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Regional Memorandum

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INVITATION TO THE NATIONAL SKILLS SUMMIT

To: Regional Office Functional Division Chiefs Schools Division Superintendents

- In line with DM-OUHROD-2025-0856 titled Information on the Conduct of the National Summit, the Viventis Search Asia is inviting the Department of Education to the National Skills Summit on June 5, 2025 at Isla Ballroom, EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City.
- 2. The summit aims to convene key leaders from the public and private sectors to develop a skills transformation roadmap, aligning workforce capabilities with industry demands.
- 3. The participants invited to this activity are non-teaching and selected related-teaching personnel who are designated as any of the following:
 - a. Third Level Officials
 - b. Chief or Assistant Chief of the functional Offices
 - c. First and second level employees who are
 - i. Human resource practitioners, or
 - ii. Handling employees' learning and development programs.
- 4. A registration fee of Php 10,000.00 or Php 8,000.00 for early bird registrants and travel expenses will be charged against any available/applicable local funds subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Registration link: https://bit.ly/NationalSkillsSummit2025

- 5. Enclosed is the Summit Program Brochure. For any concerns or verification, kindly contact Ms Riza May Fortunato or Mr. Siljohn Rey Salazar of the BHROD-HRDD at (02) 84706630 or through email bhrod.hrdd@deped.gov.ph or usec.hrod@deped.gov.ph.
- 6. Immediate dissemination of his memorandum is desired.

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

As advanced technologies, Al, 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

Who Is This Event Intended For?

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















- **Enterprise and Industry** Leaders
- Industry Associations









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

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

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)

Early bird promo ends April 30, 2025—secure your spot today!

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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,
Π 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, Síkat-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