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**NEGROS ISLAND REGION**

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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**INVITATION TO THE SCREENING AND INTERVIEW OF THE SHORTLISTED REGIONAL NOMINEES FOR THE 2026 KOREA-PHILIPPINES TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

To: OIC-Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendent of SDO Negros Occidental  
Chief, HRDD

1. Attached is an Unnumbered Memorandum titled Invitation to the Screening and Interview of the Shortlisted Regional Nominees for the 2026 Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme.
2. Attention is particularly invited to paragraphs 6 – 10 of the said Memorandum.
3. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, there shall be no discrimination in the provision of Learning and Development interventions on the account of age, school, gender, civil status, disability, religion, or other similar factors/ personal circumstances that run counter to the principles of equal opportunity.
4. For further queries, contact Angelita Socorro K. Caballo, OIC-Education Program Specialist II of the Human Resource Development Division at 09152741206.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director

Encl: As stated

Reference:

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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ASKC/HRDD-RM\_ Invitation to the Screening and Interview of the Shortlisted Regional Nominees for the 2026 Korea-Philippines  
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**MEMORANDUM**

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FROM : **CILETTE LIBORO CO** *lc*  
*Assistant Secretary*  
*Public Affairs and External Partnerships*

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE SCREENING AND INTERVIEW OF THE  
SHORTLISTED REGIONAL NOMINEES FOR THE 2026  
KOREA-PHILIPPINES TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

DATE : March 5, 2026

Relative to the conduct of the 2026 Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme (KPTEP), the Central Office is now in the selection process of the regional applicants who will complete the four (4) teachers to join this year's teacher exchange programme for deployment in selected Korean schools from April to July 2026.

The Selection and Screening of the Regional Nominees for this year's cycle was initiated through a memorandum dated **December 17, 2025**, signed by **Assistant Secretary Cilette Liboro Co**, which requested the **Office of Undersecretary Wilfredo Cabral** to disseminate the call for nomination. Following this, the call was endorsed to the **Office of OIC-Undersecretary for Learning Systems**.

To ensure wide participation, a subsequent memorandum was issued on **January 20, 2026**, signed by **OIC-Usec. Carmela Oracion**, directing Regional Directors (RDs), Schools Division Superintendents (SDS), and School Heads to submit their respective nominees.

In response to these calls, the **International Cooperation Office (ICO)** is pleased to report that it has received a total of **26 regional nominees** representing **ten (10) regions** across the country.

Following a thorough pre-screening of the applicants, it was determined that 19 regional nominees met the initial criteria and were invited to proceed to the next stage of the process. From this group, a secondary evaluation focused on selecting the best candidates based on their specific qualifications and specializations. Ultimately, **10 nominees** have been shortlisted as the best fit to move forward to the formal interview and final screening stage.



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The ICO, in collaboration with the **KPTEP Technical Working Group (TWG)**, is scheduled to conduct the online final screening and interview of these candidates on **March 11, 2026**. The shortlisted participants for this activity are composed of the following:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESIGNATION</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>REGION/DIVISION</b>
Lorna D. Soriano	Teacher III	Mangaldan National High School	Region I/Schools Division Office of Pangasinan II
Ria Flor V. Valdoz	Master Teacher I	Cut-Cut Elementary School	Region III/Schools Division Office of Tarlac City
Marites Sequitin	Master Teacher II	Mary Cris Elementary School	Region IV-A/Schools Division Office of Gen. Trias City
Russel Gorre	Master Teacher II	Negros Occidental High School	Negros Island Region/Schools Division Office of Negros Occidental
Josephine Acedo	Master Teacher I	Dao Elementary School	Region VII/Schools Division Office of Tagbilaran City
Jigg RL Gonzales	Teacher II	Bukidnon National High School	Region X/Schools Division of Malaybalay City
Rogar Garcia	Master Teacher II	Francisco Bangoy National High School	Region XI/Schools Division Office of Davao City
Rodel Gentapa	Master Teacher I	Tampakan National High School	Region XII/Schools Division Office of South Cotabato City
Glodelyn Borja	Teacher VI	Luna Central School	Cordillera Administrative Region/Schools Division Office of Apayao
Criselda Cimat	Master Teacher I	Kapitbahayan Elementary School	National Capital Region/Schools Division Office of Navotas City

In preparation for the final screening and interview process, all shortlisted regional nominees are requested to submit the following requirements to [jaymee.carreon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:jaymee.carreon@deped.gov.ph):



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1. **Demonstration Teaching Video:** A video recording with a duration of 10 to 20 minutes. Please adhere to the following file name: SURNAME\_REGION\_DATE SUBMITTED (e.g., DELA CRUZ\_REGIONIV\_MARCH092026).
2. **Lesson Plan:** A digital copy of the corresponding lesson plan used in the demonstration.

The deadline of submission of the demonstration video is on **March 9, 2026, on or before 5:00 PM.**

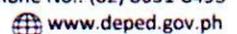
In this regard may we respectfully request the assistance of your office in disseminating this information to the respective region and concerned personnel.

Should you have further queries or concerns on the matter, kindly contact our office at (02) 6376462 or email [ico@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ico@deped.gov.ph) cc Ms. Jaymee Grace D. Carreon at [jaymee.carreon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:jaymee.carreon@deped.gov.ph)

Thank you very much.

*Attachments:*

1. *Signed Memorandum (CO-EPS-ICO No. 12-657) dated December 17, 2025, Call for Nomination for the 2026 Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme*
2. *Signed Memorandum (DM-OULS-2026-017) dated January 20, 2026, Call for Nomination for the 2026 Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme*



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**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-OULS-2026-017**

**TO :** **Regional Directors**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**School Heads**  
**All Others Concerned**

**FROM :** *Carmela Oracion*  
**CARMELA C. ORACION**  
Assistant Secretary  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

**SUBJECT :** **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 KOREA-  
PHILIPPINES TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (KPTEP)**

**DATE :** 20 January 2026

1. The **Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme (KPTEP)**, implemented by the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), announces its **Call for Nominations for 2026**.
2. It aims to provide Filipino and Korean teachers with constructive experiences that will enable them to do the following:
  - a. Learn from each other's educational system;
  - b. Deepen cultural understanding;
  - c. Build inter-cultural communicative competency in teaching while collaborating with local teachers;
  - d. Strengthen networks in education between Korea and Philippines;
  - e. Share their knowledge and pedagogical skills through their teaching and learning process; and
  - f. Invigorate networks in the education sector within the Asia-Pacific region.
3. In this regard, the **National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP)** requests each **Regional Office** to nominate at least **four (4) candidates**, based on the following criteria/ qualifications:
  - a. In-service public-school teachers from primary and secondary schools with over five (5) years of teaching experience;
  - b. Preferably a Master Teacher;
  - c. Have not previously received any funding for a programme exceeding one (1) month from the Korean government within the last three (3) years;





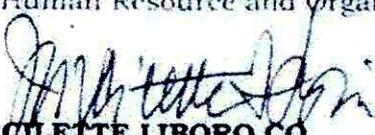
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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

CO-EPS-ICO No. 12-459 s. 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **WILFREDO E. CABRAL**  
Undersecretary  
Human Resource and Organizational Development

**THROUGH :**   
**CILETTE LIBORO CO**  
Assistant Secretary  
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

**FROM :**   
**ATTY. AMORSOLO R. CAMARA JR.**  
Director IV

**SUBJECT :** **CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR THE 2026 KOREA-PHILIPPINES  
TEACHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

**DATE :** December 17, 2025

**BACKGROUND**

This refers to the Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme (KPTEP) which was launched in 2012 in line with the Asia-Pacific Teacher Exchange for Global Education (APTE) and on the basis of the Cultural Agreement between the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea entered into force on April 27, 1973.

The Korean Ministry of Education designates the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), an office under the auspices of UNESCO, as the implementing agency of the programme in Korea. For the Philippines side, the Department of Education (DepEd) is the host organization.

The programme aims to provide Filipino and Korean teachers constructive experiences to:

- a. Learn from each other's educational system;
- b. Deepen cultural understanding;
- c. Build inter-cultural communicative competency in teaching while collaborating with local teachers;
- d. Strengthen networks in education between two countries;
- e. Share their knowledge and pedagogical skills through their teaching and learning process; and



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- f. Invigorate networks in the education sector within the Asia-Pacific Region.

The teacher exchange programme between the following countries started 2012 with Korea-Mongolia and Korea-Philippines. Partner countries widened to Indonesia in 2013, Malaysia in 2014, Vietnam in 2015, Thailand in 2016, Cambodia in 2017, Laos in 2020.

**SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME**

*Selection Criteria of Teacher Participants*

- a) In-service public-school teachers from primary and secondary schools with over five (5) years of teaching experience;
- b) Preferably a Master Teacher;
- c) Have not previously received any funding for programme exceeding one (1) month from Korean government within the last three (3) years;
- d) Advanced English in reading, writing, speaking, and listening proficiency or Basic Korean language proficiency;
- e) Should have at least a very satisfactory performance rating;
- f) Should not be more than 50 years old and physically and mentally fit and no existing health condition; and
- g) In possession of a valid Philippine passport.

*Responsibilities of the Teacher Participants*

- a) Shall design and conduct lessons on curriculum of relevant subjects in collaboration with mentor teachers;
- b) Shall introduce Philippine education system, and culture to Korean students and teachers for intercultural understanding;
- c) Shall conduct individual projects on Global Citizenship Education (GCED);
- d) Shall submit assignments, including final reports of one's performance and achievement; and
- e) Shall undertake other educational activities, assigned by or in consultation with host schools, host ministry, or APCEIU, to enhance mutual understanding between Korea and the Philippines.



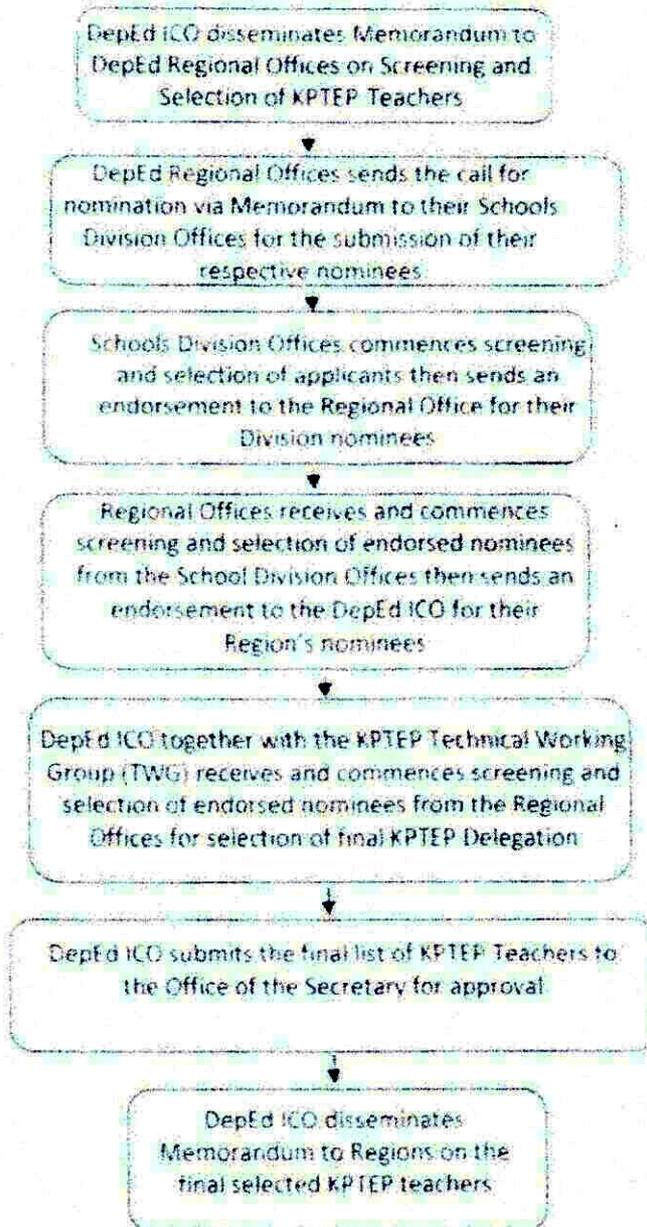
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### **CLEAR STATEMENT OF REQUEST**

In this regard, the International Cooperation Office (ICO) respectfully request Your Honor's office to disseminate the Call for Nomination for the 2026 Korean-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme.

Teacher applicants are directed to submit pertinent documents enclosed in their portfolio/documentation, which shall likewise include the following with corresponding means of verification:

- a. Educational attainment;
- b. Innovations and implemented programs in the school, division, region, or national;
- c. Community and extension services; and
- d. Endorsement of the School Head duly approved by Schools Division Superintendent.

The list of nominees per region and their corresponding profiles must be submitted on or before January 12, 2026 through [ico@deped.gov.ph](http://ico@deped.gov.ph). Four (4) nominees from each region of the Philippines shall be submitted to DepEd Central Office.

For further coordination, Your Honor's staff may coordinate with Ms. Jaymee Grace D. Carcon of the ICO at telephone number (02) 8-637-6462 and via email at [ico@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ico@deped.gov.ph), copy furnished to [jaymee.carreon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:jaymee.carreon@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you very much.