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REGION IV-A CALABARZON




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INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL SKILLS SUMMIT 2025

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. Enclosed is DM-OUHROD-2025-0856 from DepEd Central Office, Office of the Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development, regarding the conduct of the **National Skills Summit 2025** on **June 5, 2025**, at the **Isla Ballroom, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City**.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Department of Education**OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY****HUMAN RESOURCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT****MEMORANDUM****DM-OUHROD-2025- 6856**

FOR : **UNDERSECRETARIES**
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS
REGIONAL DIRECTORS
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **WILFREDO E. CABRAL**
Undersecretary
Human Resource and Organizational Development

SUBJECT : **INFORMATION ON THE CONDUCT OF NATIONAL SKILLS SUMMIT 2025**

DATE : April 3, 2025

The Viventis Search Asia is inviting the Department of Education to participate in the **National Skills Summit 2025** scheduled on **June 5, 2025** at the **Isla Ballroom, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City**.

This one-day event aims to **convene key leaders from the public and private sectors to develop a Skills Transformation Roadmap, aligning workforce capabilities with industry demands**. Through high-level discussions, this activity will explore integrated approaches to skills development, ensuring education and industry work hand in hand to future-proof the workforce.

In this connection, the Department is disseminating the conduct of the activity to all interested **non-teaching and selected related-teaching** DepEd personnel who are designated as any of the following:

- i. Third-level officials
- ii. Chief or Assistant Chief of the functional office
- iii. First and Second-level employees who are:
 - a. human resource practitioners; or
 - b. handling employees' learning and development programs.



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A total of **50-100 participants** from DepEd can be accommodated. For more information on the said course, please see the attached program brochure for your reference.

For any concerns or clarifications, kindly contact **Ms. Riza May Fortunato** or **Mr. Siljohn Rey Salazar** of the BHRD-HRDD at (02) 8470-6630 or through email at bhrod.hrdd@deped.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action.

Attached: as stated

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

VIVENTIS

NATIONAL Skills SUMMIT

June 5, 2025

Isla Ballroom, Edsa Shangri-La Hotel

Are we equipping our workforce with the right skills to meet the evolving demands of today and future industries?

As advanced technologies, AI, and digital transformation reshape the global economy, the gap between learning institutions and industry expectations continues to widen—impacting employability, productivity, and economic growth. The Philippines, with a rapidly expanding workforce and a shifting labor market, faces both a challenge and an opportunity: to bridge this skills gap and build a future-ready talent ecosystem.

Bridging the gap between learning institutions and industry demands, the National Skills Summit is a one-day event that brings together key leaders from the public and private sectors to address the pressing challenges of workforce development.

Our goal is to boost economic competitiveness by identifying critical skills gaps, creating the optimal Skills Transformation Roadmap, and developing upskilling and reskilling solutions through targeted policies and strategies.

Who Is This Event Intended For?

- C-Level
- HR Practitioners
- Academe
- Policy Makers

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- Enterprise and Industry Leaders

- Industry Associations

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What to Expect

The National Skills Summit brings together some of the brightest minds in both the public and private sectors to address the urgent challenges in workforce development and skills transformation. As we explore the intersection of education and industry, this event will provide valuable insights into how we can equip our workforce with the skills necessary to thrive in an era defined by technological advancement and digital transformation.

Some of the key topics to be discussed include:

The Future of Nation, Education, and Skills

Learn about the evolving needs of the workforce and how education systems can align with industry expectations to drive economic growth.

Creating the National Skills Transformation Roadmap

Understand the strategies and policies needed to build a skills-driven workforce for the future.

The Rise of Micro-Credentials: Transforming the Way We Learn and Work

Discover how micro-credentials and alternative learning paths are reshaping workforce development and talent acquisition strategies.

Delegate Fee:

Regular: Php 10,000.00

Early Bird: Php 8,000.00 (Save Php 2,000.00)

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM

Opening Remarks:
The Philippines Workforce Agenda



Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.
President, Republic of the Philippines

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM

Opening Keynote:
Future of Nation, Education, and Skills



Hon. Juan Edgardo 'Sonny' Angara
Secretary, Department of Education

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Keynote 2:
Global Skills Trends and the Policy Framework:
Positioning the Philippines for International Competitiveness



David Woodward
Vice President International Legal
& APAC Public Policy,
LinkedIn

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Keynote 3:
Bridging the Skills Gap—From Development to
Human Capital Amplification with TESDA's Role as a
Key Enabler



Jose Francisco Benitez
Director General, Technical Education
and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)

10:45 AM – 11:30 PM

Panel Discussion: Creating the National Skills Transformation Roadmap



Hon. Juan Edgardo 'Sonny' Angara
Secretary,
Department of Education



David Woodward
Vice President International Legal
& APAC Public Policy,
LinkedIn



Dr. Karol Mark Yee
Executive Director,
EDCOM II



Jose Francisco Benitez
Director General,
Technical Education and Skills
Development Authority (TESDA)



Alfredo Ayala
President,
iPeople Group of Schools

11:30 AM- 12:00 NN

Keynote 4:
Navigating the Digital Frontier:
Building Industry-Specific Digital Skills for Global
Competitiveness



Jack Madrid
President & CEO,
IT and Business Processes
Association of the Philippines (IBPAP)

12:00 NN – 1:00 PM

Lunch Break & Networking



1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Keynote 5:

Equipping The Future Workforce & Nation Rebuilding



Dr. Karol Mark Yee
Executive Director, EDCOM II

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Keynote 6:

The National Skills Imperative:

Translating Ecosystem Vision into Action Through Government, Academe, and Industry Partnership



Alfredo Ayala
President,
iPeople Group of Schools

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Keynote 7:

Skills Gap or Not?

Rethinking Workforce Readiness in an Era of Change



Fook Yen Chong
Senior Social Sector Specialist
(Skills Development)
South East Asia Department, ADB

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Lead-in Discussion

Beyond the Certificate: The Social Movement to Recognize Skilled Workers as Nation Builders



Paulette Liu
President and Chief
Operating Officer (COO),
PSEFI-Skills

3:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Break

3:20 PM - 4:00 PM

Panel Discussion:



Paulette Liu
President and Chief
Operating Officer (COO),
PSEFI-Skills



Nelly Nita Dillera
Deputy Director General,
TVET Partnership and
Community-Based TVET



Reinald Jay Belen
Founder & Executive
Director, Sikat-Aurora



Rosanna Urdaneta
Deputy Director General
for Policies and Planning
TESDA

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Closing Keynote:

The Fight for Skills, Good Jobs & The Future



Frederick Go
Special Assistant to the President
for Investment and Economic Affairs Secretary

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Closing Remarks and Networking