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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

RESCHEDULING OF THE 2025 NATIONAL ACCREDITATION OF TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

1. Attached is an Advisory from **Hon. Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, Office of the Secretary General, Palarong Pambansa**, dated **October 23, 2025** on the **Rescheduling of the 2025 National Accreditation of Technical Officials (NATO)**, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Regional Director

FDM/ESSD-RM RESCHEDULING OF THE 2025
_____/October 24, 2025 NATIONAL ACCREDITATION OF TECHNICAL OFFICIALS



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FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
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- Approved
 Disapproved
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