Regional Memorandum
No. 318 s. 2023

ACTIVITIES FOR THE 125th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

To: Schools Division Superintendent

1. Attached is the DepEd Memorandum No. 32, s. 2023, and Memorandum DM-OUHROD-2023-0750, announcing the 125th Founding Anniversary of the Department of Education with the theme, DepEd@125: Isang Pamilya para sa MATATAG na Kagawaran.

2. Attention is invited to No. 3 of DM No. 32, s. 2023. The official streamer, logo, and other materials can be downloaded through this link: bit.ly/DepEd125.

3. For the National Chorale Competition, it is requested that the SDO Dasmariñas City represent the Region and to submit the contest piece to the Anniversary Contest Secretariat. The mechanics of the said competition is attached hereto. Please see Annex B of DM-OUHROD-2023-0750.

4. For information and strict compliance of all concerned.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

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1. 125th Founding Anniversary of the Department of Education
2. Activities for the 125th Founding Anniversary of the Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. 032, s. 2023

125th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

To: Undersecretaries
    Assistant Secretaries
    Bureau and Service Directors
    Division Chiefs
    Regional Directors
    School Division Superintendents
    Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
    All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 322, s. 1997 titled Authorizing Certain Government Agencies to Undertake Activities in Preparation for their Centennial Anniversary Celebrations in 1997, 1998, and 1999, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces its 125th Founding Anniversary with the theme, DepEd@125: Isang Pamilya para sa MATATAG na Kagawaran.

2. The theme expresses the Department’s commitment to support the MATATAG: Bansang Makabata, Batang Makabansa education agenda by working as one family in solidarity to achieve the common goal. Further, it relates to the DepEd commitment to provide Filipino learners with quality basic education that is accessible, inclusive, and liberating.

3. In view of the foregoing, DepEd will have its weeklong celebration from June 19 to 23, 2023, for its 125th Founding Anniversary. To promote public awareness of this momentous event, DepEd Central Office (CO) enjoins all DepEd officials, personnel, and learners at the regional, schools division offices, and schools to:

   a. display/hang the Department’s 125th Founding Anniversary official streamer in offices and schools;

   b. participate the online celebration by joining the following DepEd national activities which will be live-streamed via DepEd Philippines’ Official Facebook page:

      i. June 19 - Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony and Thanksgiving Mass
      ii. June 21 - Nationwide DepEd Chorale Competition
      iii. June 23 - National Celebration of DepEd Anniversary

   c. organize activities at the CO, RO, SDO, and schools based on the theme; and

   d. use the official anniversary frame for profile photos on Facebook.
4. A detailed activity matrix is provided in the enclosure.

5. For the Department Chorale Competition, a separate memorandum on the mechanics and guidelines will be released.

6. The copy of the official streamer, logo, and other materials may be accessed through this link: bit.ly/DepEd125.

7. For more information, please contact **Ms. Marge Latosa or Ms. Karen Martija** of the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Employee Welfare Division, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at margery.latosa@deped.gov.ph or katherine.martija@deped.gov.ph or telephone numbers (02) 8633-7229 and (02) 8635-3760.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:

**GLORIA J. MAMIL-MERCADO**
Undersecretary

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
DepEd Memorandum No. 055, s. 2022

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

- CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS
- EMPLOYEES
- LEARNERS
- OFFICIALS
- TEACHERS

MCDJ JDJC MPC, DM 125th Founding Anniversary of the Department of Education
0315 – May 29, 2023
Annex A

**DepEd@125: Isang Pamilya para sa MATATAG na Kagawaran**

*DepEd 125th Anniversary Celebration*

Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepEd Central Office with Live Streaming via the Official Facebook Page of DepEd Philippines

June 19-23, 2023

### June 19 – Flag Raising and Thanksgiving Mass

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<td>Ceremonial hitting of the pot <em>(Pukpok Palayok)</em> to officially launch the week-long celebration</td>
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### June 21 – National DepEd Chorale Competition

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<td>Chorale Presentation</td>
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<td><em>Mechanics and Guidelines to be released soon</em></td>
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<td>1:00pm</td>
<td>Tabulation of Scores</td>
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### June 23 – DepEd Anniversary Celebration

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| 8:00am | Parade of Colors *Please wear shirt/clothes according to the assigned color:*  
*Central Office – White*  
*Luzon ROs, SDOs, and Schools – Yellow*  
*Visayas ROs, SDOs, and Schools – Red*  
*Mindanao ROs, SDOs, and Schools – Blue* | Nationwide simultaneous activity via FB live streaming |
| 8:30am | Opening Program                                                           |                                              |
| 9:00am | Announcement of Chorale Competition Winners                               |                                              |
| 9:30am | End of simultaneous activity *After the nationwide simultaneous activity, the CO and the field offices may start their own Anniversary activity/program* |                                              |
MEMORANDUM  
DM-OUHROD-2023-0750

TO: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

FROM: GLORIA JUMAMIL-MERCADO  
Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES FOR THE 125TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: 31 May 2023

The Department of Education, in accordance with DepEd Memorandum no. 32, s. 2023, will celebrate its 125th Founding Anniversary with the theme “DepEd@125: Isang Pamilya para sa MATATAG na Kagawaran”. This celebration aims to honor the esteemed heritage of DepEd and its profound impact on the education landscape of our nation. To commemorate this significant milestone, the Bureau of Human Resource and Organizational Development-Employee Welfare Division (BHROD-EWD) will organize a week-long celebration from June 19 to 23, 2023 for all DepEd employees nationwide.

In view of the foregoing, all offices (Central, Regional, and Schools Division Offices, and all schools) are enjoined to participate in the anniversary activities, as outlined in the Annex A. In order to ensure the efficient management of the scheduled simultaneous activities for the celebration, all Undersecretaries and Regional Directors are requested to assign a focal person responsible for coordinating all activities related thereto. A separate notice of meeting will be released to discuss further details with the assigned Regional Anniversary Focal persons.

The Office of the Undersecretaries and the Office of the Regional Directors are requested to submit the name of their designated focal person/s (please refer to Annex C) on or before June 6 to the Anniversary Secretariat via email at bhrod.ewd@deped.gov.ph or by calling (02) 8633-7229 / 8635-3760 and look for Ms. Marge Latosa.

Thank you for your support and active involvement in this momentous occasion.
# 125th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
## Activity Matrix

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<td><strong>Flag Raising Ceremony at DepEd Central Office</strong></td>
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<td><em>Nationwide Ceremony in MS Teams; livestreamed via DepEd PH Facebook Page</em></td>
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<td><em>MS Teams link will be provided to the designated Regional Anniversary Focal Persons</em></td>
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<td><strong>Anniversary Message from the Secretary</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PukpokPulayok by the Secretary and the ExeCom Members</strong></td>
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<td><em>Ceremonial hitting of the pot to start the week-long event</em></td>
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<td><strong>Closing Remarks for the Morning Program</strong></td>
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<td>21 June 2023</td>
<td><strong>National Chorale Competition (Nationwide)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Presentation of the Regional Entries</strong></td>
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<td><em>Presentation Sequence to be determined by the Anniversary Secretariat together with the designated Regional Anniversary Focal Persons</em></td>
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<td><strong>National Parade of Colors</strong></td>
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<td><em>Physical event at the Central Office with simultaneous parade at each field offices, livestreamed via DepEd PH Facebook Page</em></td>
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<td><strong>End of Nationwide program livestreaming</strong></td>
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125th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
National Chorale Competition

MECHANICS:

COMPETITION ENTRY
1. There should only be one (1) entry piece per region.
2. The selection of Final Regional Entry is deferred to the Regional Director. The Regional Office shall have its own set of mechanics and process of determining the contest piece to be submitted to the Anniversary Contest Secretariat.

ENTRY SONG
1. Each team will perform 1 song, either English or Filipino, depicting the DepEd’s 125th Founding Anniversary theme, “DepEd@125: Isang Pamilya para sa MATATAG na Kagawaran”.
2. It must be accompanied with tuned instruments. Accompaniment is limited to maximum of 5 tuned instruments.
3. Use of any instrument amplification or effects is not allowed.
4. Recorded accompaniment or minus-one is also prohibited.

REGISTRATION
Participation in this competition is by REGISTRATION with complete submission of requirements to the Anniversary Contest Secretariat via email (bhrod.ewd@deped.gov.ph) on or before June 15, 2023.

The registration requirements are as follows:
1. Registration form (may be downloaded through bit.ly/DepEd125)
2. Group photo
3. Clear photos of the instruments to be used
4. Clear copy of DepEd ID of all participants
5. An audio-video recording of the contest piece

PARTICIPANTS
The chorale group must have a minimum of 25 members and a maximum of 30, including the conductor and the accompanists. All participants must be a DepEd employee from the Regional Office and/or from the SDO or Schools within the Region.

AUDIO-VIDEO (AV) RECORDING OF THE ENTRY
The selection of the winners will be based on the chorale’s general performance quality as captured in the AV recording that was submitted to the Anniversary Contest Secretariat. The AV must comply with the following:
1. Venue must be closed, free from unnecessary noise but must be properly lighted
2. The entry must be recorded without an audience
3. Any special audio and video effects during recording are prohibited
4. Any camera movement (panning, zooming, close up, etc.) is not allowed. Record the contest piece in a wide angled shot. The entire chorale members, accompanist/s, and conductor must be within the video frame at all times.
5. At the start of the recording, the conductor must stand in front of the camera to give a brief introduction of the team, the song, and a short introduction about the contest piece.
6. There must be no cut, pause, or transition videos during the recording, from the introduction up to end of the piece.
7. The total video running time must be not over 7 minutes, including the introduction.
8. The recording must be in MP4 format and must be emailed to bhrod.ewd@deped.gov.ph with subject: [DepEd@125] Chorale Entry_R1(Region #) on or before June 15, 2023, 3:00pm

**CRITERIA FOR JUDGING**

1. There will be three external judges for this competition.
2. The judging will be based on the following criteria:
   a. Theme - 30%
   b. Choral Sound/Musicality – 40%
   c. Choreography, Costume, and Props – 15%
   d. Stage Presence – 15%
3. Score deductions and penalties
   a. Recording Running Time
      i. 5 seconds overtime – 0.5
      ii. 6 seconds to 10 seconds – 1pt
      iii. 11-20 seconds – 1.5pts
      iv. 21 seconds up – 2pts
   b. AV Recording
      i. Use of video effects or camera movement – 1pt
      ii. Use of audio effects or enhancements – 2pts

**PRIZES**

Grand Prize: P 30,000.00 + certificate for all members
2nd Prize: P 20,000.00 + certificate for all members
3rd Prize: P 10,000.00 + certificate for all members

Prizes will be deposited to the account of the Regional Director.
125th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
Regional Anniversary Focal Person

Region or Office of the Undersecretary for: _________________________________

Main Focal Person

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Endorsed by:

Undersecretary/Regional Director

Please email this template to bhrod.eud@deped.gov.ph with subject: [DepEd@125] Regional Anniversary Focal_R1(your Region # or Strand) on or before June 6, 2023.