE  
NATIONWIDE WORK IMMERSION FAIR**

DATE : **April 19, 2026**

In line with the Department's commitment to strengthening the Senior High School (SHS) program, the Department of Education (DepEd) will host the **Nationwide Work Immersion Fair on May 14, 2026**. Organized in collaboration with various government agencies and industry partners, the event highlights key reforms in work immersion policies and the revitalization of Technical-Vocational education in Senior High School, and serves as a culmination of the insights gained from piloting enhanced work immersion programs conducted in close coordination with industry leaders.

Specifically, this fair aims to:

- Ensure robust collaboration between schools and industry;
- Obtain formal commitments from potential partner companies to host work immersion sessions for learners under the pilot Strengthened Senior High School (SHS) Curriculum for the school year 2026-2027; and
- Highlight the readiness of SHS learners for the workforce.

His Excellency **President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.** will be invited to attend the proceedings in one (1) designated region. The specific host school for the Presidential visit shall be finalized by the Office of the President based on submitted nominations.

To facilitate the conduct of the fair, each region is requested to **nominate one (1) school** in their respective region that will serve as host for the event based on these criteria:

- **Profile:** The nominee must be a **Strengthened Technical-Vocational Education Program (STVEP)** school currently implementing the Senior High School TechPro (or TVL) Track.
- **Capacity:** Must have the physical infrastructure and logistical capability to host large-scale gatherings and industry exhibits.

- **Curriculum Leadership:** Priority shall be given to pilot implementers of the Strengthened SHS Curriculum and those offering the TechPro (or TVL) Track.
- **Established Partnerships:** Schools must have an existing and robust network of numerous industry partners to ensure active employer participation.

The following list of recommended participants is provided for the Region's consideration and final approval:

- All school principals and focal persons for Work Immersion.
- Potential industry partners from both the private and public sectors, including regional and city government agencies, that may potentially host work immersion trainees.

While broad participation is highly encouraged, the Regional Offices are granted the discretion to make necessary arrangements and adjustments regarding the final number of attendees, taking into consideration the logistical feasibility and the maximum capacity of the host school.

TVL Regional Supervisors are requested to encode and submit their nominated school through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/WIFairnomination> on or before **April 22, 2026**.

For questions or clarifications, your office may coordinate with the Bureau of Curriculum Development through **Ms. Maricel Cariño**, Senior Education Program Specialist from the Bureau of Curriculum Development - Curriculum Standards Development Division (CSDD) and the focal person for Work Immersion in SHS, through email at [maricel.carino24@deped.gov.ph](mailto:maricel.carino24@deped.gov.ph)

For your immediate action and appropriate compliance.

### INDICATIVE PROGRAM

(Region to Host the Program with the President)

Time	Duration	Segment	Activity Description	Participants
<b>PRE PROGRAM</b> (35 mins.)				
8:30-8:40	10 mins.	Preliminaries	Ceremonial Opening: A formal commencement featuring the rendition of the Philippine National Anthem and the Bagong Pilipinas Hymn.	All Attendees/Choir
8:40-8:50	10 mins.	Updates on SHS TechPro Track and Work Immersion Policies	Strategic Briefing: An overview of recent policy shifts, implementation guidelines, and the vision for the TechPro track	Peter Marc Magsalin, Director IV, Bureau of Curriculum Development
8:50-8:55	5 mins.	Voice of the Graduate	Alumni Success Story: Firsthand testimonial from a successfully employed alumnus, showcasing the tangible impact of the work immersion program on career readiness.	Selected SHS Graduate (Hired Learner)
8:55-9:05	10 mins.	Private Sector Jobs Skills Corporation (PCORP) Experience on the Implementation of the Enhanced Work Immersion	Industry Benchmarking Report: A brief presentation on the implementation of the Enhanced Work Immersion Program, highlighting PCORP's key milestones and industry outcomes.	Josephine Romero, PCORP President

		Program		
<b>MAIN PROGRAM</b> 40 mins.				
9:05-9:10	5 mins.	Welcome message of high ranking or LGU official		
9:10-9:20	10 mins.	Unveiling of the Work Immersion Fair Real-Time National Pledging Dashboard  Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	The Secretary of Education will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Share a brief overview of the fair and the dashboard</li> <li>- Invites the President for the unveiling of the dashboard</li> <li>- Introduces PBBM as the keynote Speaker</li> </ul>	Sonny Angara, DepEd Secretary
9:20-9:30	10 mins.	Presidential Address	Keynote Vision: Speech on the dignity of labor, youth employability, and the SHS program as a pillar of national economic strength.	The President
9:30-9:35	5 mins.	Photo Opportunity	The President leads a photo op with all participants	The President, DepEd, and VIP officials (TESDA, PCORP, , LGU, Other Government Agencies)
9:35-9:45	10 mins.	Tour of Exhibits	Presidential Walkthrough: The President visits the different booths of participating industries and engages	The President accompanied by DepEd Secretary and TESDA Director General.

			with stakeholders.	
<i>PBBM exits</i>				
9:45 onwards		Industry-School Networking and Matching Session (Structured Engagement)	Structured Matchmaking: An engagement session where school heads/work immersion focals and industry partners finalize immersion placements through skills profiling and elective-specific clustering.	Industry Partners, School Heads, Work Immersion Focals

### INDICATIVE PROGRAM

(Other Regions)

Time	Segment	Activity Description	Participants
8:30-8:45	Preliminaries	Ceremonial Opening: A formal commencement featuring the rendition of the Philippine National Anthem and the Bagong Pilpinas Hymn.	All Attendees/Choir
8:45-8:50	Message by the DepEd Secretary	Welcome Message of the DepEd Secretary (recorded)	Hon. Sonny Angara, Secretary Department of Education
8:50-9:10	Message of the Regional Director	Inspirational address and message of support from the Regional Director to the participants and host schools	Regional Director
9:10-9:20	Voice of the Graduate	Testimonial: A recently hired SHS graduate after completing work immersion speaks.	Selected SHS Graduate (Hired Learner)
9:20-9:35	Updates on SHS TechPro Track and Work Immersion	Strategic Briefing: An overview of recent policy shifts, implementation guidelines, and the vision for the TechPro track (or recorded video)	Regional TVL Focal / AVP Team

	Policies		
9:35-9:55	EBET Law	Presentation of the EBET Framework highlighting its role in bridging the gap between classroom theory and industry practice	TESDA Regional Director or Representative
9:55 - 10:15	Industry Perspective	CEO Spotlight: Sharing of insights on the specific competencies required for SHS graduates to be work ready and current workforce trends in the local economy.	Industry CEO / Representative
10:15-10:30	Keynote Address	Honorary Address: Inspirational discourse on the dignity of work, vital role of youth employability in nation building, and SHS as a catalyst for economic growth.	Guest of Honor / Local Executive
10:30 onwards	Industry-School Networking and Matching Session (Structured Engagement)	Structured Matchmaking: An engagement session where school heads/work immersion focal and industry partners finalize immersion placements through skills profiling and elective specific clustering.	Industry Partners, School Heads