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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL
ORIENTATION AND CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON THE U.S.
EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM (EVP): MINDANAO**

DATE : 26 October 2022

This is in reference to the conduct of the “**Regional Orientation and Consultation Workshop on the U.S. Exchange Visitor Program: Mindanao**” on 23-25 November 2022 (inclusive of travel time), in Davao City by the International Cooperation Office (ICO), through its Bilateral/Multilateral, American, and European Affairs Cooperation portfolio.

Background

The Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) refers to the international exchange program administered by the United States, in the implementation of the Mutual Education



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and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961. The law was intended "to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the peoples of other countries" through:

- An information service to disseminate abroad information about the United States, its people, and its policies; and
- An educational exchange service to cooperate with other nations in the interchange of persons, knowledge and skills; the rendering of technical and other services; and the interchange of developments in the field of education, arts, and sciences. (<https://www.evpcommittee.ph/about-us/what-is-evp>)

The Philippines is a participant to the EVP, where its implementation is facilitated and monitored by the EVP Committee of the Philippines. The Committee is an interagency body, chaired by the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO), that coordinates the country's participation in the EVP and properly channels the services of returned participants to the benefit of various Philippine government projects.

The DepEd's participation thereto was brought by the reconstitution of the EVP Committee by former President Fidel V. Ramos on January 17, 1996, as stipulated under Administrative Order No. 242. The inclusion of the teacher category was one of the EVP's thrusts to expand cultural exchanges to U.S. schools and students with Filipino teachers.

Activity

It is within this context that the ICO is conducting a nationwide series of activity entitled "**Regional Orientation and Consultation Workshop on the U.S. Exchange Visitor Program**", with the first four regional legs particularly North Luzon (for DepEd Regional Offices I, II, and CAR), South Luzon (for DepEd Regional Offices IV-A, IV-B, and V), Central Luzon & NCR (for DepEd Regional Offices III and NCR), and Visayas (for DepEd Regional Offices VI, VII and VIII) successfully conducted and now with the **Mindanao leg (fifth consultation) scheduled on 23-25 November 2022 (inclusive of travel dates) in Davao City.**

Target Participants

The personnel from each Regional and Schools Division Offices under DepEd Regional Offices IX, X, XI, XII and XIII will be invited to participate and engage in the activity's discussions.



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OFFICE	PREFERRED PERSONNEL	NO. OF PARTICIPANT
1. Regional Office IX	Representative from either of the following: ✓ Human Resource Development Division; or ✓ Legal Unit; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
2. SDO Zamboanga del Sur	✓ Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ Assistant Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
3. SDO Zamboanga del Norte		1
4. SDO Zamboanga Sibugay		1
5. SDO Zamboanga City		1
6. SDO Isabela City		1
7. SDO Dapitan City		1
8. SDO Pagadian City		1
9. SDO Dipolog City		1
10. Regional Office X		Representative from either of the following: ✓ Human Resource Development Division; or ✓ Legal Unit; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead
11. SDO Bukidnon	✓ Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ Assistant Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
12. SDO Cagayan de Oro City		1
13. SDO Camiguin		1
14. SDO Gingoog City		1
15. SDO El Salvador City		1
16. SDO Iligan City		1
17. SDO Lanao del Norte		1
18. SDO Malaybalay City		1
19. SDO Misamis Oriental		1
20. SDO Misamis Occidental		1



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21. SDO Oroquieta City		1
22. SDO Ozamis City		1
23. SDO Tangub City		1
24. Regional Office XI	Representative from either of the following: ✓ Human Resource Development Division; or ✓ Legal Unit; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
25. SDO Davao City	✓ Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ Assistant Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
26. SDO Davao Occidental		1
27. SDO Davao del Norte		1
28. SDO Davao de Oro		1
29. SDO Davao Oriental		1
30. SDO Davao del Sur		1
31. SDO Tagum City		1
32. SDO Igocos City		1
33. SDO Digos City		1
34. SDO Mati City		1
35. SDO Panabo City		1
36. SDO City		1
37. SDO City		1
38. Regional Office XII	Representative from either of the following: ✓ Human Resource Development Division; or ✓ Legal Unit; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
39. SDO Cotabato	✓ Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ Assistant Schools Division Superintendent; or	1
40. SDO Sarangani		1
41. SDO South Cotabato		1
42. SDO Sultan Kudarat		1



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43. SDO General Santos City	✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
44. SDO Kidapawan City		1
45. SDO Koronadal City		1
46. SDO Tacurong City		1
47. Regional Office XIII	Representative from either of the following: ✓ Human Resource Development Division; or ✓ Legal Unit; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
48. SDO Agusan del Norte	✓ Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ Assistant Schools Division Superintendent; or ✓ other representative as may be designated instead	1
49. SDO Agusan del Sur		1
50. SDO Dinagat Islands		1
51. SDO Surigao del Norte		1
52. SDO Surigao del Sur		1
53. SDO Bayugan City		1
54. SDO Bislig City		1
55. SDO Butuan City		1
56. SDO Cabadbaran City		1
57. SDO Surigao City		1
58. SDO Siargao		1
59. SDO Tandag City		1

Clear Statement of Request and Recommended Action

In this regard, **we most respectfully invite participants to join in the “Regional Orientation and Consultation Workshop on the U.S. Exchange Visitor Program: Mindanao” on 23-25 November 2022 (inclusive of travel dates), in Davao City.**

Kindly send us the details of the nominated participant/s in your respective areas of concern in the following format.



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No.	Region	Office/Division	Name of Participant (complete w/ middle initial)	Position	DepEd Email Address	Food Restrictions
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Kindly confirm attendance with corresponding details of above nominated participants **on or before 11 November 2022.**

Attached is the Concept Note and the Provisional Program for reference.

For your information and appropriate action.

Should your office have further questions and/or concerns regarding this matter, you may get in touch with the ICO through our email address (ico@deped.gov.ph) or landline numbers 8637-6462/6463.

Thank you.

Attachment/s:

1. Updated Concept Note
2. Updated Provisional Program