Regional Memorandum
No. 295, s. 2024

PARTICIPATION OF JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN THE ONLINE SURVEY ON PROJECT SYLLABI

To Schools Division Superintendents

1. With reference to DepEd Memorandum OUA-OUT-020124-P4-1, this Office requests the participation of junior and senior high school teachers and students in the online survey for “Project SYLLABI: Synthesis of Logical and Learning Algorithm-Based Information using Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis for Flexible Learning Education,” a research funded by National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP).

2. Specifically, this study aims to develop a pilot scale Educational Management Information System. Other important details can be found in the attached copy of the said memorandum.

3. For assistance, please feel free to contact the Policy, Planning and Research Division (Attention: Jona M. Malonzo) via pprd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph or at (02) 8682-2114 local 470

4. For immediate dissemination to and compliance of all concerned.

ATTY. ALBERTO P. ESCOBARTE, CESO II
Regional Director

07/ROP3/ROP1
MEMORANDUM

TO : All Regional Directors

FROM : NOLASCO A. MEMPIN
        Undersecretary for Administration

SUBJECT : Request for the Conduct of a Study entitled “Project SYLLABI: Synthesis of Logical and Learning Algorithm-Based Information using Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis for Flexible Learning Education”

DATE : 01 February 2024

This has reference to the request of Dr. Jhonne C. Orillo, a faculty from De La Salle University (DLSU), to conduct their National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)-funded research titled “Project SYLLABI: Synthesis of Logical and Learning Algorithm-Based Information using Artificial Intelligence and Data Analysis for Flexible Learning Education”. The study aims to develop a pilot scale Educational Management Information System that would serve as a platform to gather necessary information and data on important educational performance indicators. The study also aims to determine the impact and effectiveness of online learning in terms of knowledge and skill-based assessment in the Philippines.

In this regard, a series of research endeavors will be undertaken, including the administration of online surveys and conduct of focus group discussions (FGDs). The target participants for the surveys and FGDs will be students from Junior High School and Senior High School, as well as teachers from these grade levels, excluding schools that participated in the pilot testing phase, as listed in Annex 1. The survey will be administered online, and the respective links and QR codes for access are provided in Annex 2. Subsequently, the FGDs will be conducted remotely via Zoom, following the retrieval of survey responses. Within the online survey form, there is an inquiry regarding the willingness of volunteer teachers and students to engage in the FGD. Based on their responses, the researchers will select at least two teachers and two students from each region to participate in the Focus Group Discussion. Templates for assent and consent forms are available in Annex 3. Further, researchers require information regarding the number of students who have received academic awards from 2017 up to present.
In this regard, Regional Offices (ROs) are requested to:

- Coordinate with School Division Offices (SDOs) and schools to support the research team in the dissemination of the online survey among Junior High School and Senior High School students and teachers;
- Coordinate with School Division Offices (SDOs) to gather data on the number of students who have received academic awards from 2017 up to present.
- For the conduct of focus group discussion (FGD), the DLSU research team will laterally coordinate its details and schedule to selected participants from field offices. This will be conducted through an online platform; and
- Submit feedback on the actual conduct of the study as a result of monitoring to the Policy Research and Development Division - Planning Service (PRD-PS) at email address: ps.prd@deped.gov.ph (See Annex 4 for the template of monitoring report).

Kindly note that participation is voluntary. Particularly, participants have the right to refuse to participate or discontinue in accomplishing the requested at any time.

For further inquiries, kindly contact the PS-PRD at email address ps.prd@deped.gov.ph. For lateral coordination, contact Dr. Jhoanne C. Orillo, Associate Professor, Lecturer of Department of Physics De La Salle University (DLSU), Department of Physics, 7th Floor William Hall, De La Salle University, 2401 Taft Avenue, Manila through mobile number, 09179720670 and email address, jhoanne.orillo@dlsu.edu.ph.

For consideration and appropriate action. Thank you.
Annex 1: List of Excluded Schools for the Survey (Schools participated in the Pilot Testing)

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Annex 2: Links for the Surveys

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ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY
"Teachers’ and Students’ Experiences and Challenges in Learning: Pre, During and Post Pandemic"

We, the Project SYLLABI team, are faculty members of De La Salle University and are conducting a research study entitled, "Project SYLLABI: S’ynthesis of Logical and Learning Algorithm-Based Information using Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics for Flexible Learning Education". This is a three-year project of the Department of Science and Technology and the National Research Council of the Philippines. As part of the research process, we need to gather data from both the teachers’ and students’ lived experiences, challenges, and problems encountered in the last five years to determine the effectiveness of distance learning. With that, you are being invited to take part in this research because we feel that your experience as a teacher/student can contribute much to our understanding and knowledge of flexible learning in the country. The survey is divided into 7 sections and could be accomplished in 5-10 minutes through Google forms or pen-and-paper, whichever is more convenient.

Section 1 - Teachers’ or students’ personal information
Section 2 - Mode of teaching/learning
Section 3 - Teachers’ or students’ experiences in distance teaching/learning
Section 4 - Challenges Encountered in distance learning
Section 5 - Teachers’ or Students’ Level of Satisfaction in distance teaching/learning
Section 6 - Teachers’ or Student’s experiences in a face-to-face set-up
Section 7 - Perspective in a hybrid learning set-up.

Participation in this study is voluntary and will not earn any merit or sanction. Likewise, the participant has the right to corroborate data and the researcher’s interpretation. He/she may ask to revisit the analysis if he/she thinks there are any misinterpretations in the analysis.

If the participant agrees to participate in the study and is a minor (17 years old and below), please accomplish the parental/guardian consent and send it to your teacher as soon as possible. If the participant has AGREED and wishes to drop out of the study, please send us an email to remove the data from our analysis. If the participant does not accomplish the activity, he/she will be asked to proceed to the assigned task by the professor.

Rest assured that the data gathered will be treated with utmost confidentiality. Personal information will NEVER be shared with the public and will be analyzed only by the researchers involved. Final analysis, conclusions, and recommendations are planned to be presented in conferences and or journal publications to contribute to scientific knowledge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at joanne.onilo@dlu.edu.ph

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CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT

By signing this form, I have read the foregoing information, or it has been read to me. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about it and any questions I have been asked have been answered to my satisfaction. I consent voluntarily to be a participant in this study.

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Students’ Name and Signature/ Date

I have accurately read out the information sheet to the potential participant, and to the best of my ability made sure that the participant understands that he/she will answer the survey questions thru google forms or pen-and-paper, whichever is more convenient.

I confirm that the participant was given an opportunity to ask questions about the study, and all the questions asked by the participant have been answered correctly and to the best of my ability. I confirm that the individual has not been coerced into giving consent, and the consent has been given freely and voluntarily.

If you decide to participate, and your parents agree, we’ll give you a copy of this form for future reference.

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Investigator’s Name and Signature / Date
ASSENT OF ADOLESCENT (17 years old and below)

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### Annex 4: Template for Monitoring Report

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January 25, 2024

To: NOEL T. BALUYAN
Assistant Secretary of Administration
Officer-in-Charge, Planning Service

Attn: KARLA S. SIO
Chief, Policy Research and Development Division

Dear Sir Baluyan,

Greetings!

I am writing to respectfully request your endorsement of our research to allow our team to collect data from the DepEd teachers and students for our National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP)-funded research project, "Project SYLLABI: SYnthesis of Logical and Learning Algorithm-Based Information using Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics for Flexible Learning Education." The project's primary objective is to develop a pilot-scale Educational Management Information System (EMIS) that would serve as a platform to gather necessary information and data on important educational performance indicators. The platform would perform immediate feedback and analytics
on the effectiveness of the conduct of flexible learning concerning student performance. Likewise, we respectfully request the acquisition of pertinent data and standardized examination results of the students from pre-pandemic to the present. These data allow us to expand our data analysis and provide more meaningful results and conclusions. Through this endeavor, the project's results can be utilized to draft policies and recommendations for improving the delivery of flexible learning education to students, teachers, and other education stakeholders.

If approval is granted, volunteer DepEd teachers and students will complete a pen-and-paper questionnaire for pilot testing and an online survey for the final questionnaire through Google Forms in 10 - 15 minutes. Informed consent will be embedded in Google Forms to briefly discuss the purpose of the study and how the researchers will manage the data. Likewise, parental consent will be given and accomplished for students below 18.

Additionally, if approval is granted, we would like to request a copy of the following data (from SY 2017-2018 to SY 2024-2025) that are essential for data analysis and would significantly contribute to determining the effectiveness of flexible learning in the country.

1. National Achievement Test Results
2. Standardized Aptitude Test Results
3. List or number of students who were/are accepted, enrolled, graduated, promoted, dropped out, failed, retained
4. List or number of students with honors/ academic achievements
5. Policies implemented from 2017 to present (e.g., No Fail Policy)
6. National Career Assessment Examination (NCAE) Results
7. Table of Specifications (TOS)

Rest assured that the data will be consolidated with care, and individual results will remain confidential and anonymous. Likewise, any publications resulting from this study will only include consolidated results.

As our way of reciprocating the efforts of the teacher participants, we will tap experts and offer various teacher training/webinars that could help them improve their research and teaching skills.

I highly believe that you support research undertakings like this to improve teaching and learning in the country and approve our request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any contact details below.

I am hoping for your kind consideration and positive response on this matter.
Respectfully,

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