Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PAMPANGA

October 21, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
NO. 633, s. 2026

PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL ASEAN FESTIVAL 2026

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Program Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 296 s.2026, entitled "Conduct of the Regional Asean Festival 2026" and Regional Memorandum No. 314 s.2026 entitled "Rescheduling of the Regional Asean Festival 2026," this Office releases the List of Participants to the Regional ASEAN Festival 2026 on October 24, 2026, at Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School, City of Malolos, Bulacan DepEd Schools Division Office of Malolos City.

2. The participants are expected to strictly observe the details/guidelines set under the Regional Memorandum to ensure the organization and coordination of activities as well as the safety of all the division delegates.

3. Participants are reminded to adhere to the minimum health standards while attending the activity.

4. Transportation, food and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged from MOOE or other local school funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

5. Teachers attending the said activity shall be granted service credits, while non-teaching personnel shall be entitled to Compensatory Time Off (CTO), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2024 (Guidelines on the Grant of Teachers Vacation Service Credits) and CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 (Non-Monetary Renumeration for Overtime Services), subject to existing rules.

6. The documents below are enclosed for the information and guidance of all concerned:

   Enclosure No. 1: List of Participants
   Enclosure No. 2: Regional Memorandum No. 296/314, s.2026

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7. For further inquiries on this activity, you may contact Vilma T. Arcilla, Education Program Supervisor in Araling Panlipunan through email at vilma.arcilla001@deped.gov.ph.

8. This serves as Travel Authority for all concerned participants.

9. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly requested.

For:

LEONARDO C. CANLAS EdD, CESO VI
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By:

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REGIONAL ASEAN FESTIVAL 2026
October 24, 2026

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REGION III-CENTRAL LUZON

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 314, s. 2026

RESCHEDULING OF THE REGIONAL ASEAN FESTIVAL 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Curriculum Implementation Division Chiefs
School Heads of Public/Private Elementary and Secondary
All Others Concerned

1. In view of the suspension of classes, flooding, and inclement weather conditions affecting various areas in the region, the **Regional ASEAN Festival 2026**, originally scheduled on **September 8, 2026**, is hereby **rescheduled** to **October 24, 2026**.

2. The rescheduling of the activity is deemed necessary to ensure the safety, welfare, and well-being of all learners, teacher-coaches, non-teaching personnel, officials, and other participants, as well as to provide sufficient time for concerned schools and offices to make the necessary preparations and adjustments for the conduct of the activity.

3. Teacher-coaches attending and rendering service during the said activity shall be granted **service credits**, while non-teaching personnel shall be entitled to **Compensatory Time Off (CTO)**, pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2023** (Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers) and **CSC-DBM Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004** (Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Services), subject to existing rules and regulations.

4. All concerned Schools Division Offices, schools, teacher-coaches, participants, and other stakeholders are advised to take note of the **new schedule** and make the necessary adjustments in their respective preparations and arrangements.

5. **All other provisions of Regional Memorandum No. 296, s. 2026**, titled "Conduct of the Regional ASEAN Festival 2026," **shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect**.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
Reference: RM 296, s.2026
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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No. 296, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL ASEAN FESTIVAL 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Curriculum Implementation Division Chiefs
School Heads of Public/Private Elementary and Secondary
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-13-02360, dated July 6, 2026, entitled "*Dissemination of Guidelines on the Utilization of 2026 Downloaded ASEAN-UN Information Drive Program Support Funds to Eligible Regions.*" This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall conduct the **Regional ASEAN Festival 2026** on **September 8, 2026,** at **Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School, City of Malolos, Bulacan.** DepEd Schools Division Office of Malolos City will host this activity.

2. The ASEAN-UN Information Drive seeks to foster global citizenship, peace, cultural appreciation, civic consciousness, and collaboration among learners and education stakeholders. The initiative is particularly significant in 2026 in view of the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN and the continuing efforts toward the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Meals, materials, and cash prizes shall be charged against ASEAN and UN Information Drive – Region III downloaded funds (OSEC-3-26-03547) while transportation and incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged to their respective local funds subject to the usual government auditing rules and regulations.

4. The following enclosures are attached for information and guidance.
Enclosure No. 1 - Young ASEAN Ambassador Speech Contest
Enclosure No. 2 - ASEAN Debate
Enclosure No. 3 -Project MAKABANSA (*Makahubog ng Aktibong Kabataang Aasahan ng Bansang Aagapay sa Napapanahong Suliranin at Adhikain*)
Enclosure No. 4 - ASEAN School Governance Excellence
Enclosure No. 5 - ASEAN Curriculum Integration Challenge
Enclosure No. 6 - Members of the Technical Working Group
Enclosure No. 7 - Distribution of Participants

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5. For queries and other information, please contact Louise L. Lumanug, Education Program Supervisor, at email address clmd.ro3@deped.gov.ph or louise.lumanug001@deped.gov.ph.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director

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

CONTEST GUIDELINES

Young ASEAN Ambassador Speech Contest

Contest Description

The Young ASEAN Ambassador Speech Contest is an individual public speaking competition designed to develop learners' communication, leadership, and critical thinking skills while fostering a deeper appreciation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Through persuasive and informative speeches, participants demonstrate their understanding of ASEAN's vision, values, cultural diversity, sustainable development, and the vital role of youth in promoting regional cooperation and global citizenship.

Objectives

The contest aims to:

1. Enhance learners' public speaking and oral communication skills.
2. Promote awareness and appreciation of ASEAN's history, culture, identity, and regional cooperation.
3. Encourage learners to express informed ideas and inspire positive action on issues affecting the ASEAN community.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to officially enrolled **Grades 5–6 learners** from public and private elementary schools.
2. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall be represented by **one (1) contestant**.
3. A contestant may participate in only one (1) individual competition during the Regional ASEAN Festival.

Contest Guidelines

A. General Rules

- Contestants hall deliver an original prepared speech. The official theme shall be announced by the Regional Focal Person, one week before the contest. Each contestant shall be accompanied by **one (1) coach**.
- The speech shall be delivered in **English**.
- The speech must be the contestant's original work and must not have been previously awarded in any competition.
- The speech shall promote respect for cultural diversity, peace, regional cooperation, environmental stewardship, and responsible citizenship.
- The use of offensive, discriminatory, political campaign, commercial, or inappropriate content is strictly prohibited.

B. Contest Mechanics

1. Each contestant shall deliver a prepared speech with a duration of 3 **to 5 minutes**.
2. A warning bell shall be sounded at the third (3rd) minute, and a final bell at the fifth (5th) minute.
3. A deduction of **two (2) points** shall be imposed for every thirty (30) seconds or fraction thereof beyond the prescribed time limit.
4. Contestants may use note cards as a speaking guide but shall not read the speech verbatim.
5. PowerPoint presentations, videos, musical accompaniment, props, costumes, and other visual aids shall not be allowed.
6. The order of presentation shall be determined through a draw of lots before the contest.
7. The Board of Judges may ask contestants to remain in the venue until the competition has concluded.

C. Materials and Requirements

Contestants shall bring:

- Three (3) printed copies of the speech manuscript.
- One (1) valid school identification card or certification from the school.
- Note cards (optional).
- Writing materials for registration and documentation.

D. Prohibited Acts

The following shall constitute grounds for deduction of points or disqualification:

1. Submission or delivery of a plagiarized speech.
2. Receiving coaching or assistance during the contest.
3. Use of unauthorized electronic devices during the speech.
4. Use of offensive, defamatory, or culturally insensitive language.
5. Exceeding the allowable time beyond the prescribed limit.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Content, Accuracy, and Relevance to the Theme	40%
Organization and Development of Ideas	20%
Delivery (Voice, Diction, Pronunciation, Eye Contact, Poise, and Gestures)	25%
Language Use (Grammar and Vocabulary)	10%
Overall Impact	5%
Total	**100%**

The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P5,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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

CONTEST GUIDELINES

ASEAN Debate

Contest Description

The ASEAN Debate Contest is an individual academic competition that develops Senior High School learners' critical thinking, logical reasoning, persuasive communication, and global awareness. Participants analyze and defend positions on contemporary ASEAN issues through evidence-based arguments while demonstrating respect for diverse perspectives, ethical reasoning, and effective public speaking.

Objectives

The contest aims to:

1. Develop learners' critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and persuasive speaking skills.
2. Promote informed, evidence-based, and respectful discussion of issues affecting the ASEAN Community.
3. Strengthen learners' confidence in expressing ideas and responding to opposing viewpoints.
4. Foster global competence, leadership, and responsible citizenship consistent with the MATATAG Agenda and the Basic Education Development Plan (BEDP) 2030.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to officially enrolled **Senior High School (Grades 11–12)** learners from public and private schools.
2. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall send **one (1) official contestant**.
3. Since Region III consists of only twenty-one (21) Schools Division Offices (SDOs), the host Schools Division Office shall be authorized to enter one (1) additional official contestant to complete the twenty-two (22)-contestant one-on-one debate bracket.
4. Each learner may participate in only one (1) individual contest during the Regional ASEAN Festival.

Contest Guidelines

A. General Rules

1. The contest shall be conducted in English. Each contestant shall be accompanied by one (1) coach. The language to be used in the contest is English.
2. Debate motions shall focus on ASEAN-related issues such as education, culture, economic cooperation, environmental sustainability, disaster resilience, digital transformation, youth participation, and regional integration.
3. Contestants shall demonstrate courtesy, professionalism, and respect toward fellow participants and judges.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

B. Contest Mechanics

Preliminary Round

1.The twenty-two (22) contestants shall compete in eleven (11) one-on-one debate matches.

2.Each group shall debate the same ASEAN-related motion assigned by the Technical Working Group.

3. Contestants shall draw lots to determine their debate opponent, assigned side (Affirmative or Negative), and order of speaking.

4. Contestants shall be given **20 minutes** to prepare after the motion is released.

5. Each contestant shall debate only one (1) assigned opponent during the Preliminary Round.

6. Each debate match shall follow the sequence below:

Affirmative Opening Argument – 3 minutes

Negative Opening Argument – 3 minutes

Affirmative Rebuttal – 2 minutes

Negative Rebuttal – 2 minutes

Affirmative Closing Statement – 1 minute

Negative Closing Statement – 1 minute

7.Contestants shall rebut only the arguments presented by their assigned opponent.

8.Contestants shall be evaluated individually using the approved judging criteria.

9.The six (6) contestants with the highest overall scores, regardless of debate pairing, shall advance to the Final Round.

Final Round

1. The six (6) finalists shall compete using a new ASEAN-related debate motion.
2. Finalists shall draw lots to determine their debate opponents and assigned positions.
3. Contestants shall be given fifteen (15) minutes to prepare after the release of the debate motion.
4. The Final Round shall follow the same debate format used in the Preliminary Round.
5. Scores from the Preliminary Round shall not be carried over. Only the scores obtained during the Final Round shall determine the winners.
6. In case of a tie, the contestant with the higher score in **Quality of Arguments** shall prevail. If the tie remains, the score in **Critical Thinking and Logical Reasoning** shall serve as the second tie-breaker.
7. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

C. Materials and Requirements

Contestants shall bring:

- Valid school identification card or certification.
- Pens or pencils.

D. Prohibited Acts

The following shall constitute grounds for deduction of points or disqualification:

1. Using mobile phones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, or any electronic communication device during the preparation period or contest proper.
2. Receiving coaching or assistance after the debate motion has been released.
3. Communicating with coaches or other individuals during the preparation period.
4. Reading a pre-written speech unrelated to the assigned motion.
5. Using offensive, discriminatory, defamatory, or culturally insensitive language.
6. Presenting fabricated information or intentionally misleading evidence.
7. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or disrupting the proceedings.
8. Failure to comply with the instructions of the organizers and Board of Judges.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Quality of Arguments (Accuracy, Evidence, Relevance, and Analysis)	35%
Critical Thinking and Logical Reasoning	25%
Rebuttal and Responsiveness	20%
Delivery (Organization, Fluency, Diction, Confidence, and Persuasiveness)	15%
Professionalism and Debate Etiquette	5%
Total	**100%**

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P5,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

Enclosure No. 3 to Memorandum No. ____, s. 2026

CONTEST GUIDELINES

Project MAKABANSA (Makahubog ng Aktibong Kabataang Aasahan ng Bansang Aagapay sa Napapanahong Suliranin at Adhikain)

Contest Description

Project MAKABANSA aims to develop learners into responsible, proactive, and community-oriented citizens by encouraging them to identify real issues affecting their local communities and propose practical, sustainable, and innovative solutions. The project promotes critical thinking, civic engagement, collaboration, and social responsibility while aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (S DGs) and the Revised K to 10 Curriculum.

Objectives

The contest aims to:

1. Encourage learners to investigate pressing issues within their own communities.
2. Develop learners' problem-solving, research, and presentation skills.
3. Promote community involvement through feasible and sustainable action plans.
4. Integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into local development initiatives.
5. Inspire learners to become active contributors to nation-building.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to officially enrolled **Junior High School (Grades 7–10)** learners from public and private schools.
2. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall be represented by **one (1) team composed of two (2) learner-participants**.
3. Each team shall be accompanied by **one (1) coach**.The language to be used in the contest is English.
4. Learners may participate in only one (1) team competition during the Regional Festival.

Contest Guidelines

1. Each team shall prepare a **community-based project proposal** focusing on an actual issue, concern, or challenge affecting their locality.
2. The selected topic **must clearly demonstrate its connection to one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The identified SDG/s shall be clearly indicated and explained in the presentation.
3. The project proposal shall include the following components:
    - Title of the Project
    - Background of the Community Issue
    - Statement of the Problem
    - Objectives
    - Relevant Sustainable Development Goal(s)
    - Proposed Solutions
    - Detailed Action Plan
    - Expected Outcomes
    - Stakeholders and Community Partners
    - Sustainability Plan
    - Documentation and References
4. Entries shall be **pre-prepared** before the competition. No on-site preparation shall be allowed.
5. During the contest, each team shall deliver a **five (5)-minute oral presentation** using a **Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation (PPT).**
6. After the presentation, the Board of Judges may ask **clarificatory questions for a maximum of three (3) minutes.**
7. Each team shall submit the following:
    - One (1) printed hard copy of the complete project documentation.
    - One (1) digital copy (PDF) through the official submission link that will be provided by the organizers.
    - PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) through the same submission link.
8. All submitted materials shall become part of the contest documentation of the organizers.
9. The proposed action plan should be practical, realistic, community-responsive, and capable of implementation with available or attainable resources.
10. Participants must observe professionalism, respect, and academic integrity throughout the competition.
11. Plagiarism or misrepresentation of data shall be grounds for disqualification.

12. The organizers reserve the right to publish or showcase the submitted entries for educational purposes with proper acknowledgment of the authors.
13. Failure to submit the required hard copy and digital copy within the prescribed schedule may affect the team's eligibility for judging.
14. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Presentation Specifications

- Maximum presentation time: **5 minutes**
- Clarificatory questions: **3 minutes**
- Presentation must utilize Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Multimedia elements may be used, provided they are embedded within the presentation.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Relevance and Significance of the Community Issue	20%
Integration and Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal(s)	20%
Feasibility, Sustainability, and Innovation of the Action Plan	25%
Quality of Presentation (Organization, Delivery, Visuals, and Time Management)	20%
Evidence, Documentation, and Community Engagement	15%
Total	100%

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P5,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P4,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Third Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Fourth Runner-up	P1,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

Enclosure No. 4 to Memorandum No. ____, s. 2026

CONTEST GUIDELINES

ASEAN School Governance Excellence

Contest Description

The **ASEAN School Governance Excellence** Contest recognizes schools that demonstrate exemplary governance practices in promoting quality, inclusive, transparent, and sustainable education. It provides a venue for schools to showcase innovative governance initiatives that strengthen school leadership, stakeholder engagement, accountability, and continuous improvement while advancing the ASEAN Community Vision and contributing to the achievement of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

The contest aims to:

1. Recognize exemplary school governance initiatives that contribute to school improvement and learner success.
2. Promote innovative, transparent, participatory, and accountable governance practices.
3. Encourage collaboration among school leaders, teachers, learners, parents, and community stakeholders.
4. Showcase governance initiatives aligned with ASEAN priorities and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
5. Facilitate the sharing of best practices that may be replicated by other schools.

Eligibility

- Open to all public elementary and secondary schools.
- Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall send **one (1) official entry**.

Contest Mechanics

1. Each participating school shall submit a **documented entry** featuring its exemplary school governance initiative or best practice.
2. The documented entry shall highlight governance initiatives demonstrating:
    - Strategic and instructional leadership;
    - Stakeholder participation and community partnerships;
    - Transparency and accountability;

- Innovation in school governance;
- Inclusive and equitable practices; and
- Sustainability of programs and initiatives.

3. The governance initiative must clearly demonstrate its contribution to one or more **ASEAN priorities** and the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The relevant SDG(s) shall be identified and explained in the documentation.
4. The documentation shall include the following sections:
   - Title of the Governance Initiative
   - School Profile
   - Background and Rationale
   - Objectives
   - Governance Innovation or Best Practice
   - Implementation Process
   - Stakeholder Participation
   - Results and Impact
   - Sustainability Plan
   - Lessons Learned
   - Supporting Documents and References
5. **No oral presentation** shall be conducted during the contest.
6. Each participating school shall prepare and submit an **advocacy video** with a duration of **two (2) to three (3) minutes**. The video shall:
   - Highlight the school's governance initiative and its impact;
   - Demonstrate stakeholder involvement and community participation;
   - Emphasize alignment with ASEAN values and the identified SDG(s); and
   - Promote the initiative as a model of effective school governance.
7. The advocacy video shall be in MP4 format with clear audio and video quality.
8. **Submission Requirements**
   - One (1) printed hard copy of the complete documentation shall be brought during the contest proper.
   - Soft copies of the following shall be submitted through the official submission link to be provided by the organizers:
     - Documentation (PDF)
     - Advocacy Video (MP4)
   - Only entries submitted on or before the prescribed deadline shall be accepted.

9. The governance initiative must have been **implemented within the last two (2) years up to the present**.

10. The Regional Office reserves the right to use the submitted documentation and advocacy videos for educational, benchmarking, and promotional purposes with proper acknowledgment of the participating school.

11. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Excellence, Innovation, and Sustainability of the Governance Initiative	35%
Impact on School Improvement and Stakeholder Engagement	25%
Alignment with ASEAN Priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	15%
Quality, Organization, and Completeness of Documentation	15%
Creativity, Clarity, and Advocacy Value of the Video	10%
Total	**100%**

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P1,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

Enclosure No. 5 to Memorandum No. ____, s. 2026

CONTEST GUIDELINES

ASEAN Curriculum Integration Challenge

Contest Description

The **ASEAN Curriculum Integration Challenge** is a portfolio-based competition that recognizes teachers who demonstrate excellence in integrating ASEAN perspectives, values, and priorities into the curriculum through **lesson planning, assessment tools, and authentic performance tasks**. Participants showcase standards-based instructional materials that align with the **MATATAG Curriculum**, incorporate the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, and promote global citizenship, intercultural understanding, and regional awareness. The contest highlights innovative, learner-centered, and curriculum-aligned practices that can serve as exemplary models for quality teaching and learning across schools.

The contest aims to:

1. Promote the meaningful integration of ASEAN concepts, values, and perspectives into curriculum planning and classroom instruction.
2. Recognize teachers who develop high-quality, standards-based instructional materials that promote ASEAN awareness, global citizenship, and sustainable development.
3. Showcase exemplary lesson planning, authentic assessment tools, and performance tasks aligned with the MATATAG Curriculum.
4. Encourage innovation in curriculum design and assessment practices that develop 21st-century competencies.
5. Provide a repository of exemplary instructional resources that may be adopted or adapted by other schools.

Eligibility

- Open to all public elementary and secondary school teachers.
- Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall send **one (1) official entry**.

Contest Mechanics

1. Each participant shall submit **one (1) Curriculum Integration Portfolio** demonstrating the integration of ASEAN concepts into a learning area.
2. The portfolio shall contain instructional materials that have been **developed and implemented within the last two (2) years up to the present**.
3. The portfolio shall include the following components:

A. Curriculum Alignment

- Curriculum Guide Learning Competencies
- Learning Objectives
- ASEAN Theme(s)
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s) (SDGs) addressed
- Integration Matrix showing alignment of competencies, ASEAN concepts, and SDGs

B. Lesson Plan

- Standards-based lesson plan following the DepEd lesson planning format
- Learner-centered teaching strategies
- Integration of ASEAN perspectives throughout the lesson

C. Assessment Tools

- Formative assessment
- Summative assessment
- Rubrics or scoring guides
- Assessment aligned with the Most Essential Learning Competencies (or applicable competencies)

D. Performance Task

- Authentic performance task
- Task description
- Assessment rubric
- Sample learner outputs (if available)

E. Learning Resources

- Teacher-made instructional materials
- Worksheets
- Presentation materials
- Digital or printed learning resources
- References

F. Reflection

- Teacher's reflection on classroom implementation
- Learner engagement and outcomes
- Recommendations for improvement

4. The instructional materials shall clearly demonstrate:
   - Alignment with the Curriculum;
   - Integration of ASEAN values, perspectives, or issues;
   - Promotion of one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
   - Development of higher-order thinking skills and global citizenship.
5. There shall be no oral presentation during the contest.
6. All entries must be the original work of the participant.
7. The lesson plan, assessment tools, and performance task shall be aligned with the Curriculum and demonstrate meaningful integration of ASEAN concepts and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
8. The Regional Office reserves the right to reproduce or showcase submitted entries for educational and professional development purposes, with proper acknowledgment of the author.
9. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Submission Requirements

Participants shall submit:

- One (1) printed hard copy of the complete Curriculum Integration Portfolio during the contest proper.
- Soft copies of the following through the official submission link provided by the organizers:
  - Curriculum Integration Portfolio (PDF)
  - Editable lesson plan (MS Word)
  - Assessment tools
  - Performance task
  - Learning resources (if applicable)

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Curriculum Alignment and Integration of ASEAN Concepts and SDGs	30%
Quality of Lesson Planning	25%

Criteria	Percentage
Quality and Authenticity of Assessment Tools and Performance Task	25%
Creativity, Innovation, and Instructional Resources	10%
Organization, Completeness, and Quality of Portfolio	10%
Total	**100%**

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P1,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS

SDO/OFFICE	Education Program Supervisor-AP/Rep.	Learner-Participants	School Head	Teacher/Asatidz/
Angeles City	1	4	1	4
Aurora	1	4	1	4
Balanga City	1	4	1	4
Bataan	1	4	1	4
Bulacan	1	4	1	4
Baliwag City	1	4	1	4
Cabanatuan City	1	4	1	4
City of San Fernando	1	4	1	4
City of San Jose Del Monte	1	4	1	4
Gapan City	1	4	1	4
Malolos City	1	5	1	4
Mabalacat City	1	4	1	4
Meycauayan City	1	4	1	4
Nueva Ecija	1	4	1	4
Olongapo City	1	4	1	4
Pampanga	1	4	1	4
San Jose City	1	4	1	4
Science City of Munoz	1	4	1	4
Tarlac Province	1	4	1	4
Tarlac City	1	4	1	4
Zambales	1	4	1	4
Regional Office	2			

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MEMORANDUM
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FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **DISSEMINATION OF GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF 2026 DOWNLOADED ASEAN-UN INFORMATION DRIVE PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE REGIONS**

DATE : July 6, 2026

The External Partnerships Service – International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO) annually downloads Program Support Funds (PSF) to eligible Regional Offices to conduct initiatives to promote and raise awareness on ASEAN, the United Nations, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The ASEAN-UN Information Drive PSF seeks to foster global citizenship, peace, cultural appreciation, civic consciousness, and collaboration among learners and education stakeholders. Its significance is further underscored by the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2026 and the approaching 2030 target for achieving the UN SDGs.

This year, the following Regional Offices are eligible to receive the PSF:

Category I (Receiving ₱350,000.00):

- National Capital Region
- Region III
- Region V
- Region XI

Category II (Receiving ₱200,000.00):

- Region I
- Cordillera Administrative Region
- Region VIII

Attached is a copy of the Guidelines for the Utilization of the ASEAN–UN Information Drive Program Support Funds (PSF) for Fiscal Year 2026.

For your information and guidance.

[OUOPS/ DPP]

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GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE ASEAN AND UN INFORMATION DRIVE PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS (PSF) 2026

1. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations (UN) are two regional and international organizations that serve as a platform for the Philippines to pursue its development and security agenda through diplomacy and cooperation or partnership with other states. As a Member State of both platforms, the Philippines is also expected to fulfill commitments, including raising awareness of the history, mandates, and relevance of ASEAN and the UN to the country as outlined in their respective Charters.

2. The External Partnerships Service (EPS) – International Cooperation Office (ICO) annually downloads the ASEAN-UN Information Drive Program Support Funds (PSF) to the eligible regional offices of the Department of Education (DepEd) to encourage our counterparts in the field to conduct initiatives to promote and raise awareness on the ASEAN and the UN, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3. Eligible Regional Offices (RO) who have been downloaded with the ASEAN-UN PSF are requested to conduct activities that shall raise awareness about ASEAN and the SDGs among learners and DepEd's teaching and non-teaching personnel. The total financial allocation depends on the Category under which the RO falls under, to be divided between activities for ASEAN and UN. The ROs that fall under Category I will receive PHP350,000.00 while ROs falling under Category II will receive PHP 200,000.00.

    - Category 1: ROs who submitted Letters of Acceptance for the 2026 ASEAN-UN Information Drive PSFs and were able to submit their Utilization Reports for the 2025 PSF, and proposals for the 2026 PSF.

    - Category 2: ROs who were ineligible for the previous year and requested for the 2026 PSF.

4. The distribution of funds from the RO to the Schools Division Offices (SDO) shall be at the discretion of the Regional Director. However, it is encouraged that areas with a known low level of awareness about ASEAN and UN be given priority. The ICO may provide technical assistance if necessary to ensure successful conduct of activities.

5. The funds shall be utilized by the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), or other applicable offices in the RO as determined by the Regional Director, in the conduct of the activities, to ensure that the endeavor's substantive aspects are aligned with the learning competencies related to global citizenship, civic consciousness, and cultural appreciation.

6. The downloaded funds may be used for the following:

    a. Rental of equipment and/or venue
    b. Meals
    c. Transportation
    d. Board and lodging
    e. Other expenses related to the conduct of the activity/ies
    f. Printing/production of materials

7. For ROs and SDOs who plan to develop and create Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials on ASEAN and UN, consultation **must** be conducted with the ICO **prior** to production and/or publication to validate the substance and content of the materials.

8. All expenses incurred in the activities are subject to usual auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

9. For monitoring and evaluation, a consolidated report of the activities conducted must be sent to the ICO by email at ico@deped.gov.ph within the first quarter of the following year. The reporting template is enclosed for reference of eligible ROs.

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REGION III-CENTRAL LUZON

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 296, s. 2026

CONDUCT OF THE REGIONAL ASEAN FESTIVAL 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Curriculum Implementation Division Chiefs
School Heads of Public/Private Elementary and Secondary
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to DepEd Memorandum OM-OUGOPS-2026-13-02360, dated July 6, 2026, entitled "*Dissemination of Guidelines on the Utilization of 2026 Downloaded ASEAN-UN Information Drive Program Support Funds to Eligible Regions.*" This Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall conduct the **Regional ASEAN Festival 2026** on **September 8, 2026,** at **Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School, City of Malolos, Bulacan.** DepEd Schools Division Office of Malolos City will host this activity.

2. The ASEAN-UN Information Drive seeks to foster global citizenship, peace, cultural appreciation, civic consciousness, and collaboration among learners and education stakeholders. The initiative is particularly significant in 2026 in view of the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN and the continuing efforts toward the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

3. Meals, materials, and cash prizes shall be charged against ASEAN and UN Information Drive – Region III downloaded funds (OSEC-3-26-03547) while transportation and incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged to their respective local funds subject to the usual government auditing rules and regulations.

4. The following enclosures are attached for information and guidance.
Enclosure No. 1 - Young ASEAN Ambassador Speech Contest
Enclosure No. 2 - ASEAN Debate
Enclosure No. 3 -Project MAKABANSA (*Makahubog ng Aktibong Kabataang Aasahan ng Bansang Aagapay sa Napapanahong Suliranin at Adhikain*)
Enclosure No. 4 - ASEAN School Governance Excellence
Enclosure No. 5 - ASEAN Curriculum Integration Challenge
Enclosure No. 6 - Members of the Technical Working Group
Enclosure No. 7 - Distribution of Participants

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5. For queries and other information, please contact Louise L. Lumanug, Education Program Supervisor, at email address clmd.ro3@deped.gov.ph or louise.lumanug001@deped.gov.ph.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Regional Director

Encl.: As stated
Reference: OM-OUGOPS-2026-13-02360
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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CONTEST GUIDELINES

Young ASEAN Ambassador Speech Contest

Contest Description

The Young ASEAN Ambassador Speech Contest is an individual public speaking competition designed to develop learners' communication, leadership, and critical thinking skills while fostering a deeper appreciation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Through persuasive and informative speeches, participants demonstrate their understanding of ASEAN's vision, values, cultural diversity, sustainable development, and the vital role of youth in promoting regional cooperation and global citizenship.

Objectives

The contest aims to:

1. Enhance learners' public speaking and oral communication skills.
2. Promote awareness and appreciation of ASEAN's history, culture, identity, and regional cooperation.
3. Encourage learners to express informed ideas and inspire positive action on issues affecting the ASEAN community.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to officially enrolled **Grades 5–6 learners** from public and private elementary schools.
2. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall be represented by **one (1) contestant**.
3. A contestant may participate in only one (1) individual competition during the Regional ASEAN Festival.

Contest Guidelines

A. General Rules

- Contestants hall deliver an original prepared speech. The official theme shall be announced by the Regional Focal Person, one week before the contest. Each contestant shall be accompanied by **one (1) coach**.
- The speech shall be delivered in **English**.
- The speech must be the contestant's original work and must not have been previously awarded in any competition.
- The speech shall promote respect for cultural diversity, peace, regional cooperation, environmental stewardship, and responsible citizenship.
- The use of offensive, discriminatory, political campaign, commercial, or inappropriate content is strictly prohibited.

B. Contest Mechanics

1. Each contestant shall deliver a prepared speech with a duration of 3 **to 5 minutes**.
2. A warning bell shall be sounded at the third (3rd) minute, and a final bell at the fifth (5th) minute.
3. A deduction of **two (2) points** shall be imposed for every thirty (30) seconds or fraction thereof beyond the prescribed time limit.
4. Contestants may use note cards as a speaking guide but shall not read the speech verbatim.
5. PowerPoint presentations, videos, musical accompaniment, props, costumes, and other visual aids shall not be allowed.
6. The order of presentation shall be determined through a draw of lots before the contest.
7. The Board of Judges may ask contestants to remain in the venue until the competition has concluded.

C. Materials and Requirements

Contestants shall bring:

- Three (3) printed copies of the speech manuscript.
- One (1) valid school identification card or certification from the school.
- Note cards (optional).
- Writing materials for registration and documentation.

D. Prohibited Acts

The following shall constitute grounds for deduction of points or disqualification:

1. Submission or delivery of a plagiarized speech.
2. Receiving coaching or assistance during the contest.
3. Use of unauthorized electronic devices during the speech.
4. Use of offensive, defamatory, or culturally insensitive language.
5. Exceeding the allowable time beyond the prescribed limit.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Content, Accuracy, and Relevance to the Theme	40%
Organization and Development of Ideas	20%
Delivery (Voice, Diction, Pronunciation, Eye Contact, Poise, and Gestures)	25%
Language Use (Grammar and Vocabulary)	10%
Overall Impact	5%
Total	**100%**

The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P5,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

ASEAN Debate

Contest Description

The ASEAN Debate Contest is an individual academic competition that develops Senior High School learners' critical thinking, logical reasoning, persuasive communication, and global awareness. Participants analyze and defend positions on contemporary ASEAN issues through evidence-based arguments while demonstrating respect for diverse perspectives, ethical reasoning, and effective public speaking.

Objectives

The contest aims to:

1. Develop learners' critical thinking, analytical reasoning, and persuasive speaking skills.
2. Promote informed, evidence-based, and respectful discussion of issues affecting the ASEAN Community.
3. Strengthen learners' confidence in expressing ideas and responding to opposing viewpoints.
4. Foster global competence, leadership, and responsible citizenship consistent with the MATATAG Agenda and the Basic Education Development Plan (BEDP) 2030.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to officially enrolled **Senior High School (Grades 11–12)** learners from public and private schools.
2. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall send **one (1) official contestant**.
3. Since Region III consists of only twenty-one (21) Schools Division Offices (SDOs), the host Schools Division Office shall be authorized to enter one (1) additional official contestant to complete the twenty-two (22)-contestant one-on-one debate bracket.
4. Each learner may participate in only one (1) individual contest during the Regional ASEAN Festival.

Contest Guidelines

A. General Rules

1. The contest shall be conducted in English. Each contestant shall be accompanied by one (1) coach. The language to be used in the contest is English.
2. Debate motions shall focus on ASEAN-related issues such as education, culture, economic cooperation, environmental sustainability, disaster resilience, digital transformation, youth participation, and regional integration.
3. Contestants shall demonstrate courtesy, professionalism, and respect toward fellow participants and judges.
4. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

B. Contest Mechanics

Preliminary Round

1.The twenty-two (22) contestants shall compete in eleven (11) one-on-one debate matches.

2.Each group shall debate the same ASEAN-related motion assigned by the Technical Working Group.

3. Contestants shall draw lots to determine their debate opponent, assigned side (Affirmative or Negative), and order of speaking.

4. Contestants shall be given **20 minutes** to prepare after the motion is released.

5. Each contestant shall debate only one (1) assigned opponent during the Preliminary Round.

6. Each debate match shall follow the sequence below:

Affirmative Opening Argument – 3 minutes

Negative Opening Argument – 3 minutes

Affirmative Rebuttal – 2 minutes

Negative Rebuttal – 2 minutes

Affirmative Closing Statement – 1 minute

Negative Closing Statement – 1 minute

7.Contestants shall rebut only the arguments presented by their assigned opponent.

8.Contestants shall be evaluated individually using the approved judging criteria.

9.The six (6) contestants with the highest overall scores, regardless of debate pairing, shall advance to the Final Round.

Final Round

1. The six (6) finalists shall compete using a new ASEAN-related debate motion.
2. Finalists shall draw lots to determine their debate opponents and assigned positions.
3. Contestants shall be given fifteen (15) minutes to prepare after the release of the debate motion.
4. The Final Round shall follow the same debate format used in the Preliminary Round.
5. Scores from the Preliminary Round shall not be carried over. Only the scores obtained during the Final Round shall determine the winners.
6. In case of a tie, the contestant with the higher score in **Quality of Arguments** shall prevail. If the tie remains, the score in **Critical Thinking and Logical Reasoning** shall serve as the second tie-breaker.
7. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

C. Materials and Requirements

Contestants shall bring:

- Valid school identification card or certification.
- Pens or pencils.

D. Prohibited Acts

The following shall constitute grounds for deduction of points or disqualification:

1. Using mobile phones, smartwatches, tablets, laptops, or any electronic communication device during the preparation period or contest proper.
2. Receiving coaching or assistance after the debate motion has been released.
3. Communicating with coaches or other individuals during the preparation period.
4. Reading a pre-written speech unrelated to the assigned motion.
5. Using offensive, discriminatory, defamatory, or culturally insensitive language.
6. Presenting fabricated information or intentionally misleading evidence.
7. Displaying unsportsmanlike conduct or disrupting the proceedings.
8. Failure to comply with the instructions of the organizers and Board of Judges.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Quality of Arguments (Accuracy, Evidence, Relevance, and Analysis)	35%
Critical Thinking and Logical Reasoning	25%
Rebuttal and Responsiveness	20%
Delivery (Organization, Fluency, Diction, Confidence, and Persuasiveness)	15%
Professionalism and Debate Etiquette	5%
Total	**100%**

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P5,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

Project MAKABANSA (Makahubog ng Aktibong Kabataang Aasahan ng Bansang Aagapay sa Napapanahong Suliranin at Adhikain)

Contest Description

Project MAKABANSA aims to develop learners into responsible, proactive, and community-oriented citizens by encouraging them to identify real issues affecting their local communities and propose practical, sustainable, and innovative solutions. The project promotes critical thinking, civic engagement, collaboration, and social responsibility while aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (S DGs) and the Revised K to 10 Curriculum.

Objectives

The contest aims to:

1. Encourage learners to investigate pressing issues within their own communities.
2. Develop learners' problem-solving, research, and presentation skills.
3. Promote community involvement through feasible and sustainable action plans.
4. Integrate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into local development initiatives.
5. Inspire learners to become active contributors to nation-building.

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to officially enrolled **Junior High School (Grades 7–10)** learners from public and private schools.
2. Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall be represented by **one (1) team composed of two (2) learner-participants**.
3. Each team shall be accompanied by **one (1) coach**.The language to be used in the contest is English.
4. Learners may participate in only one (1) team competition during the Regional Festival.

Contest Guidelines

1. Each team shall prepare a **community-based project proposal** focusing on an actual issue, concern, or challenge affecting their locality.
2. The selected topic **must clearly demonstrate its connection to one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The identified SDG/s shall be clearly indicated and explained in the presentation.
3. The project proposal shall include the following components:
    - Title of the Project
    - Background of the Community Issue
    - Statement of the Problem
    - Objectives
    - Relevant Sustainable Development Goal(s)
    - Proposed Solutions
    - Detailed Action Plan
    - Expected Outcomes
    - Stakeholders and Community Partners
    - Sustainability Plan
    - Documentation and References
4. Entries shall be **pre-prepared** before the competition. No on-site preparation shall be allowed.
5. During the contest, each team shall deliver a **five (5)-minute oral presentation** using a **Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation (PPT).**
6. After the presentation, the Board of Judges may ask **clarificatory questions for a maximum of three (3) minutes.**
7. Each team shall submit the following:
    - One (1) printed hard copy of the complete project documentation.
    - One (1) digital copy (PDF) through the official submission link that will be provided by the organizers.
    - PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) through the same submission link.
8. All submitted materials shall become part of the contest documentation of the organizers.
9. The proposed action plan should be practical, realistic, community-responsive, and capable of implementation with available or attainable resources.
10. Participants must observe professionalism, respect, and academic integrity throughout the competition.
11. Plagiarism or misrepresentation of data shall be grounds for disqualification.

12. The organizers reserve the right to publish or showcase the submitted entries for educational purposes with proper acknowledgment of the authors.
13. Failure to submit the required hard copy and digital copy within the prescribed schedule may affect the team's eligibility for judging.
14. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Presentation Specifications

- Maximum presentation time: **5 minutes**
- Clarificatory questions: **3 minutes**
- Presentation must utilize Microsoft PowerPoint.
- Multimedia elements may be used, provided they are embedded within the presentation.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Relevance and Significance of the Community Issue	20%
Integration and Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goal(s)	20%
Feasibility, Sustainability, and Innovation of the Action Plan	25%
Quality of Presentation (Organization, Delivery, Visuals, and Time Management)	20%
Evidence, Documentation, and Community Engagement	15%
Total	100%

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P5,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P4,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Third Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Fourth Runner-up	P1,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

ASEAN School Governance Excellence

Contest Description

The **ASEAN School Governance Excellence** Contest recognizes schools that demonstrate exemplary governance practices in promoting quality, inclusive, transparent, and sustainable education. It provides a venue for schools to showcase innovative governance initiatives that strengthen school leadership, stakeholder engagement, accountability, and continuous improvement while advancing the ASEAN Community Vision and contributing to the achievement of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**

The contest aims to:

1. Recognize exemplary school governance initiatives that contribute to school improvement and learner success.
2. Promote innovative, transparent, participatory, and accountable governance practices.
3. Encourage collaboration among school leaders, teachers, learners, parents, and community stakeholders.
4. Showcase governance initiatives aligned with ASEAN priorities and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
5. Facilitate the sharing of best practices that may be replicated by other schools.

Eligibility

- Open to all public elementary and secondary schools.
- Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall send **one (1) official entry**.

Contest Mechanics

1. Each participating school shall submit a **documented entry** featuring its exemplary school governance initiative or best practice.
2. The documented entry shall highlight governance initiatives demonstrating:
    - Strategic and instructional leadership;
    - Stakeholder participation and community partnerships;
    - Transparency and accountability;

- Innovation in school governance;
- Inclusive and equitable practices; and
- Sustainability of programs and initiatives.

3. The governance initiative must clearly demonstrate its contribution to one or more **ASEAN priorities** and the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The relevant SDG(s) shall be identified and explained in the documentation.
4. The documentation shall include the following sections:
   - Title of the Governance Initiative
   - School Profile
   - Background and Rationale
   - Objectives
   - Governance Innovation or Best Practice
   - Implementation Process
   - Stakeholder Participation
   - Results and Impact
   - Sustainability Plan
   - Lessons Learned
   - Supporting Documents and References
5. **No oral presentation** shall be conducted during the contest.
6. Each participating school shall prepare and submit an **advocacy video** with a duration of **two (2) to three (3) minutes**. The video shall:
   - Highlight the school's governance initiative and its impact;
   - Demonstrate stakeholder involvement and community participation;
   - Emphasize alignment with ASEAN values and the identified SDG(s); and
   - Promote the initiative as a model of effective school governance.
7. The advocacy video shall be in MP4 format with clear audio and video quality.
8. **Submission Requirements**
   - One (1) printed hard copy of the complete documentation shall be brought during the contest proper.
   - Soft copies of the following shall be submitted through the official submission link to be provided by the organizers:
     - Documentation (PDF)
     - Advocacy Video (MP4)
   - Only entries submitted on or before the prescribed deadline shall be accepted.

9. The governance initiative must have been **implemented within the last two (2) years up to the present**.

10. The Regional Office reserves the right to use the submitted documentation and advocacy videos for educational, benchmarking, and promotional purposes with proper acknowledgment of the participating school.

11. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Excellence, Innovation, and Sustainability of the Governance Initiative	35%
Impact on School Improvement and Stakeholder Engagement	25%
Alignment with ASEAN Priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	15%
Quality, Organization, and Completeness of Documentation	15%
Creativity, Clarity, and Advocacy Value of the Video	10%
Total	**100%**

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P1,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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CONTEST GUIDELINES

ASEAN Curriculum Integration Challenge

Contest Description

The **ASEAN Curriculum Integration Challenge** is a portfolio-based competition that recognizes teachers who demonstrate excellence in integrating ASEAN perspectives, values, and priorities into the curriculum through **lesson planning, assessment tools, and authentic performance tasks**. Participants showcase standards-based instructional materials that align with the **MATATAG Curriculum**, incorporate the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, and promote global citizenship, intercultural understanding, and regional awareness. The contest highlights innovative, learner-centered, and curriculum-aligned practices that can serve as exemplary models for quality teaching and learning across schools.

The contest aims to:

1. Promote the meaningful integration of ASEAN concepts, values, and perspectives into curriculum planning and classroom instruction.
2. Recognize teachers who develop high-quality, standards-based instructional materials that promote ASEAN awareness, global citizenship, and sustainable development.
3. Showcase exemplary lesson planning, authentic assessment tools, and performance tasks aligned with the MATATAG Curriculum.
4. Encourage innovation in curriculum design and assessment practices that develop 21st-century competencies.
5. Provide a repository of exemplary instructional resources that may be adopted or adapted by other schools.

Eligibility

- Open to all public elementary and secondary school teachers.
- Each Schools Division Office (SDO) shall send **one (1) official entry**.

Contest Mechanics

1. Each participant shall submit **one (1) Curriculum Integration Portfolio** demonstrating the integration of ASEAN concepts into a learning area.
2. The portfolio shall contain instructional materials that have been **developed and implemented within the last two (2) years up to the present**.
3. The portfolio shall include the following components:

A. Curriculum Alignment

- Curriculum Guide Learning Competencies
- Learning Objectives
- ASEAN Theme(s)
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goal(s) (SDGs) addressed
- Integration Matrix showing alignment of competencies, ASEAN concepts, and SDGs

B. Lesson Plan

- Standards-based lesson plan following the DepEd lesson planning format
- Learner-centered teaching strategies
- Integration of ASEAN perspectives throughout the lesson

C. Assessment Tools

- Formative assessment
- Summative assessment
- Rubrics or scoring guides
- Assessment aligned with the Most Essential Learning Competencies (or applicable competencies)

D. Performance Task

- Authentic performance task
- Task description
- Assessment rubric
- Sample learner outputs (if available)

E. Learning Resources

- Teacher-made instructional materials
- Worksheets
- Presentation materials
- Digital or printed learning resources
- References

F. Reflection

- Teacher's reflection on classroom implementation
- Learner engagement and outcomes
- Recommendations for improvement

4. The instructional materials shall clearly demonstrate:
   - Alignment with the Curriculum;
   - Integration of ASEAN values, perspectives, or issues;
   - Promotion of one or more United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
   - Development of higher-order thinking skills and global citizenship.
5. There shall be no oral presentation during the contest.
6. All entries must be the original work of the participant.
7. The lesson plan, assessment tools, and performance task shall be aligned with the Curriculum and demonstrate meaningful integration of ASEAN concepts and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
8. The Regional Office reserves the right to reproduce or showcase submitted entries for educational and professional development purposes, with proper acknowledgment of the author.
9. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

Submission Requirements

Participants shall submit:

- One (1) printed hard copy of the complete Curriculum Integration Portfolio during the contest proper.
- Soft copies of the following through the official submission link provided by the organizers:
  - Curriculum Integration Portfolio (PDF)
  - Editable lesson plan (MS Word)
  - Assessment tools
  - Performance task
  - Learning resources (if applicable)

Criteria for Judging

Criteria	Percentage
Curriculum Alignment and Integration of ASEAN Concepts and SDGs	30%
Quality of Lesson Planning	25%

Criteria	Percentage
Quality and Authenticity of Assessment Tools and Performance Task	25%
Creativity, Innovation, and Instructional Resources	10%
Organization, Completeness, and Quality of Portfolio	10%
Total	**100%**

Awards and Recognition

The following awards shall be conferred:

Award	Prizes
Champion	P3,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
First Runner-up	P2,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition
Second Runner-up	P1,000.00 and Plaque of Recognition

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DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS

SDO/OFFICE	Education Program Supervisor-AP/Rep.	Learner-Participants	School Head	Teacher/Asatidz/
Angeles City	1	4	1	4
Aurora	1	4	1	4
Balanga City	1	4	1	4
Bataan	1	4	1	4
Bulacan	1	4	1	4
Baliwag City	1	4	1	4
Cabanatuan City	1	4	1	4
City of San Fernando	1	4	1	4
City of San Jose Del Monte	1	4	1	4
Gapan City	1	4	1	4
Malolos City	1	5	1	4
Mabalacat City	1	4	1	4
Meycauayan City	1	4	1	4
Nueva Ecija	1	4	1	4
Olongapo City	1	4	1	4
Pampanga	1	4	1	4
San Jose City	1	4	1	4
Science City of Munoz	1	4	1	4
Tarlac Province	1	4	1	4
Tarlac City	1	4	1	4
Zambales	1	4	1	4
Regional Office	2			

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MEMORANDUM
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FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **DISSEMINATION OF GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF 2026 DOWNLOADED ASEAN-UN INFORMATION DRIVE PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE REGIONS**

DATE : July 6, 2026

The External Partnerships Service – International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO) annually downloads Program Support Funds (PSF) to eligible Regional Offices to conduct initiatives to promote and raise awareness on ASEAN, the United Nations, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The ASEAN-UN Information Drive PSF seeks to foster global citizenship, peace, cultural appreciation, civic consciousness, and collaboration among learners and education stakeholders. Its significance is further underscored by the Philippines' Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2026 and the approaching 2030 target for achieving the UN SDGs.

This year, the following Regional Offices are eligible to receive the PSF:

Category I (Receiving ₱350,000.00):

- National Capital Region
- Region III
- Region V
- Region XI

Category II (Receiving ₱200,000.00):

- Region I
- Cordillera Administrative Region
- Region VIII

Attached is a copy of the Guidelines for the Utilization of the ASEAN–UN Information Drive Program Support Funds (PSF) for Fiscal Year 2026.

For your information and guidance.

[OUOPS/ DPP]

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GUIDELINES ON THE UTILIZATION OF THE ASEAN AND UN INFORMATION DRIVE PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNDS (PSF) 2026

1. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations (UN) are two regional and international organizations that serve as a platform for the Philippines to pursue its development and security agenda through diplomacy and cooperation or partnership with other states. As a Member State of both platforms, the Philippines is also expected to fulfill commitments, including raising awareness of the history, mandates, and relevance of ASEAN and the UN to the country as outlined in their respective Charters.

2. The External Partnerships Service (EPS) – International Cooperation Office (ICO) annually downloads the ASEAN-UN Information Drive Program Support Funds (PSF) to the eligible regional offices of the Department of Education (DepEd) to encourage our counterparts in the field to conduct initiatives to promote and raise awareness on the ASEAN and the UN, including the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3. Eligible Regional Offices (RO) who have been downloaded with the ASEAN-UN PSF are requested to conduct activities that shall raise awareness about ASEAN and the SDGs among learners and DepEd's teaching and non-teaching personnel. The total financial allocation depends on the Category under which the RO falls under, to be divided between activities for ASEAN and UN. The ROs that fall under Category I will receive PHP350,000.00 while ROs falling under Category II will receive PHP 200,000.00.

    - Category 1: ROs who submitted Letters of Acceptance for the 2026 ASEAN-UN Information Drive PSFs and were able to submit their Utilization Reports for the 2025 PSF, and proposals for the 2026 PSF.

    - Category 2: ROs who were ineligible for the previous year and requested for the 2026 PSF.

4. The distribution of funds from the RO to the Schools Division Offices (SDO) shall be at the discretion of the Regional Director. However, it is encouraged that areas with a known low level of awareness about ASEAN and UN be given priority. The ICO may provide technical assistance if necessary to ensure successful conduct of activities.

5. The funds shall be utilized by the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), or other applicable offices in the RO as determined by the Regional Director, in the conduct of the activities, to ensure that the endeavor's substantive aspects are aligned with the learning competencies related to global citizenship, civic consciousness, and cultural appreciation.

6. The downloaded funds may be used for the following:

    a. Rental of equipment and/or venue
    b. Meals
    c. Transportation
    d. Board and lodging
    e. Other expenses related to the conduct of the activity/ies
    f. Printing/production of materials

7. For ROs and SDOs who plan to develop and create Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials on ASEAN and UN, consultation **must** be conducted with the ICO **prior** to production and/or publication to validate the substance and content of the materials.

8. All expenses incurred in the activities are subject to usual auditing and accounting rules and regulations.

9. For monitoring and evaluation, a consolidated report of the activities conducted must be sent to the ICO by email at ico@deped.gov.ph within the first quarter of the following year. The reporting template is enclosed for reference of eligible ROs.