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**Department of Education**  
**NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

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this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,  
but only for the information of DepEd NIR officials and personnel/staff.

**7<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

Attached is an invitation from The Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (PSDBP) regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Symposium on September 3 to 4, 2026 at Citadines, Bacolod City.

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

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Chair, Publicity Committee  
PSDBP 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Symposium

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June 1, 2026

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Director IV

Department of Education Negros Island Region  
Dumaguete City

Dear Dr. Uytico,

Greetings!

We are pleased to invite the Department of Education NIR to attend the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Symposium of the Philippine Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, scheduled to take place on September 3-4, 2026 at Citadines, Bacolod City. This year's theme **I.N.C.L.U.D.E. 2026 Inclusion in Neurodevelopmental Care through Leadership, Unity, Data, and Equity**, underscores a shared commitment to advancing inclusive, evidence-based, and equitable care for children with neurodevelopmental needs. The Scientific Committee has carefully developed a comprehensive program with highlight on collaborative and inclusive approaches across the household, school, and community, and will feature updates on the evolving role of artificial intelligence in enhancing assessment, intervention, and long-term support for neurodivergent children.

This symposium will bring together leading experts, practitioners, and key stakeholders, providing a valuable platform for interdisciplinary exchange, collaboration, and knowledge sharing among participants.

We sincerely hope that representatives from the Department of Education will grace us with their presence, contribute to the discussions and share insights on policies and initiatives that can promote the well-being of children. Please find the program and registration details attached. You can also go directly to our website to see more about our event: <https://app.xperto.ph/event/psdbp-include-2026>

We await your positive response and welcome your distinguished delegation to this important event.

Thank you for your attention and continued commitment to pediatric health.

Warm regards,

**SHERYLL BAÑEZ-PALAMI, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP**

*Chair, Scientific Committee, 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Symposium*

**MARIA CAROLINA ALEJANO, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP**

*Chair, 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Symposium*

Noted by:

**BERNADETTE C. BENITEZ, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP**

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### REGISTER NOW!

#### EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

**June 1, 2026 - July 31, 2026**

**Regular rates will apply from August 1 to August 15, 2026**

Registration will automatically close once the maximum number of delegates are met.

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**CPD UNITS APPLIED:**

Medicine, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy,  
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## REGISTRATION RATES

EARLY BIRD RATE (FROM JUNE 1, 2026 - UNTIL JULY 31, 2026)		REGULAR REGISTRATION RATE (STARTING AUGUST 1, 2026 - UNTIL AUGUST 15, 2026)	
<b>LOCAL REGISTRANTS</b>			
<b>EARLY BIRD RATE</b>	<b>Php 4,500</b>	<b>REGULAR RATE</b>	<b>Php 5,000</b>
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# PSDBP 7th Regional Scientific Symposium PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

# I.N.C.L.U.D.E.

# 2026

## DAY 1: September 3, 2026, Thursday

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

### OPENING CEREMONIES

Invocation

National Anthem, PMA Hymn, PPS Hymn, PSDBP Hymn

Opening Remarks: Bernadette Benitez, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP  
PSDBP President

Overview of the Program: Maria Carolina Alejano, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP  
Overall Chair, 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Scientific Symposium

### **AM SESSION: Collaboration for Inclusive Home and Community Interventions**

Chair/Moderator: Charlotte Averill Y. Tan, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

### Plenary 1: Every Ability Belongs: Promoting Understanding, Acceptance, and Inclusion Across Communities

Speaker: Alexis Socorro Reyes, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

### Panel Discussion 1: Nurturing Development Where It Begins: Inclusive Early Childhood Practices

Speakers: Karol Mark Yee, PhD

Ma. Therese Arranz-Lim, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

### Plenary 2: Starting Early in Primary Care: Inclusive Approaches to Early Childhood Development

Speaker: Jacqueline Navarro, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Open Forum

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Opening of the Commercial Exhibits

Lunch Break

Networking

### **PM SESSION: Collaboration for Inclusive School-Based Interventions**

Chair/Moderator: Emeé Marie Evangelista, MD, DPPS, FPSDBP

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

### Plenary 3: Inclusive Education: Supporting Children with Special Needs in School

Speaker: Frank S. Emboltura, LPT, MEd

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

### Panel Discussion 2: Bridging Home, School, and Therapy: A Unified Approach to Inclusion

Speakers: Louela P. Bermillo, LPT, MEd SPED

Hia Lecaroz Delfinado, SLP

Genecio Woo, D. Min, OTRP

Maria Isabel Quilendrina, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

### Panel Discussion 3: Policy to Practice: Bridging Policy and Implementation Through Collaborative Governance

Speakers: Frank S. Emboltura, LPT, MEd

Richelle Verdeprado Mangga, RSW, MSSW, PhD, JD, RBGS

Ferriza Maria Isaguirre, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Open Forum

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**AM SESSION: Collaborative Pathways to Inclusive and Innovative Futures**

Chair/Moderator: Marie Khatrina Lagang-Buenaventura, MD, DPPS, DPSDBP

- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM**      **Plenary 4: Understanding Artificial Intelligence in Child Development: Roles, Applications, and Limitations in Special Needs Care**  
Speaker: Victoria Dominique Ang-Nolasco, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
- 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM**      **Plenary 5: Understanding Clinical Practice Through AI: Ethical and Practical Guidance for Special Needs Care**  
Speaker: Bernadette Benitez, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM**      **Plenary 6: Beyond Barriers: The Future of AI as a Lifelong Partner for Special Needs**  
Speaker: Mary Ann Prudencio, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP
- 10:15 AM - 10:30 AM**      **Open Forum**
- 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM**      **Pledge Ceremony**
- 10:45 AM - 11:30 AM**      **CLOSING CEREMONIES**  
**Awarding of Certificates to Sponsors**  
**Closing Remarks:** Lourdes Bernadette Tanchanco, MD, FPPS, FPSDBP  
*PSDBP Vice-President*  
**Closing Prayers**