



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

June 19, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **769** s. 2026

**PARTICIPATION TO THE CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE
2027 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Memorandum DM-OULS-2025-588 dated May 25, 2026 from the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), requires the identified participants to attend the aforementioned activity on **June 29**, to **July 1, 2026** in Cebu City, Region VII.
2. The activity aims for the participants to:
 - a. discuss the strengths, issues and concerns, and recommendations arising from the 2026 NFOT;
 - b. collaboratively plan for the 2027 NFOT through the improved guidelines to ensure its effective and efficient conduct; and
 - c. foster strong advocacy and partnerships and shared commitment to the success of the NFOT.
3. The distribution of participants in this activity are shown on the table below:

No.	Name	Position	Office/Division	Learning Areas and Programs
1	Nova P. Jorge	EPS	DepEd RO VIII	Regional Focal Person in MAPEH/RFOT
2	Dean Ric M. Endriano	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in SNEd/English
3	Jayson R. Closa	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in English/Literacy
4	Emmanuel P. Firmo Jr.	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in Science
5	Ernani S. Fernandez Jr.	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in TLE/TVE
6	Alfredo P. Cafe	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in ALS
7	Glendale B. Lamiseria	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in Mathematics
8	Amenia C. Aspa	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in SPFL



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9	Margie Sarmiento-Balredo	EPS	DepEd RO VIII-CLMD	Regional Focal Person in Araling Panlipunan
10	Elvin Wenceslao	EPS	SDO Ormoc City-CID	Division Focal Person in MEP
11	Eleonor G. Distrajo	EPS	SDO Samar-CID	Division Focal Person in Filipino

4. All expenses incidental to the attendance and participation of participants herein, including but not limited to accommodation, travel allowances, per diems, and other related contingencies, shall be charged against the **2026 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Current Funds, MOOE, Local Funds** or any other available and eligible funding sources, strictly subject to prevailing accounting, budgeting, and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

5. For details and more information refer to the attached Memorandum.

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

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

Enclosures: None
Reference: Memorandum OM-OULS-2026-588
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP
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Undersecretary for Learning Systems
SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES FOR THE
2027 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)
DATE : MAY 25, 2026

Janir T. Datukan
Assistant Secretary

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In line with the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to continuous improvement of basic education programs, the Learning Systems Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery - Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), will conduct the Consultative Workshop on the Development of Guidelines for the 2027 National Festival of Talents (NFOT) from June 29 to July 1, 2026, in Cebu City, Region VII. The specific venue shall be announced through a separate advisory.

Specifically, this activity aims for the participants to:

- A. Discuss the strengths, issues and concerns, and recommendations arising from the 2026 NFOT;
B. Collaboratively plan for the 2027 NFOT through the improved guidelines to ensure its effective and efficient conduct; and
C. Foster strong advocacy and partnerships and shared commitment to the success of the NFOT.

Participants in this activity are selected Regional Focal Persons for the following learning areas and programs: English, Mathematics, Science, Filipino, Araling Panlipunan, Technology and Livelihood Education (TLE)/Technical and Vocational Education (TVE), Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health (MAPEH), Special Needs Education (SNED), Madrasah Education Program (MEP), Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous Peoples Education (IPED), and Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL) (See Annex A: Distribution of Participants per Region).

The list of identified participants per region, duly approved by the Regional Director, shall be submitted through email at nfot.bldsid@deped.gov.ph on or before June 23, 2026 (See Annex B: List of Identified Participants).





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Participants are advised to accomplish the online pre-registration on or before June 23, 2026, through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OnlConfirmConsulNFOT2027> or by scanning this QR code:



Participants are likewise reminded to bring their laptop and extension cord during the activity and attend all sessions. To ensure judicious utilization of government resources, participants are advised to avail themselves the most economical and appropriate mode of transportation. They are expected to arrive at the venue on the first day of the activity. The first meal to be served is **breakfast on Day 1**, while the last meal will be **lunch on Day 3** (See **Annex C**: Indicative Program of Activities).

Accommodation, travel, and other incidental expenses shall be charged to the **2026 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Current Funds**, and **local funds** should there be deficiencies in the downloaded funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Travel expenses of the participants from Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) shall be charged against their **local funds**, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For further inquiries or clarifications, please contact the BLD-SID, through Ms. Marites P. Romen, Supervising Education Program Specialist, through telephone number 8637-4346 or through email at nfot.bldsid@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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Annex A: Distribution of Participants per Region

**CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP CONFERENCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
 GUIDELINES FOR THE 2027 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)**

*June 29-July 1, 2026
 Cebu City, Region VII*

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS PER REGION

Region	Eng	Math	Fil	AP	Scie	MAPEH	TLE/ TVE	SNED	MEP	ALS	IPED	SPFL	TOTAL
I	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
II	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
III	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
IV-A (CALA BARZON)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
IV-B (MIMA ROPA)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
CAR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
NCR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
V	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
VI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	10
NIR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
VII	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
VIII	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
IX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	11
XI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1	10
XII	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	10
CARAGA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
BARMM	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	1			8
TOTAL	18	18	17	17	18	17	18	18	16	10	8	17	192

Note: Participants are selected Regional Focal Persons in the different subject areas and programs.



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Annex B: List of Identified Participants

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*June 29-July 1, 2026
Cebu City, Region VII*

LIST OF IDENTIFIED PARTICIPANTS

Region: _____

No.	Name	Position	Learning Area/ Program	Office	Email Address

Prepared by:

Regional NFOT Focal Person
Signature over Printed Name

Approved:

Regional Director
Signature over Printed Name

Note: Refer to Annex A when preparing this form. Once completed, kindly submit it through email at nfot.bldsid@deped.gov.ph on or before June 23, 2026.



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Annex C: Indicative Program of Activities

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*June 29-July 1, 2026
 Cebu City, Region VII*

INDICATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

DAY 1 (June 29, 2026, Monday)		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN-CHARGE
5:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Arrival, Venue Check-in, and Registration	
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
OPENING PROGRAM		
8:30 AM - 8:45 AM	Management of Learning	Program Management Team (PMT)
8:45 AM - 9:30 AM	Inclusive Education Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP)	
	House Rules Audio-Visual Presentation (AV)	
	National Anthem	
	Prayer	
	Introduction of Participants	Nicanor M. San Gabriel Jr. <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
	Welcome Remarks	Gerson Marvin M. Abesamis <i>Director IV, BLD</i>
	Statement of Purpose	Rosalie E. Bongon <i>Chief, BLD-SID</i>
	Workshop Mechanics	Marites P. Romen <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID, NFOT Focal Person</i>
	Photo Opportunity	PMT and Participants
	Glimpse of the 2026 NFOT <i>(2026 NFOT Video Highlights)</i>	AVP
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Region VI's Accomplishment Report on the Conduct of the 2026 NFOT	Athea V. Landar EPS, 2026 NFOT Focal Person DepEd Region VI
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>	
PLENARY SESSION		
10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Workshop 1: Revisiting the Overall Conduct of the 2026 NFOT <i>(including the Opening and Closing & Awarding Ceremonies and other aspects)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good Points/ Appreciation ● Issues and Challenges 	PMT and Participants



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations <p>*Participants shall be seated according to their region.</p>	
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Presentation of Workshop 1 Outputs	PMT and Participants
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Management of Learning	PMT
1:15 PM - 2:15 PM	<p>Workshop 2: Revisiting the Conduct of the Specific Contests of the 2026 NFOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Points/ Appreciation Issues and Challenges Recommendations <p>*Participants shall be grouped as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Pitch Arabic Language Spelling BakeCares Cabin Craft CineMunti DokyuWento Harf Touch Literary Cup Pop Quiz Quar'an Reading Savor D' Flavor STEMazing Stories in Silence Techno Fusion General Guidelines 	PMT and Participants
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Presentation of Workshop 2 Outputs	PMT and Participants
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
3:15 PM - 5:00 PM	<p>Workshop 3: Developing the Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT: Standards and Templates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Guidelines and Suggested Theme Contest Matrix, Guidelines, and Scoring Rubrics 	<p>Denn Marc P. Alayon SVEPS, BLD-SID</p> <p>PMT and Participants</p>





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5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Open Forum	PMT and Participants
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Debriefing	PMT
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<i>Dinner</i>	
Emmanuel F. Del Rosario SEPS, BLD-SID <i>Master of Ceremonies/ Facilitator</i>		

DAY 2 (June 30, 2026, Tuesday)		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN-CHARGE
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
BREAKOUT SESSIONS		
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Management of Learning	PMT
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Presentation of Workshop 3 Outputs	Assigned participant per group
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Continuation of the Development of the Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT	PMT and Participants
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>	
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Continuation of the Development of the Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT	PMT and Participants
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	Management of Learning	PMT
1:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Revision of the Draft Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT	PMT and Participants
3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
3:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Continuation of the Revision of the Draft Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT	PMT and Participants
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Open Forum	PMT and Participants
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Debriefing	PMT
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	<i>Dinner</i>	
Florentino L. Varron Jr. SEPS, BLD-SID <i>Master of Ceremonies/ Facilitator</i>		





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DAY 3 (July 1, 2026, Wednesday)		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSON IN-CHARGE
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Management of Learning	PMT
PLENARY SESSIONS		
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Presentation of the Revised Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT	Assigned participant per group
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	<i>Morning Break</i>	
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	Continuation of the Presentation of the Revised Guidelines for the 2027 NFOT	Assigned participant per group
11:15 AM - 11:25 AM	Signing and Submission of Printed and Digital Outputs	PMT and Participants
	Clearing House	
11:25 AM - 12:00 PM	CLOSING PROGRAM	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch Break</i>	
1:00 PM onwards	Venue Check-Out and Home Sweet Home	
Nicanor M. San Gabriel Jr. SVEPS, BLD-SID <i>Master of Ceremonies/ Facilitator</i>		



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