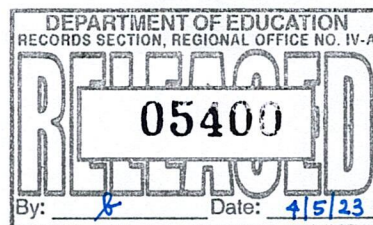




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Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



April 5, 2023

Regional Memorandum

No. 189 s. 2023

**PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM
(SBFP) PARTNERS' FORUM**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. In reference to the DepEd Unnumbered Memorandum titled Invite to the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) Partners' Forum, this Office calls for the participation of the Schools Division Office (SDO) focal person on SBFP on the said forum on April 11-14, 2023 to be held at Tanza Oasis Hotel, Tanza, Cavite.
2. Attached here to is the aforementioned Memorandum for reference.
3. Travel and other incidental expenses relative to this activity shall be charged against the local fund and subject for usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
4. For inquiries, kindly contact Chief Michael Girard R. Alba at 09178882731 or Dr. Annaliza T. Araojo, at essd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph or on 02-8682-5773 local 430.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

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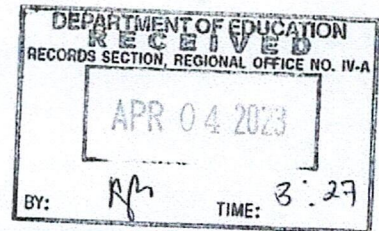
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Office of the Director

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
Regions I- XII, CARAGA, CAR, & NCR

FROM : **NENNITH ESPLANA-ALAMA**
Director IV, BLSS

SUBJECT : **INVITE TO THE SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM
(SBFP) PARTNERS' FORUM**

DATE : **20 MARCH 2023**

We are pleased to inform you that the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division shall conduct the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) Partners' Forum on April 11-14, 2023 in Tanza Oasis Hotel, Tanza, Cavite. The activity will be the platform for advocacy, exchanges of experiences, information dissemination, and solicitation of commitment from partners. Approximately 83 suppliers from different provinces expressed interest to join the activity to showcase their products. Anent to this, may we respectfully invite the Regional and SDO Focal Persons (one per RO and one per SDO) to participate in the event.

Furthermore, it is respectfully requested that the participants be advised on the following:

1. Traveling expenses of DepEd participants shall be charged against the SBFP Program Support Funds downloaded to each RO and SDO.
2. Registration of participants shall start at 1:30pm on the date of arrival, lunch will be served. All participants are expected to arrive in time for the Opening Program.
3. They are advised to be ready with their vaccination and/or booster cards. They are also requested to wear face masks for the duration of the activity, bring their own sanitizers, and observe minimum health protocols against COVID-19 at all times. However, participants are discouraged from attending the activity if exposed to a COVID-positive or if symptoms of COVID-19 are already being experienced.
4. All SDO Focal Persons are requested to submit their draft Cycle Menu for FY 2023 with Market Survey, and Technical Specifications (with costing) during the activity thru this link <https://bit.ly/Partners-Forum-Regional-Submission-FY2023>.

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5. All regional and division SBFP focal persons shall register in the link provided on or before April 3, 2023 <https://bit.ly/Registration-SBFPFocals-PartnersForum>.

For further details, Mei-Ling V. Duhig, or Ferdinand M. Nuñez, BLSS-SHD, may be contacted at cellphone no. 0923-871-5146/0999-305-6058 or 0917-5620849 or email at sbfp@deped.gov.ph. Attached is the Bulletin of Information for ready reference.

SCHOOL-BASED FEEDING PROGRAM

(SBFP) PARTNERS' FORUM

April 11-14, 2023/Tanza, Cavite

BULLETIN OF INFORMATION

I. RATIONALE:

The Department of Education through the Bureau of Learners Support Services - School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) continues to implement the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) nationwide in accordance with the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2023 and in compliance with Republic Act No. 11037 "Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Filipino Act", signed by President Duterte on June 20, 2018, constitutes the primary statutory basis for the implementation of SBFP. The law aims to implement programs that sustain and improve the health of school children thru the SBFP.

The implementation of SBFP in FY 2022 as of December 2022 progress report, has benefitted 3,491,028 learners with nutritious food products (NFP), in 35,309 public elementary schools; while 3,445,254 learners were provided with pasteurized/sterilized milk in about 26,342 public elementary schools. With these accomplishments, the collaboration and coordination with NFP suppliers and partners from NDA and PCC has been a success, thus for this year it is also important to conduct a partners forum to sustain the gains from the previous school years.

The Partners' Forum aims to link the local food manufacturers of NFP with SDO local persons to improve the variety of foods to be served. It shall also be the venue to solicit and increase commitments from suppliers. Each partner/supplier will have an opportunity to exhibit their products for evaluation by the focal persons. Furthermore, SBFP focal persons and partners will have a dialogue to discuss the product specifications and DepEd requirements and to harness their commitment and support to SBFP. It is also a great venue to engage and encourage more partners and to strengthen existing partnerships that successfully supported the SBFP implementation.

II. OBJECTIVES:

The activity aims to:

1. present the NFP products from partners/suppliers in all regions;
2. provide forum for advocacy and exchange of informations, including successful experiences; and
3. solicit and increase commitment from partners;

III. DATES AND VENUES:

The workshop will be on April 11-14, 2023 in Tanza Oasis Hotel and Resort, Tanza, Cavite.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

- SBFP Focal Persons from Regions
- SBFP Focal Persons from SDOs
- Select Partners/Suppliers from Regions
- Representatives from DOST-FNRI
- Representatives from DTI
- Representatives from the Office of the Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary for Operations
- BLSS-Office of the Director
- BLSS-School Health Division

V. BUDGET ESTIMATES

Please see attached file

VI. INDICATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**Day 1 – Apr 11, 2023**

Time	Activity	In-Charge
1:30-3:30pm	Arrival & Settling-in Registration	Secretariat
3:30-4:30pm	Mechanics of the Program	Officer of the Day

Days 2 – Apr 12, 2023

Time	Activity	In-Charge
8:00-8:15am	Preliminaries	
8:15-8:30 am	Opening Program	
8:30-9:30 am	SBFP Updates and Implementation Plan for FY 2023	Dr. Maria Corazon C. Dumlao
9:30-10:00 am	Nutritional Quality of Food, Localizing Technical Specifications, and Sample Cycle Menu Open Forum	Ms. Magdalene Portia T. Cariaga
10:00-10:15 am	Nutrition Break	
10:15-10:40 am	Nutritious Food Products: Food Items & Source, Packaging, Labeling, Quality Control, & Process Flow	Ms. Mei-Ling V. Duhig
10:40-11:00 am	Milk: Food Items & Source, Packaging, Labeling, Quality Control, Milk Mapping, & Process Flow Open Forum	Mr. Ferdinand M. Nunez
11:00-12:00 pm	Messages of Support and Presentations Open Forum	DOST-FNRI DTI NNC
12:01-1:00 pm	Lunch Break	
1:00-6:00 pm	Presentation from Partners/Suppliers from Regions 1-10 Open Forum Dinner	Partners/Suppliers

Day 3 – April 13, 2023

Time	Activity	In-Charge
7:00-8:00am	Breakfast	
8:00 am-12:00 nn	Presentation from Partners/Suppliers from Regions 11, 12, Caraga, CAR & NCR Open Forum	Partners/Suppliers
	Lunch Break	
1:00-5:00 pm	Exhibit of Nutritious Food Products by Suppliers	Partners/Suppliers

5:00-6:00 pm	Presentation of Evaluation of the Exhibit	Closing Program	
6:00pm	Dinner		
Day 4 - April 14, 2023			
Time	Activity	In-Charge	
7:00-9:00 am	Breakfast		
10:00 am	Check-out		