



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

October 19, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1359** s. 2026

**PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 REGIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT
SUPPORT FORUM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Relative to the communication dated October 6, 2026, from the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Regional Office VIII, this Office hereby informs the concerned personnel of the invitation to participate in the **2026 Regional Career Development Support Forum** on **October 26-27, 2026**, at the **Fans Hotel, Palo, Leyte**.

2. The invited participants are the following officers of the Eastern Visayas Network of Career Guidance and Career Advocates (EVNCGCA).

a. Julienne Rose Sabala	-	President
b. Imelda Gayda	-	Vice-President
c. Federico Altivo	-	Secretary
d. Aura Tomol	-	Treasurer
e. Juliet Lim	-	Auditor
f. Grace Durano	-	PIO
g. Remie Puno	-	Board of Director
h. Roland Mendoza	-	Board of Director
i. Annabelle D. Daca	-	Board of Director
j. Jesus Esteban Lapada	-	Board of Director
k. Rowena Aban	-	Board of Director
l. Olivia Manasis	-	Board of Director
m. Nelson Bello	-	Board of Director
n. Melchy Orito	-	Board of Director
o. Edwin Salar	-	Board of Director
p. Alexander Gallego	-	Board of Director
q. Ma. Lourdes O. Varon	-	Board of Director

3. The objectives of the forum and the expected outputs are stipulated in the above-cited communication.

4. In this regard, the Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are requested to facilitate the participation of the identified officers.

5. The participants shall be provided for with meals and accommodation charged to the inviting entity, while their transportation and other necessary expenses shall be charged to their respective MOOA/ Local Fund/ SEF/ Other fund sources,

whichever is available, subject to the usual government rules on accounting and auditing procedures.

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

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

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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

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October 06, 2026

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, CESO III
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Department of Education, Region VIII
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Subject: Invitation to the 2026 Regional Career Development Support Forum

Dear Director Jimenez:

Greetings from the Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office VIII!

The DOLE Regional Office VIII will conduct the 2026 Regional Career Development Support Forum on October 26-27, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Fans Hotel, Palo, Leyte. Participants are requested to wear Filipiniana for women and Barong Tagalog for men.

The Forum aims to strengthen coordination, collaboration, and shared commitment among CDSP Partner Agencies, PESOs, JPOs, Academic Institutions, and Private Sector Stakeholders in addressing identified career development and employment-related gaps in Eastern Visayas. It will also provide an avenue for the alignment and harmonization of existing career development programs and services, particularly in career guidance, career information, labor market information, career counseling, employment facilitation, and learner-to-work transition support.

The Forum will further provide an opportunity to identify and address priority gaps and underserved groups, including out-of-school youth, learners and jobseekers in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, and individuals with limited access to career and labor market information. Participants are expected to explore practical strategies for improving access to career development services, strengthening the generation and sharing of labor market information, expanding mobile and community-based career guidance initiatives, and enhancing linkages among schools, training institutions, employers, PESOs, and government agencies.

In this regard, we respectfully request your good office to allow the participation of the following **Officers of the Eastern Visayas Network of Career Guidance and Career Advocates (EVNCGCA)**:

1. Julianne Saballa - President
2. Imelda Gayda - Vice-President
3. Federico Altivo - Secretary
4. Aura Tomol - Treasurer
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For confirmation of attendance, inquiries, or additional details, please contact *Myles Q. Malate* at 0906-1720-345 or email ro8_tssd@dole.gov.ph.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to the active participation of the EVNCGCA Officers in this important regional undertaking.

Sincerely,


IMELDA E. ROMANILLOS, CESO IV

Regional Director



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The Forum aims to strengthen inter-agency collaboration and shared commitment among government agencies, academic institutions, Job Placement Offices (JPOs), PESOs, and private sector partners in advancing the Career Development Support Program (CDSP). Discussions will center on the CDSP Five-Point Agenda and the Regional Workplan, which outlines the key activities, timelines, targets, and expected outputs for the implementation period. The Forum will also tackle the policy basis for career development and employment facilitation in schools, including the CHED policies and guidelines on student affairs and services and the Memorandum of Agreement between DOLE and CHED, as well as the strengthening of institutional mechanisms for the establishment and sustainability of JPOs.

In this regard, we are pleased to invite your office's **Career Guidance Program Focal Person** to attend and actively participate in the Forum. The Forum will provide an avenue for stakeholders to share experiences, harmonize existing career development and employment services, and identify practical strategies to address gaps in career guidance, labor market information, career counseling, employment facilitation, and learner-to-work transition support. The participation of your focal person will contribute to stronger partnerships among schools, training institutions, employers, PESOs, JPOs, and government agencies in promoting accessible and responsive career development and employment services in Eastern Visayas.

For the confirmation of attendance, inquiries, or additional details, please contact Myles Q. Malate at 0906-1720-345 or email ro8_tssd@dole.gov.ph. Thank you, and we look forward to your continued support and cooperation in this important regional undertaking.

Sincerely,


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Subject: Invitation to Deliver a Message of Support for the 2026 Regional Career Development Support Forum



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In this regard, we respectfully invite you to deliver a **Message of Support** during the opening program of the Forum. Your message will help underscore the importance of inter-agency collaboration and reaffirm our shared commitment to strengthening career development and employment facilitation in Eastern Visayas.

For confirmation of your acceptance, inquiries, or additional details, please contact Myles Q. Malate at 0906-1720-345 or email ro8_tssd@dole.gov.ph.

We look forward to your favorable response. Thank you very much for your continued support and commitment to advancing career development and employment opportunities in the region.

Sincerely,


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Regional Director