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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE TALK ON TRANSFORMING K-12 SYSTEMS  
IN EMERGING COUNTRIES

DATE: 05 March 2014

You are cordially invited to attend the Talk on Transforming K-12 Systems in Emerging Countries which will be conducted by Sir Michael Barber, Chief Education Advisor for Pearson PLC and former Chief Adviser on Delivery to the British Prime Minister as our Guest Speaker. Attached are more details on his background. This activity will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014, 3:00 p.m. at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan.

For your immediate attention and consideration.

  
RIZALINO D. RIVERA  
Undersecretary

*To: SDSs  
RegOps/Mendoza  
for your information  
and appropriate action, please  
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## *Transforming K-12 Systems in Emerging Countries*



Guest Speaker: Sir Michael Barber

*Chief Education Advisor for Pearson PLC and former Chief Adviser on Delivery to the British Prime Minister*

When: Monday, March 10, 2014

Time: 3:00 PM

Venue: Bulwagan ng Karunungan

*Sir Michael Barber is a leading authority on education systems and education reform. Over the past two decades, his research and advisory work have focused on system-wide reform; access, success and funding in higher education; and access and quality in schools in developing countries. He will be speaking about the insights he has derived from his work helping to reform public education systems in emerging countries such as Pakistan, Malaysia and Brazil.*

*Michael recently joined Pearson as Chief Education Advisor, leading Pearson's worldwide program of research into the future of education, designing and implementing Pearson's system of ensuring efficacy. Michael also co-founded and chairs the Pearson Affordable Learning Fund, a venture fund that invests in innovative models of education to improve access to high quality education for low income households.*

*Earlier in his career, Michael was asked by then UK Prime Minister Tony Blair to create and lead the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit to ensure implementation of public sector reform. Whilst leading the Delivery Unit, Michael developed "Deliverology", a new effective approach to public sector reform that helped to improve public services across the UK.*

*After that, Michael joined the consulting firm McKinsey where he led their global education practice, and implemented Deliverology in several countries. This includes Pakistan, where he has helped the Chief Minister of Punjab with his School Reform Roadmap, a program that has in two years resulted in an additional 1.5 million school children being enrolled in school, and increased teacher attendance to over 90%.*

*Michael is the author of several books and publications including *Instruction to Deliver: Fighting to Transform Britain's Public**

*Services, Oceans of Innovation: The Atlantic, The Pacific, Global Leadership and the Future of Education, An Avalanche is Coming: Higher Education and the Revolution Ahead, The Good News from Pakistan and How to do the Impossible: a Guide for Politicians with a Passion for Education.*