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5TH INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CONFERENCE (IREC)

Attached is an invitation from the Association of Filipino Teachers and Educators in America (AFTEA) regarding the 5th International Research and Education Conference (IREC) which will be held on June 26 to July 5, 2026 at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel in Flushing, New York City, USA.

The Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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ASKC/HRDD-RA-2026 5th International Research and Education Conference (IREC)
04/March 12, 2026.



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March 12, 2026

DR. RAMIR B. UYTICO, CESO III

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Dear Dr. Ramir B. Uytico:

Good day!

We witnessed and felt the positive and significant impact of everyone who participated in our 4th International Research and Educational Conference (IREC) in New York City in July 2024. In fact, it was an excellent opportunity for educators, researchers, educational leaders, and enthusiasts from a wide range of disciplines to collaborate globally and share and discuss their findings. Through international alliances and collaborations, the Association of Filipino Teachers and Educators in America (AFTEA) was inspired to anticipate another event of engagement and collaboration, presenting innovations and current research projects.

Our previous conference encouraged us to pioneer new perspectives through international collaboration because we recognize that the future of education requires a shared vision and collective action. This year, we advance by transforming those renewed perspectives into sustainable practices through innovation and the application of artificial intelligence. By doing this, we make sure that the spirit of cooperation we cultivate is based on sustainability, driven by innovation, and envisioned for the future of education, continues to empower us all as members of a greater movement.

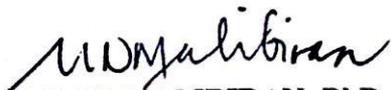
AFTEA is pleased to invite you and your Regional Officials, Superintendents, and School Administrators to attend and actively participate in this important academic event, the 5th International Research and Education Conference (IREC). We are honored to have two prestigious organizations, the Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology (BISCAST) and the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines (USTP), as partners for the 5th IREC in 2026. We

Also welcome collaboration with your prestigious university in the near future. "*Sustainability Through Innovation: Rethinking Futures of Education in the Age of AI*" is the theme of this year's conference. This subject builds upon the idea from the previous year of utilizing international cooperation to shape the futures of education. It advances us in a deliberate discussion about how innovation, Artificial Intelligence, and sustainable practices may create revolutionary educational paths across the globe—a goal we can only accomplish with your help. The 5th IREC 2026 will be held at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel in Flushing, New York City, USA, from June 26 to July 5, 2026. There will be parallel sessions and as well as benchmarking to prestigious universities in the United States.

We appreciate your consideration of our invitation. We anticipate hearing from you favorably and having the opportunity to benefit from your participation. Please contact us at 646-644-6958 or 347-361-1192, email: aftea2006@gmail.com, to discuss our invitation further, should you have other queries.

Sincerely,


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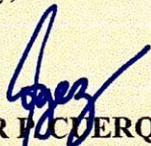
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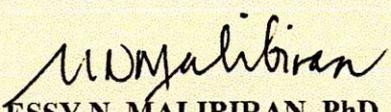
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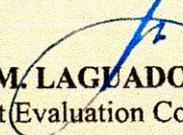
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NEW YORK CITY | 26 JUNE - 5 JULY, 2026



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OPENING PRAYER

09:00 AM – 09:05 AM

MARVIN L. CADORNIGARA, DDIV.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

09:05 AM – 09:10 AM

AUDIO VISUAL

WELCOME SPEECH

09:10 AM – 09:015 AM

ROGER P. CUERQUEZ, PHD

FEATURED SPEAKERS

09:015 AM – 10:00 AM

NERISSA LINELL JOIE T. CALUB, EDD, PHD

HON. SENEN T. MANGALILE

AMBROSIO B. CULTURA II, PHD

NELSON P. CABRAL, EDD

BREAK & NETWORKING

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

REFRESHMENTS

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INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

10:30 AM – 10:35 AM

HERBERT GLENN P. REYES, PHD

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

10:35 AM – 11:00 AM

MARK GREGORY ROBSON, PHD

MARIA SAVVA, PHD

FEATURED SPEAKERS

11:10 AM – 11:40 AM

CHAMBERLAIN NWANNE, PHD

ELMER-RICO MOJICA, PHD

GRISELDA C. QUINTANA, PHD

CRITERIA FOR BEST PAPER & PRESENTER

11:40 AM – 11:50 AM

EUFEMIA B. PATRON, PHD

CLOSING REMARKS

11:50 AM – 12:00 PM

ESSY N. MALIBIRAN, PHD

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5TH IREC ITINERARY ACTIVITIES AND DATES

DAY 1: FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND PRESENTERS
MEET AND GREET

DAY 2: SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

BENCHMARKING 1
CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK MUSEUMS
PACE UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT 1

DAY 3: SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

PLENARY CONFERENCE
RESEARCH PAPER PRESENTATIONS
ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT 2

DAY 4: MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026

BENCHMARKING 2
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT 3
NEW YORK CITY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS
AFTA BALL

DAY 5-6: TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30-JULY 1, 2026

BENCHMARKING 3
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT 4
BOSTON CITY HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

DAY 7-8: THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 2-3, 2026

BENCHMARKING 4
YALE UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON DC

DAY 9-10: SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 4-5, 2026

BENCHMARKING 5
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
US INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT 5
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
DEPARTURES

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CUNY-LAGUARDIA NEW YORK CITY | 28 JUNE, 2026

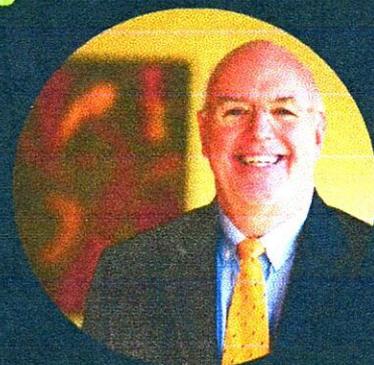


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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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PROFESSOR
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
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FEATURED SPEAKERS

DR. AMBROSIO B. CULTURA II

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DR. NELSON P. CABRAL
PRESIDENT
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ZAMBOANGA CITY, PHILIPPINES

PLENARY SPEAKERS

DR. CHAMBERLAIN NWANNE
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MANHATTAN, NEW YORK CITY, USA



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