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7TH REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Attached is a communication from **Dr. Lara C. Baylon, Chair, Publicity Committee, Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (PSDBP)**, regarding the 7th Regional Scientific Symposium on September 3-4, 2026, at Citadines, Bacolod City.

This activity highlights the importance of fostering inclusive, evidence-based, and equitable approaches to the care of children and adolescents with neurodevelopment needs.

PSDBP invites interested teachers and school leaders to join the activity.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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Invitation to the PSDBP 7th Regional Scientific Symposium

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June 1, 2026

Salustiano T. Jimenez, JD, EdD, CESO III
Director IV
Department of Education Eastern Visayas
Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte

Dear Dr. Jimenez,
Greetings!

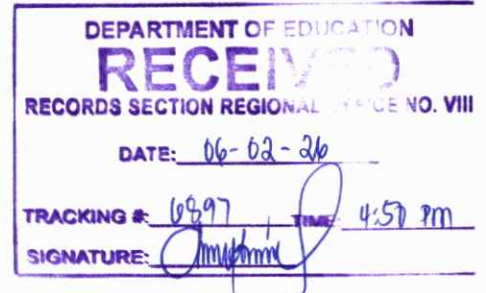
The Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (PSDBP) respectfully invites the Department of Education Region VIII to attend the 7th Regional Scientific Symposium to be held on September 3-4, 2026 at Citadines, Bacolod City.

With the theme "I.N.C.L.U.D.E. 2026: Inclusion in Neurodevelopmental Care through Leadership, Unity, Data, and Equity," this year's symposium highlights the importance of fostering inclusive, evidence-based, and equitable approaches to the care of children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental needs.

Attached herewith are the official invitation, registration details, and the Program-at-a-Glance for your reference. We would be honored by the presence and participation of the Department of Education in this important gathering.

Respectfully,

Lara C. Baylon, MD
Chair, Publicity Committee
PSDBP 7th Regional Symposium



3 attachments

- Deped Reg 8 Invitation Letter PSDBP 7th Regional Scientific Symposium.pdf
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- Registration details.pdf
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- PSDBP 7TH REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM AT A GLANCE.pdf
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Salustiano T. Jimenez, JD, EdD, CESO III
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Dear Dr. Jimenez,

Greetings!

We are pleased to invite the Department of Education Region VIII to attend the upcoming 7th Regional Scientific Symposium of the Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, scheduled to take place on September 3-4, 2026 at Citadines, Bacolod City. This year's theme **I.N.C.L.U.D.E. 2026 Inclusion in Neurodevelopmental Care through Leadership, Unity, Data, and Equity**, underscores a shared commitment to advancing inclusive, evidence-based, and equitable care for children with neurodevelopmental needs. The Scientific Committee has carefully developed a comprehensive program with highlight on collaborative and inclusive approaches across the household, school, and community, and will feature updates on the evolving role of artificial intelligence in enhancing assessment, intervention, and long-term support for neurodivergent children.

This symposium will bring together leading experts, practitioners, and key stakeholders, providing a valuable platform for interdisciplinary exchange, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among participants.

We sincerely hope that representatives from the Department of Education will grace us with their presence, contribute to the discussions and share insights on policies and initiatives that can promote the well-being of children. Please find the program and registration details attached. You can also go directly to our website to see more about our event: <https://app.xperto.ph/event/psdbp-include-2026>

We await your positive response and welcome your distinguished delegation to this important event.

Thank you for your attention and continued commitment to pediatric health.

Warm regards,

SHERYLL BAÑEZ-PALAMI, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
Chair, Scientific Committee, 7th Regional Scientific Symposium

MARIA CAROLINA ALEJANO, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
Chair, 7th Regional Scientific Symposium

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BERNADETTE C. BENITEZ, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
President, PSDBP

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REGISTRATION RATES

EARLY BIRD RATE (FROM JUNE 1, 2026 - UNTIL JULY 31, 2026)		REGULAR REGISTRATION RATE (STARTING AUGUST 1, 2026 - UNTIL AUGUST 15, 2026)	
LOCAL REGISTRANTS			
EARLY BIRD RATE	Php 4,500	REGULAR RATE	Php 5,000
<i>ALL REGISTRANTS Including PWD, Senior Citizen, Government Employees</i>		PWD, Senior Citizen, Government Employees	Php 4,500
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8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

OPENING CEREMONIES

Invocation

National Anthem, PMA Hymn, PPS Hymn, PSDBP Hymn

Opening Remarks: Bernadette Benitez, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
PSDBP President

Overview of the Program: Maria Carolina Alejano, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
Overall Chair, 7th Regional Scientific Symposium

AM SESSION: Collaboration for Inclusive Home and Community Interventions

Chair/Moderator: Charlotte Averill Y. Tan, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Plenary 1: Every Ability Belongs: Promoting Understanding, Acceptance, and Inclusion Across Communities

Speaker: Alexis Socorro Reyes, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel Discussion 1: Nurturing Development Where It Begins: Inclusive Early Childhood Practices

Speakers: Karol Mark Yee, PhD
Ma. Therese Arranz-Lim, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Plenary 2: Starting Early in Primary Care: Inclusive Approaches to Early Childhood Development

Speaker: Jacqueline Navarro, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Open Forum

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Opening of the Commercial Exhibits
Lunch Break
Networking**

PM SESSION: Collaboration for Inclusive School-Based Interventions

Chair/Moderator: Emeé Marie Evangelista, MD, DPPS, FPSDBP

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Plenary 3: Inclusive Education: Supporting Children with Special Needs in School

Speaker: Frank S. Emboltura, LPT, MEd

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel Discussion 2: Bridging Home, School, and Therapy: A Unified Approach to Inclusion

Speakers: Louela P. Bermillo, LPT, MEd SPED
Hia Lecaroz Delfinado, SLP
Genecio Woo, D. Min, OTRP
Maria Isabel Quilendrino, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Panel Discussion 3: Policy to Practice: Bridging Policy and Implementation Through Collaborative Governance

Speakers: Frank S. Emboltura, LPT, MEd
Richelle Verdeprado Mangga, RSW, MSSW, PhD, JD, RBGS
Ferriza Maria Isaguirre, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Open Forum

AM SESSION: Collaborative Pathways to Inclusive and Innovative Futures

Chair/Moderator: Marie Khatrina Lagang-Buenaventura, MD, DPPS, DPSDBP

- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** **Plenary 4: Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Child Development: Roles, Applications, and Limitations in Special Needs Care**
Speaker: Victoria Dominique Ang-Nolasco, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
- 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM** **Plenary 5: Understanding Clinical Practice Through AI: Ethical and Practical Guidance for Special Needs Care**
Speaker: Bernadette Benitez, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM** **Plenary 6: Beyond Barriers: The Future of AI as a Lifelong Partner for Special Needs**
Speaker: Mary Ann Prudencio, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM** **Open Forum**
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM** **Pledge Ceremony**
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM** **CLOSING CEREMONIES**
Awarding of Certificates to Sponsors
Closing Remarks: Lourdes Bernadette Tanchanco, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
PSDBP Vice-President
Closing Prayers