Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF PAMPANGA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 457 s. 2026

SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON STRENGTHENING ANCESTRAL DOMAIN-BASED RURAL FARM SCHOOLS (ADBRFS): REVIEW, PLANNING, GOVERNANCE, AND CURRICULUM CONTEXTUALIZATION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisor in charge of ADM
Public Schools District Supervisors
School IPEd/ADM Coordinators

1. The Enhanced Basic Education Program, as stipulated in Republic Act No. 10533 and the IPED provision of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (Sec. 8.4), mandates DepEd to develop a curriculum that is culture-sensitive, contextualized and flexible enough to enable and allow schools to localize and indigenize based on the social context of indigenous cultural communities (ICCs). Moreover, Republic Act No. 10618 is an act establishing rural farm school (RFS) as alternative delivery mode (ADM) of secondary education, and aims to provide quality education and promote sustainable agricultural productivity in the Philippines.
2. In support of this mandate, DepEd Division of Pampanga, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) invited IP Culture Bearers and IP Elders to a consultation on the review, enhancement, and implementation of the Ancestral Domain-Based Rural Farm School (ADBRFS) Plan, particularly its governance system, farm-based learning activities, and curriculum-contextualization initiatives.
3. Relative to this, SDO Pampanga will conduct Seminar-Workshop on Strengthening Ancestral Domain-Based Rural Farm Schools (ADBRFS): Review, Planning, Governance, and Curriculum Contextualization on August 25-27, 2026 at a venue to be announced later.
4. At the end of the activity, the participants are expected to:
    a. Enhance understanding of the ADBRFS framework and its relationship with the Indigenous Peoples Education Program.
    b. Review and assess the current implementation status of ADBRFS.
    c. Examine legal and policy bases supporting ADBRFS implementation.
    d. Strengthen the management of ADBRFS through Indigenous Governance Systems.
    e. Contextualize the DepEd curriculum through the integration of ADBRFS governance
5. The participants in this activity shall include the Division IPED Focal Person and Alternate Focal Person, school heads, and IP culture bearers serving as resource persons. In accordance with the DepEd Memorandum dated June 5, 2017, titled

"Provision of Honoraria to Indigenous Peoples Resource Persons and Payment of Travel Expenses of IP Community Representatives Invited to IPED Program Activities," the invited IP culture bearers shall receive the prescribed honoraria.

6. Participants are requested to register at 8am on August 25, 2026 (Tuesday). Board and lodging of participants, travel expenses, honoraria of IP culture-bearers and other incidental expenses relative to this division ADM activity will be charged to Division ADM Program Support Funds and other source of funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. The following are enclosed for further information and guidance:
    a. Enclosure No. 1 – List of Participants
    b. Enclosure No. 2 – Matrix of Activities
8. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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Schools Division Superintendent

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Enclosure No. 1 to Division Memorandum No. ____, s. 2026

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August 25–27, 2026

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS			
NO	**NAME**	**POSITION**	**SCHOOL/COMMUNITY**
1	ARNOLD C. MONTEMAYOR	Resource Speaker	Floridablanca
2	RUEL F. BONDOC	Education Program Supervisor I	SDO Pampanga
3	DAVID D. BA-ALAN	IPEd Alternate Focal Person	Porac East District
4	MAGDALENO A. MAGBAG	School Head	Camias ES
5	MARIZEN C. TOLENTINO	School Head	Camias HS
6	BENNY A. CAPUNO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
7	RYAN J. CAPUNO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
8	SHERLY J. CAPUNO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
9	ROLANDO A. CAPUNO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
10	JAY ANN S. SAPLALA	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
11	ELSIE C. ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
12	JOSIE C. ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
13	DINO C. ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
14	NORMAN A. CAPUNO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
15	JOSEPHINE A. POPATCO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
16	JOJO A. ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
17	REGIE C. ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
18	RIC C. ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
19	MARIVIC S. CAPUNO	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
20	EDUWARDO ABUQUE	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
21	ERNING SANTOS	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
22	MADONNA A. VALENCIA	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
23	ERWIN D. CABILLA	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
24	HARRY DALE B. BA-ALAN	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac
25	BARBIE R. RAMOS	IP Culture Bearer	Camias, Porac

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Enclosure No. 2 to Division Memorandum No. ____, s. 2026

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MATRIX OF ACTIVITIES

DAY 1 – August 25, 2026		
TIME	**TOPIC**	**IN CHARGE**
8:00–8:30	Registration	**TWG**
8:30–9:00	Opening Program	**TWG**
9:00–10:30	Legal Basis of Rural Farm School	**RUEL F. BONDOC** IPED/ADM Regional Focal Person
10:30–12:00	Review of the Previous Plan/Agreements	**DAVID D. BA-ALAN** IPED Alternate Focal Person
12:00–1:00	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00–3:00	Activities on ADBRFS Plan for 2026	**ARNOLD C. MONTEMAYOR** Resource Speaker
3:00–5:00	Workshop Activities	**All Participants**
DAY 2 – August 26, 2026		
8:00–8:30	MOL	**TWG**
8:30–12:00	Management of ADBRFS based on IP Governance System	**ARNOLD C. MONTEMAYOR** Resource Speaker
12:00–1:00	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00–3:00	Workshop Activities	**All Participants**
3:00–5:00	Transforming Plans into Impact: "Sustainable ADBRFS Implementation"	**ERWIN D. CABILLA** Resource Speaker
DAY 3 – August 27, 2026		
8:00–8:30	MOL	**TWG**
8:30–12:00	Contextualization of the DepEd Curriculum by Interfacing ADBRFS Governance System Competencies	**Pastor BENNY CAPUNO** IP Culture Bearer/Facilitator
12:00–1:00	LUNCH BREAK	
1:00–4:00	Workshop Activities	**All Participants**
4:00–5:00	Closing Program	**TWG**