



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

September 24, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2026- 493

PARTICIPATION ON THE HANDA PILIPINAS 2026 VISAYAS LEG

To: Assistant Regional Director
Regional Office Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the invitation letter dated September 1, 2026, issued by Dr. John Glenn D. Ocaña, Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office VIII, regarding the participation on the **HANDA Pilipinas 2026 Visayas Leg** on **October 7-9, 2026** at the **Leyte Convention Complex, Palo, Leyte**.
2. The HANDA Pilipinas is an annual event that aims to raise public awareness and adoption of available DOST-developed technologies and innovations related to risk reduction and management, specifically developed for disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, rehabilitation and recovery.
3. The designated participant for the activity is **Engr. Brent Christian S. Andrada**, who will serve as the **Resource Speaker** for the session entitled **"PLAN FOR ALL: Integrating Gender and Social Inclusion into Local DRRM Planning."**
4. Other information and details related to this issuance are specified in the attached communications.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated
References: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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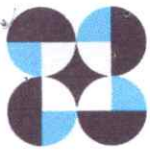
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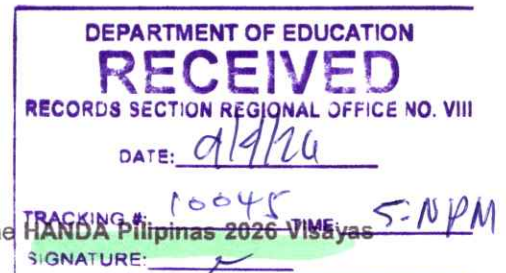


Subject: REQUEST FOR RESOURCE SPEAKER

Dear Director Jimenez:

Warm Greetings!

The Department of Science and Technology Eastern Visayas will once again host the **Leg on October 7-9, 2026 at the Leyte Convention Complex, Palo, Leyte.**



HANDA Pilipinas is an annual event that aims to raise public awareness and adoption of available DOST-developed technologies and innovations related to risk reduction and management, specifically developed for disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, rehabilitation, and recovery. This year's HANDA Pilipinas Visayas Leg will be spearheaded by the Department of Science and Technology Eastern Visayas in convergence with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce Inc. Tacloban-Leyte.

Guided by the theme "*Agham at Teknolohiya Para sa Matatag at Ligas na Bayan*," the HANDA Pilipinas Visayas Leg seeks to transform conversations into solutions, translate science into action, and turn resilience into sustained collective effort. The event brings together science, technology, local experiences, and multi-sectoral collaboration to strengthen disaster preparedness, address emerging risks, and build safer and more resilient communities across the Visayas.

In this regard, may we have the honor of **inviting you to the said event and requesting you or your designated representative to serve as one of the Resource Speakers** for the **Day 2 Plenary Session – Science, Risk, and Inclusive Planning**, scheduled on **October 8, 2026**, and to share your expertise on the topic, "*PLAN FOR ALL: Integrating Gender and Social Inclusion into Local DRRM Planning*." Each Resource Speaker will be allotted **thirty (30) minutes** for the presentation.

In this connection, we kindly request the confirmation of participation of the designated resource speaker at earliest convenience by accomplishing the attached **Confirmation Slip**. We would also appreciate receiving your **official high-resolution photograph and brief biographical note (bionote)** for use in the event's promotional and program materials. We would likewise appreciate it if you could submit the **presentation materials prior to the event**. Subject to your permission, the presentation materials may be shared with the participants in PDF format for their reference.

Attached is the General Program of Activities for reference. For further inquiries, please contact us through Ms. Juliet M. Aguirre or Ms. Nicka V. Salentes, Scientific and Technical Session Committee Member at 09179040645, or at email address events@region8.dost.gov.ph.

We look forward to your favorable response to this invitation. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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