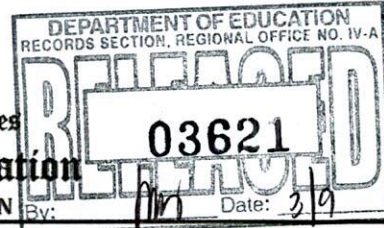




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**Regional Memorandum**

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**REGIONAL SEED EXCHANGE AND FOOD EXHIBITION**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to the letter dated February 27, 2023, relative to the Regional Seed Exchange and Food Exhibition, which will be held on March 12, 2023 (Sunday) at the Y.C. James Yen Center, Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) Silang Cavite.
2. The event aims to improve the capacities of GPP Coordinators on seed-saving techniques improve the quality of seeds distributed to the community and strengthen the skills of SBFP/Nutrition Education Coordinators in the development of nutritious indigenous recipes for school feeding and canteen.
3. The participants in this activity are the Regional, Division SBFP/Nutrition Education, ISNM Coordinators, and GPP Coordinators.
4. Attached is the list of Lighthouse School as Annex A, Local Agro-biodiversity Conservation and Dissemination Drive Project Timeline as Annex B, Acknowledgement receipt of Lighthouse Schools as Annex C, Monitoring Tool for Distributed Planting Materials as Annex D, Monitoring Tool for Nutrition Education for Learners, Parents, and Other Community Members (To be accomplished by the Lighthouse Schools) as Annex E, Lighthouse School Accomplishment Report as Annex F.
5. Travel and other related expenses to this activity will be charged against the regional funds while that of the Schools Division Office will be charged against their local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. For further information, kindly contact Dr. Annaliza T. Araojo through mobile at 09165417823 or through email at [essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph](mailto:essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph).



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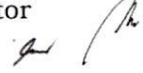
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7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.



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**Attention:** Dra. Annaliza T. Araojo, Dentist III/ ISNM Focal Person  
Virgilio O. Guevarra, Jr., Education Program Supervisor

Dear Dir. Escobarte;

Greetings from the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)!

In line with the previous letter on the **Regional Seed Exchange and Food Exhibition, we will move the schedule from March 7 to March 12 (Saturday)** pursuant to **OUA Memo 00-0422-0049 titled Local Agrobiodiversity Conservation and Dissemination Drive Project** issued 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Lighthouse Schools was tasked to conserve, propagate, and distribute planting materials to the community members towards promotion of home gardens. Furthermore, one seed exchange event should be initiated by the Lighthouse Schools.

The **Regional Seed Exchange and Food Exhibition** is to be participated by the Division ISNM Focal and school-level GPP, SBFP Coordinators of the **seventy-four (74) Lighthouse Schools in the twenty-three (23) School Divisions of DepEd CALABARZON Region**. The event aims to improve capacities of GPP Coordinators on seed saving techniques improving quality of seeds distributed to community; and strengthen the skills of SBFP/Nutrition Education coordinator on the development of nutritious indigenous recipes for school feeding and canteens. **May we also ask the assistance of your Regional Office to develop the Regional Memorandum to cascade the information to the Division Offices**. Attached is the list of Lighthouse Schools in DepEd – CALABARZON, the Program Matrix, and the copy of OUA Memo 00-0422-0049 for your perusal.

We look forward to your favorable response.

Kind regards,

  
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