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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 615 s. 2025

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**PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP ON THE REFINEMENT OF POLICY
GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL
OF TALENTS (NFOT)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents of Bacolod City, Bais City, Dumaguete City, Guihulngan City, Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, and Sagay City
Chief of the CLMD
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. DM-LS-2025 titled Participation in the Workshop on the Refinement of Policy Guidelines for the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT) on November 19-21, 2025 at the Makati Palace Hotel, Makati City, National Capital Region.

2. The participants in the workshop are as follows:

NO.	NAME	POSITION	OFFICE
1	Eric S. Bacolado	EPS-Designate	DepEd NIR
2	Jose Ernie M. Buelos	EPS-Designate	DepEd NIR
3	Mayleen Joy V. Fariñas	EPS-Designate	DepEd NIR
4	Ma. Melanie P. Romero	EPS-Designate	DepEd NIR
5	Lorelee D. Asignacion	EPS	Bacolod City
6	Bernadette Susvilla	SDS	Bais City
7	Joesan M. Ramos	OIC-CID Chief	Dumaguete City
8	Sarah Jane T. Barrera	EPS	Dumaguete City
9	Juditha B. Paunillan	P II	Guihulngan City
10	Bonifacio F. Barroquillo	EPS	Negros Occidental
11	Joy Emily A. Tanio	EPS II	Negros Oriental
12	Ryan C. Alvarez	AP Coordinator	Sagay City

3. Board and lodging shall be charged against the 2025 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Current Funds, while travel and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be likewise charged against the 2025 BEC Current Funds intended for NFOT-related activities directly released by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to the regions as per DBM Code 310100100003000, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Meanwhile, the travel and incidental expenses of the Regional Office participants shall be charged against local funds.



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4. Any excess travel and other incidental expenses of the participants beyond the provided funds shall be charged to the local funds of the concerned regions or schools divisions, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

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

RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III
Regional Director

Encl.: None

Reference: As stated

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

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WORKSHOPS

JEB/CLMD-RMWLC- Participation in the Workshop on the Refinement of Policy Guidelines for the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)
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MEMORANDUM DM-LS-2025-___

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
MINISTER, MINISTRY OF BASIC, HIGHER, AND
TECHNICAL EDUCATION, BARMM

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

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION IN THE WORKSHOP ON THE
REFINEMENT OF POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026
NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)

DATE : OCTOBER 23, 2025

In line with the Department of Education's (DepEd) commitment to continuous improvement of basic education programs, the Learning Systems Strand, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery - Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), will conduct the **Workshop on the Refinement of Policy Guidelines for the 2026 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** on **November 19-21, 2025**, at the **Makati Palace Hotel**, 5011 P. Burgos, corner Caceres Street, Makati City, National Capital Region (NCR).

Specifically, this activity aims for the participants to:

- A. Recalibrate the policy guidelines and streamline the existing events of the NFOT to enhance clarity, relevance, and effectiveness; foster inclusivity and innovation; and ensure alignment with DepEd's Five-Point Reform Agenda;
- B. Enhance coordination and collaboration among all levels of DepEd governance to ensure the smooth implementation and strengthened support systems of the NFOT; and
- C. Express strong commitment and advocacy toward the success of the NFOT.

Participants in this activity are **select Regional and Division NFOT Event Focal Persons, Schools Division Superintendents, and School Heads** (See Annex A: *Distribution of Participants per Region*).

The list of identified participants per region, duly approved by the Regional Director, shall be submitted to the BLD-SID on or before November 10, 2025, through email at **nfot.bld@sid@deped.gov.ph** (See Annex B: *List of Identified Participants*).

Identified participants are advised to pre-register online on or before November 10, 2025, through this link: <http://tinyurl.com/NFOTRefineOnlineConfirmation>.



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Participants are reminded to bring their laptop, extension cord and pocket Wi-Fi; wear business attire; and attend all sessions (*See Annex C: Indicative Program of Activities*). They are advised to take the most economical means of transportation. They are expected to arrive at the venue a day before the activity. The first meal to be served is **dinner on Day 0** (November 18, 2025), while the last meal will be **lunch on Day 3** (November 21, 2025).

Board and lodging shall be charged against the **2025 Basic Education Curriculum (BEC) Current Funds**, while travel and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be likewise charged against the **2025 BEC Current Funds intended for NFOT-related activities** directly released by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to the regions as per **DBM Code 310100100003000**, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Any excess travel and other incidental expenses of the participants beyond the provided funds shall be charged to the **local funds** of the concerned regions or schools divisions, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For further inquiries or clarifications, please contact the BLD-SID, through Ms. Marites P. Romen and/or Mr. Denn Marc P. Alayon, Supervising Education Program Specialists, through telephone number 8637-4346 or through the aforementioned email address.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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Annex A: Distribution of Participants per Region

**WORKSHOP ON THE REFINEMENT OF POLICY GUIDELINES
FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)**
November 19-21, 2025, Makati Palace Hotel, Makati City

DISTRIBUTION OF PARTICIPANTS PER REGION

Region	Tech nolym pics	Sining Tang halan	Histo Pop	Read- A Thon English	Read- A Thon Filipino	Agha- mazing	Num- ber Race	Lingo Stars	Musa- baqah	SNED Expo	CLMD Chief	Schools Division Superin- tendent	School Heads	Total Pax per Region
I	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1		1	11
II	1	1			1		1	1	1	1	1			8
III		1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1			8
IV-A (CALA BARZON)	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1		1	1	10
IV-B (MIMA ROPA)	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1			10
CAR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
NCR		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	11
V	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1			10
VI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	12
VII	1		1		1		1	1	1	1	1			8
VIII	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1		11
NIR	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		12
IX	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1			10
X	1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1		1	1	10
XI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	11
XII	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	11
CARAGA	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11
BARMM			1		1	1	1		1					5
TOTAL	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	9	8	182



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Annex B: List of Identified Participants

**WORKSHOP ON THE REFINEMENT OF POLICY GUIDELINES
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November 19-21, 2025, Makati Palace Hotel, Makati City

LIST OF IDENTIFIED PARTICIPANTS

Region: _____

No.	Name	Position	Office	Email Address
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Prepared by:

Recommending Approval:

Signature over Printed Name

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Approved:

Regional Director
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Annex C: Indicative Program of Activities

WORKSHOP ON THE REFINEMENT OF POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (NFOT)

November 19-21, 2025, Makati Palace Hotel, Makati City

INDICATIVE PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

DAY 1 (November 19, 2025, Wednesday)		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSONS INVOLVED
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Registration	
OPENING PROGRAM		
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Introduction of Participants	Nicanor M. San Gabriel Jr. <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
	Welcome Remarks	Gerson Marvin M. Abesamis, <i>Director IV, BLD</i>
	Statement of Purpose	Rosalie E. Bongon, <i>Chief, BLD-SID</i>
	Program of Activities	Marites P. Romen, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
	Video Highlights of the 2025 NFOT	Audio-Visual Presentation
	Photo Opportunity	Program Management Team (PMT) Participants
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Keynote Message: “Implementing with Purpose: Redefining the What and How to Fulfill the Why of the National Festival of Talents (NFOT)”	Keynote Speaker: Jerome T. Buenviaje <i>Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems</i>
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	<i>Morning Snacks</i> Special Number	
10:10 AM - 10:20 PM	Workshop 1 Mechanics	Christine N. Graza-Magboo, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
10:20 AM - 12:00 PM	Workshop 1: Down the Memory Lane: Revisiting the 2025 NFOT Policy Guidelines	PMT and Participants
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 PM - 1:10 PM	Management of Learning (MOL)	PMT



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1:10 PM - 1:20 PM	Workshop 2 Mechanics	Florentino L. Varron Jr., <i>SEPS, BLD-SID</i>
1:10 PM - 3:00 PM	Workshop 2: Recalibrating and Streamlining the Events of the 2026 NFOT	PMT and Participants
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	<i>Afternoon Snacks</i>	
3:10 PM - 4:30 PM	Continuation of Workshop 2	PMT and Participants
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Plenary presentation of Workshops 1-2 outputs	Nicanor M. San Gabriel Jr., <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
		Participants
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Clearing House	PMT and Participants
6:00 PM onwards	<i>Dinner</i>	
Day 1 Emcee	Emmanuel F. Del Rosario, <i>SEPS, BLD-SID</i>	
Day 1 Documenter	Denn Marc P. Alayon, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>	
DAY 2 (November 20, 2025, Thursday)		
TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSONS INVOLVED
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	MOL	PMT
8:10 AM - 8:15 AM	Workshop 3 Mechanics	Mitzi Grace G. Gavilanes, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
8:15 PM - 10:00 AM	Workshop 3: Reinventing the Rules: Writing the New Policy Guidelines for the 2026 NFOT <i>*event description and alignment with target learning competencies and performance standards, 21st century skills, creative industries domains, and career pathways</i>	PMT and Participants
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	<i>Morning Snacks</i>	
10:10 AM - 12:00 PM	Continuation of Workshop 3 <i>*technical specifications and criteria for judging</i>	PMT and Participants
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 PM - 1:10 PM	MOL	PMT
1:10 PM - 3:00 PM	Continuation of Workshop 3 <i>*general guidelines, specific event mechanics, scoresheets, and other attachments</i>	PMT and Participants
3:00 PM - 3:10 PM	<i>Afternoon Snacks</i>	
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Small group presentation of Workshop 3 outputs (within the group)	PMT and Participants
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Clearing House	PMT and Participants
6:00 PM onwards	<i>Dinner</i>	
Day 2 Emcee	Cinderella U. Reginio, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>	
Day 2 Documenter	Emmanuel F. Del Rosario, <i>SEPS, BLD-SID</i>	
DAY 3 (November 21, 2025, Friday)		



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TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSONS INVOLVED
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	MOL	Armi S. Victor, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>
8:10 AM - 10:00 AM	Plenary presentation of Workshop 3 outputs	Denn Marc P. Alayon, <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i> Participants
10:00 AM - 10:10 AM	<i>Morning Snacks</i>	
10:10 AM - 11:15 AM	Continuation of Plenary presentation of Workshop 3 outputs	PMT and Participants
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Synthesis and Clearing House	Rosalie E. Bongon, <i>Chief, BLD-SID</i>
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	CLOSING PROGRAM	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 PM onwards	HOME SWEET HOME	
Day 3 Emcee	Nicanor M. San Gabriel Jr., <i>SVEPS, BLD-SID</i>	
Day 3 Documenter	Florentino L. Varron Jr., <i>SEPS, BLD-SID</i>	