



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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**Unnumbered Memorandum**

**CLOSING CEREMONY OF PROJECT “BETTER LIFE FOR  
OUT-OF-SCHOOL GIRLS TO FIGHT POVERTY AND  
INJUSTICE IN THE PHILIPPINES**

**To: Schools Division Superintendents**

(SDO Lucena City, SDO Rizal, SDO Antipolo City and SDO Dasmariñas City)

1. Per CO-EPS-No.09-323-s. 2023, the Department of Education through the External Partnership Service in Partnership with United Nation Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Multisectoral Regional Office in Jakarta will hold a closing ceremony under the framework of the UNESCO-DepEd-KOIKA Cooperation Project (2017-2023) **“Better Life For Out-of-School Girls to Fight Poverty and Injustices in the Philippines”** on October 6-7, 2023 at Dusit Hotel, Makati City.
2. The activity aims to:
  - a. Undertake the final meeting for the project and report its progress and achievements until completion of its activities including key lessons learned from its completion.
  - b. Showcase results and achievements of the project through an exhibition of high-level visibility and impact and public awareness.
  - c. Gather experts for a discussion on relevant topics and issues highlighting the Alternative Learning System (ALS) programme in the Philippines and the ways forward for Als Programme through a “Talk Show” session.
  - d. Gather selected ALS teachers and learners to share their experiences on the impact of Als programme to their respective lives showcasing the programmes’ contribution to better their lives as ALS teachers and learners through a “Talk Show” session.
3. In this regard, the following are requested to attend:

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Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO II	Regional Director	Regional Office
Elaine T. Balaogan	Regional ALS Focal	Regional Office
Christine Mayuga	Educ. Prog. Specialist	Lucena City
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Ranito Gallego	Educ. Prog. Specialist	Antipolo City
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4. UNESCO will cover travel expenses of the participants including return fare tickets from place of origin, and accommodation, meals and incidentals based on standard Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) as per ICSC (International Civil Service Commission) official rates. Confirmed participants are requested to accomplish the attached required documents and submit to [a.sandra@unesco.org](mailto:a.sandra@unesco.org) and [aa.kurnia@unesco.org](mailto:aa.kurnia@unesco.org)

5. Participants are instructed to observe time-on-task policy based on DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, "Instituting *Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*".

6. For further information, inquiries, and clarifications, you may contact the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) through the CLMD Chief, VIERNALYN M. NAMA and ELAINE T. BALAOGAN, Regional ALS Focal Person at email address [elaine.balaogan@deped.gov.ph](mailto:elaine.balaogan@deped.gov.ph) or at mobile number 0945-269-9447.

  
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