



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

July 9, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
CLMD-2026- **336**

COORDINATION MEETING FOR THE PROJECT "TEKLOS"

1. In reference to the communication by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) on the conduct of Coordination Meeting for the Project "TEKLOS" on July 20, 2026 at exactly 3:00 PM at DepEd Region VIII, RELC NEAP Hall 3, Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte.
2. The objectives of the meeting are as follows:
 - a. create a functional Technical Working Group for Project "TEKLOS";
 - b. orient the TWG on the different activities to be undertaken under the project; and
 - c. discuss the terms of reference of the members of the TWG.
3. In connection to this, the following Regional Office personnel are involved in the activity, to wit:

NAME	DESIGNATION	DIVISION
Dr. Gertrudes C. Mabutin	Chief Education Supervisor	CLMD
Dr. Alejandra B. Lagumbay	Chief Education Supervisor	ESSD
Dr. Emmanuel P. Firmo, Jr.	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD
Dr. Glendale B. Lamiseria	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD
Mr. Joy B. Bihag	Education Program Supervisor	CLMD
Dr. Rowena T. Vacal	Education Program Supervisor	HRDD
Engr. Brent Christian S. Andrada	Project Development Officer II	ESSD
Ms. Hydelyn N. Cinco	Planning Officer III	PPRD

4. Expenses incurred in the conduct of the activity shall be charged against the partner, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

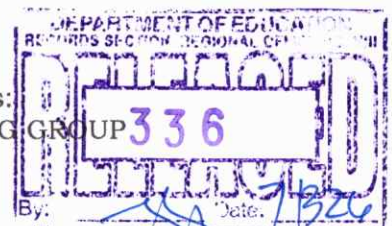
for:
SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ JD, EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

Enclosures: List of the Technical Working Group

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
COORDINATION MEETING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

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Thru: **EMMANUEL P. FIRMO, JR**
Regional Supervisor in Science



Dear Dir. **Jimenez**:

Greetings!

In support of national and regional commitments to disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM), and in alignment with the Department of Education's mandate to embed life-saving competencies across all levels of basic education, we respectfully request the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Integration of DRRM Concepts in the DepEd Curriculum through the issuance of a Special Order. This initiative directly responds to Component 3 of Project TEKLOS, a strategic regional project of DOST8.

In this regard, your office is respectfully invited to attend a coordination meeting on 20 July 2026 at the DepEd Regional Office VIII Function Hall to discuss the proposed creation of the Technical Working Group (TWG), define its roles and responsibilities, and outline the implementation strategies for integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) concepts into the DepEd curriculum. The meeting will also serve as a venue to solicit inputs and recommendations from concerned units and offices to ensure the successful implementation of this initiative.

As a backgrounder, project TEKLOS—derived from the Filipino work “teklos” meaning alertness, preparedness, and swift action—symbolizes the synergy between technology (“Tek”) and knowledge (“Los”) to enhance the region's capacity to anticipate, prevent, and mitigate disaster risks. Anchored in science, research, and inclusive education, the project aims to reduce vulnerabilities and empower learners, teachers, and communities across generations and genders as proactive agents of resilience. It is structured around three interrelated components:

- (1) Crafting the Regional DRRM Mitigation and Prevention Road Map and Strategic Plan,
- (2) Establishing a Regional Research and Development (R&D) Consortium for DRRM, and
- (3) Integrating DRRM mitigation and prevention concepts into the elementary and secondary school curriculum.

This multidisciplinary team brings together expertise in curriculum development, science and mathematics education, gender and development, learning resources, disaster risk reduction, and regional planning—ensuring a holistic, gender-responsive and contextually relevant integration of DRRM concepts into the DepEd's curriculum.



As such, the TWG shall be tasked to:

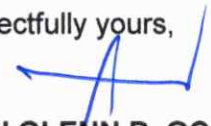
1. Review existing curriculum materials for DRRM concept gaps;
2. Develop a framework and roadmap for systematic DRRM integration across subjects and grade levels;
3. Recommend age-appropriate, hazard effective learning competencies aligned with regional risks; and
4. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of DRRM-infused instructional delivery.

We believe that institutionalizing this effort through a Special Order will provide the necessary authority, structure, and sustainability to advance Project TEKLOS and fulfill DepEd's role in nurturing a culture of safety resilience among learners in Eastern Visayas.

DOST Region VIII, through Project TEKLOS will shoulder the expenses (e.g., food, supplies and materials, etc.) that may be incurred in the conduct of the team's tasks.

Thank you for your steadfast leadership and unwavering support for the innovative, life-saving educational initiatives.

Respectfully yours,


JOHN GLENN D. OCAÑA
Regional Director