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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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CONDUCT OF THE GAWAD TEODORA ALONSO 2025 RECOGNITION RITES AND READING EXHIBIT

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the Memorandum from the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems on the Conduct of the Gawad Teodora Alonso (GTA) 2025 Recognition Rites and Reading Exhibit to be held on February 2–5, 2026 at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

2. The following personnel are enjoined to participate, subject to the existing guidelines and availability of funds:

- Regional Director or authorized representative
- CLMD Chiefs or their authorized representatives
- Regional EPS in charge of LRMS
- Division LRMS EPS
- Members of the National Technical Working Committee
- Members of the National Screening Committee
- GTA 2025 Regional Literary Shepherds
- Winning writers, finalists, and official delegates identified by BLR through formal invitations coursed through the Regional Office

3. Enclosed is the program matrix which outlines the activities from February 2 to 5, 2026, including ingress, open mic storytelling, LR ConCon sessions, onsite storytelling contest, gallery walk, major awarding rites, and closing activities.

4. Additional details on program schedule, participant lists, and logistical arrangements shall be issued through subsequent advisories.

5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR LEARNING SYSTEMS

MEMORANDUM
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TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ATTENTION : **CURRICULUM AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT DIVISION**
CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION
LEARNING RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SECTION

FROM : **CARMELA C. ORACION**
Assistant Secretary
Officer-in-Charge
Undersecretary for Learning Systems

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF THE GAWAD TEODORA ALONSO 2025 RECOGNITION RITES AND READING EXHIBIT**

DATE : January 15, 2026

This Memorandum is hereby issued to inform the field offices of the conduct of the **Recognition Rites and Reading Exhibit** of the Gawad Teodora Alonso (GTA) 2025, to be held from February 2 to 5, 2026 at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

The activity is a multi-event undertaking, with its highlight being the Recognition Rites of the GTA 2025, which features seventeen (17) subcategories recognizing outstanding writers, illustrators, creators of chapter books and comics for young adults, illustrated children's storybooks, storytelling videos, story narratives, and poem compilations.

In addition, the following major activities shall be conducted:

1. Learning Resources Consultative Conference (LR ConCon), where the Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR) and the Learning Resources Management Sections (LRMS) of the Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall convene to discuss, review, and plan policies, programs, processes, and projects related to learning resources (LRs);

2. Reading Exhibit, which shall showcase GTA-recognized works and selected regional LR projects for benchmarking, knowledge-sharing, and replication of best practices;

3. Onsite Storytelling Contest, a component of the GTA 2025 competition under Category 4C, highlighting interactive and performance-based storytelling using the winning GTA 2025 entries; and

4. GTA 2025 Recognition Rites sub-activities, including but not limited to the Preliminary Awarding Ceremonies, Open Mic Storytelling, and various regional sub-activities organized in coordination with the host region.

In this regard, the following are hereby enjoined to attend and participate subject to existing guidelines and availability of funds:

- Regional Directors or their duly authorized representatives,
- Regional Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) Chiefs or their duly authorized representatives,
- Regional Education Program Supervisors (EPS) in-charge of the Regional LRMS,
- Division LRMS EPS,
- Members of the National Technical Working Committee,
- Members of the National Screening Committee,
- GTA 2025 Regional Literary Shepherds, and
- Winning writers, finalists, and official delegates of the GTA 2025 to be identified by the BLR through formal invitation letters coursed through the respective ROs.

Further details on the program of activities, specific schedules, participant lists, and logistical arrangements shall be issued through subsequent advisories.

For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

cc: ***MALCOLM S. GARMA***
Undersecretary for Operations

Gawad Teodora Alonso 2025
RECOGNITION RITES AND READING EXHIBIT
cum Learning Resources Consultative Conference
Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City

	Day 1 February 2, 2026	**Day 2** February 3, 2026	**Day 3** February 4, 2026	**Day 4** February 5, 2026
AM	Ingress, registration, and setting up booths 8:00 to 11:00 AM All attendees Pavilion Open Mic Storytelling Sessions 10:00 to 12:00 PM Interested Participants Invited Coaches and Judges Smart casual Pavilion and ReadEx Booths NOTE: To be continued in the afternoon	Learning Resources Consultative Conference 8:00 to 11:00 AM LRMS Personnel Corporate Pavilion	Onsite Storytelling Sessions - Contest 9:30 to 10:00 AM Storytelling Contestants Literary-based/casual ReadEx Booths Preliminary Awarding Ceremonies 10:00 AM to 12:00 NN All attendees All ReadEx Picks and runners-up for all categories Modern Filipiniana Pavilion	*(Continuation)* Learning Resources Consultative Conference on BLR Reading Treasury and LR Consultative Conference 2026 8:00 to 11:00 AM LRMS Personnel Casual Pavilion
PM	Opening Program *Ceremonial Opening Salvo* 1:00 to 3:00 PM All attendees Smart casual Pavilion Alab Winning Circle Ceremonies 5:00 to 6:00 PM Winning writers, illustrators, storytellers, and coaches Casual brown or green Blood Compact Shrine, Tagbilaran City	*(Continuation)* Learning Resources Consultative Conference 1:00 to 4:00 PM LRMS Personnel Corporate Pavilion *Technical Rehearsals*	**Reading Exhibit** *Gallery Walk with the Secretary* 2:00 to 3:00 PM All attendees Full-dress Filipiniana ReadEx Booths **Storybook Recognition Rites** *Highlight Event* 3:00 to 5:00 PM All attendees Categories 1 and 2 placements Categories 3, 4, 5, and 6 winners Full-dress Filipiniana Pavilion	Closing Program Egress 1:00 to 3:00 PM All attendees Pavilion

KINAIYAHAN is the motif of the GTA 2025 Recognition Rites. The word is drawn from the word *kalikasan* (nature), which embodies the living relationship between people, culture, knowledge, and the environment. As the central motif of the GTA 2025 Rites, kinaiyahan affirms that children's and youth literature is deeply rooted in the landscapes, ecosystems, and lives realities of Filipino communities. The motif highlights nature as source, setting, and teacher. Philippine stories have long been shaped by mountains and seas, forests and fields, animals and elements, reflecting how learning, values, and imagination grow from one's surroundings.