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Department of Education
NEGROS ISLAND REGION

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

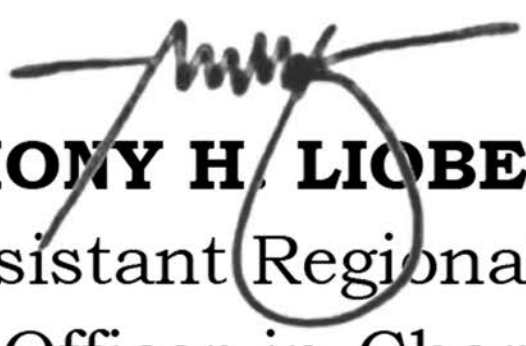
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2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), disseminates the Department of Education Advisory titled **"2026 ASEAN Month Celebration."**
2. Anent this, all SDOs are hereby directed to sing the official ASEAN anthem, The ASEAN Way during all Flag Raising Ceremonies.
3. Further, all SDOs are likewise invited to join the simultaneous special DepEd Flag Raising Ceremony on August 3, 2026 to mark the beginning of ASEAN Month.
4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


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Reference: as stated
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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
This advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 39, s. 2009,
but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.
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2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), comprising Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Thailand, and Vietnam, was established on August 8, 1967, through the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration).

By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 282 dated July 31, 2018 (Amending Proclamation No. 1008 dated May 21, 1997), which declares the month of August of every year as ASEAN Month, and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 013 dated July 8, 2019, which enjoins all government agency heads to include the singing of the ASEAN Anthem and the sharing of information about ASEAN (including the histories of the member states, rich socio-cultural identities, local customs and belief systems, linguistic diversity, and collective heritage) in all flag-raising ceremonies (FRCs) within August of every year beginning in 2019, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the External Partnerships Service (EPS)-International Cooperation Office (ICO), is organizing the ASEAN Month Celebration for 2026.

Under the Philippines' ASEAN chairmanship in 2026, the organization is guided by the theme, Navigating Our Future, Together. This theme emphasizes regional unity in Southeast Asia, shared responsibility, and forward-looking strategies to address emerging challenges and opportunities.

All regional offices (ROs) and schools division offices (SDOs) are invited to sing the official ASEAN anthem, The ASEAN Way, during all FRCs in August. Additionally, all ROs and SDOs are invited to join the simultaneous special DepEd FRC on August 3, 2026, to mark the beginning of ASEAN Month. Additional details regarding this activity will be disseminated through the appropriate channels.

The updated version of The ASEAN Way is accessible through DepEd email via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>. Moreover, all ROs are invited to play the official Philippine ASEAN 2026 song, One Vision, One Ocean, in compliance with MC 117, titled Prescribing the Playing of the Official Music Videos of Lupang Hinirang and the ASEAN 2026 Song One Vision, One Ocean During Flag Ceremonies and Other Official Government Events. The official Philippine ASEAN 2026 song may be downloaded through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.

In addition, the ICO annually provides all eligible ROs with funding support for the celebration of ASEAN Month and/or the conduct of activities aimed at raising awareness of ASEAN. Eligible ROs are enjoined to utilize these funds solely for their intended purpose and to submit utilization reports within the first quarter of 2027. Guidelines on the utilization of the funds will be disseminated through the appropriate channels.

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