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Dear **RD Rocafort,**

Greetings from NCSC!

The **National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC)** wishes to collaborate closely with the **Department of Education - Region XII** in promoting mutual respect, understanding and better connection between our schoolchildren and our Filipino elderlies to strengthen intergenerational relations for value formation and nation-building.

NCSC hopes that we can jumpstart bridging the intergenerational gaps between the younger and older generations by encouraging our schools to come up with simple yet impactful classroom activities in celebration of the **Elderly Filipino Week** that is commemorated every **October 1-7** by virtue of *Proclamation No. 470* issued by then the late President Fidel V. Ramos on September 26, 1994. Classroom teachers may wish to ask their students to make tribute cards and/or invite our grandparents like our retired teachers to read books, share informative tales, childhood experiences and important lessons in life. In IPEd schools, teachers may ask indigenous elders to do Flalok.

We hope that in the Elderly Filipino Week celebration, our teachers particularly our secondary school teachers can provide space for deeper and meaningful intergenerational conversations. We are positive that these activities can remind and inspire our senior citizens to continue dreaming, living and optimize active ageing. We can let them feel that they are valued and they play significant roles in building the Filipino family and society. Moreover, these activities can greatly influence our younger generations to pay higher respect and regard to our elderlies and not allow the digital technology to disconnect them from connecting better to their elders and the Filipino value system.

In behalf of NCSC, thank you very much for your affirmative response and we look forward for more future collaboration in the mission of upholding the rights of all ages in the community.

All the best,

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Commissioner IV