



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



26 January 2026

**Regional Memorandum**  
No. 68 s. 2026

**CONDUCT OF THE GAWAD TEODORA ALONSO 2025 RECOGNITION  
RITES AND READING EXHIBIT**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

1. The Department of Education through the Bureau of Learning Resources has extended its heartfelt gratitude for the active participation of Region IV-A CALABARZON in the Gawad Teodora Alonso 2025 as issued through DM-OULS-2026-
2. In relation to this, the BLR will hold the Recognition Rites and Reading Exhibit of the Gawad Teodora Alonso (GTA) 2025, to be held from February 2 to 5, 2026 at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City, Bohol. The event will recognize the achievements of all participating regions and serve as the culmination of this year's program.
3. The activity is a multi-event undertaking with its highlight being the Recognition Rites. In addition, the following major activities shall be conducted:
  - a. Learning Resources Consultative Conference (LR ConCon), where the Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR), Learning Resources Management Sections (LRMS) of the Regional Offices (Ros) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall convene to discuss, review, and plan policies, programs, processes, and projects related to learning resources (LRs);
  - b. Reading Exhibit which will showcase GTA-recognized works and selected regional LR projects for benchmarking, knowledge-sharing, and replication of best practices;
  - c. Onsite Storytelling Contest; and
  - d. GTA 2025 Recognition Rites sub-activities including but not limited to Preliminary Awarding Ceremonies, Open Mic Storytelling, and various regional sub-activities organized in coordination with the host region.

In this regard, the following are hereby enjoined to attend and participate subject to existing guidelines and availability of funds:



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- Regional Directors or their duly authorized representatives,
  - Regional Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) Chiefs or their duly authorized representatives,
  - Regional Education Program Supervisors (EPS) in-charge of the Regional LRMS,
  - Regional TWG,
  - Division LRMS EPS,
  - Members of the National Technical Working Committee,
  - Members of the National Screening Committee,
  - GTA 2025 Regional Literary Shepherds, and
  - Winning writers, finalists, and official delegates of the GTA 2025 to be identified by the BLR through formal invitation letters coursed through the respective ROs
4. Please see the official communication from the Office of the Director, Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR) for the list of participants and other details.
  5. For questions, and further inquiries, you may contact Viernalyn M. Nama Chief CLMD, Lowiesito O. Erni, EPS CLMD and Nenette Arcelle Joy P. Larinay, Regional Librarian at (02) 86812114 loc. 420.
  6. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired

  
**ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO II**  
Regional Director

Cc:02/ROCS



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**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-OULS-2026-**

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

ATTENTION : **CURRICULUM AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT DIVISION**  
**CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION DIVISION**  
**LEARNING RESOURCES MANAGEMENT SECTION**

FROM : *Carmela C. Oracion*  
**CARMELA C. ORACION**  
Assistant Secretary  
Officer-in-Charge  
Undersecretary for Learning Systems *JLO*

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF THE GAWAD TEODORA ALONSO 2025**  
**RECOGNITION RITES AND READING EXHIBIT**

DATE : January 15, 2026

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This Memorandum is hereby issued to inform the field offices of the conduct of the **Recognition Rites and Reading Exhibit** of the Gawad Teodora Alonso (GTA) 2025, to be held from February 2 to 5, 2026 at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City, Bohol.

The activity is a multi-event undertaking, with its highlight being the Recognition Rites of the GTA 2025, which features seventeen (17) subcategories recognizing outstanding writers, illustrators, creators of chapter books and comics for young adults, illustrated children's storybooks, storytelling videos, story narratives, and poem compilations.

In addition, the following major activities shall be conducted:

1. Learning Resources Consultative Conference (LR ConCon), where the Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR) and the Learning Resources Management Sections (LRMS) of the Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) shall convene to discuss, review, and plan policies, programs, processes, and projects related to learning resources (LRs);
2. Reading Exhibit, which shall showcase GTA-recognized works and selected regional LR projects for benchmarking, knowledge-sharing, and replication of best practices;

3. Onsite Storytelling Contest, a component of the GTA 2025 competition under Category 4C, highlighting interactive and performance-based storytelling using the winning GTA 2025 entries; and
4. GTA 2025 Recognition Rites sub-activities, including but not limited to the Preliminary Awarding Ceremonies, Open Mic Storytelling, and various regional sub-activities organized in coordination with the host region.

In this regard, the following are hereby enjoined to attend and participate subject to existing guidelines and availability of funds:

- Regional Directors or their duly authorized representatives,
- Regional Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) Chiefs or their duly authorized representatives,
- Regional Education Program Supervisors (EPS) in-charge of the Regional LRMS,
- Division LRMS EPS,
- Members of the National Technical Working Committee,
- Members of the National Screening Committee,
- GTA 2025 Regional Literary Shepherds, and
- Winning writers, finalists, and official delegates of the GTA 2025 to be identified by the BLR through formal invitation letters coursed through the respective ROs.

Further details on the program of activities, specific schedules, participant lists, and logistical arrangements shall be issued through subsequent advisories.

For information, guidance, and appropriate action.

cc: **MALCOLM S. GARMA**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*



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 BUREAU OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Office of the Director  
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January 23, 2026

**ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE**

Regional Director, DepEd Region IV-A  
 Karangalan ES, Karangalan Village,  
 Cainta, Rizal

Dear **Dir. Escobarte:**

This is to inform you of the upcoming Gawad Teodora Alonso (GTA) 2025 Recognition Rites and Reading Exhibit, which will be held from 02–05 February 2026 in Tagbilaran City, Province of Bohol.

In preparation for the said activity, please be guided by the following documents enclosed for your immediate reference: **(i) Indicative Program; (ii) Regional Participants; (iii) Logistics and Meal Advisory; and (iv) (v) Video Presentation Requirements.**

All invited participants are kindly requested to accomplish the pre-registration survey form, which may be accessed through the following link: [bit.ly/GTA2025RitesRegistration](https://bit.ly/GTA2025RitesRegistration). Completion of the pre-registration is required to facilitate proper coordination and logistical arrangements.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, you may contact the Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR) through [blr.od@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blr.od@deped.gov.ph), with copy furnished to [blr.lrp@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blr.lrp@deped.gov.ph) and [blr.creatives@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blr.creatives@deped.gov.ph).

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to this initiative, which advances a strong and sustainable reading culture among our learners and communities.

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA**  
 Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Director IV

Attached:  
 Indicative Program Matrix  
 Official Attendees  
 Meal Advisory and Other Logistics

DIVISION CODE



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**OFFICIAL LIST OF ATTENDEES FOR REGION IV-A CALABARZON**

1. Regional Director
2. Chief, Curriculum and Learning Management Division
3. Regional EPS, Learning Resources Management Section (LRMS)
4. Division EPS, LRMS Batangas
5. Division EPS, LRMS Cavite
6. Division EPS, LRMS Laguna
7. Division EPS, LRMS Quezon
8. Division EPS, LRMS Rizal
9. Division EPS, LRMS Antipolo City
10. Division EPS, LRMS Bacoor City
11. Division EPS, LRMS Batangas City
12. Division EPS, LRMS Binan City
13. Division EPS, LRMS Calaca City
14. Division EPS, LRMS Cabuyao City
15. Division EPS, LRMS Calamba City
16. Division EPS, LRMS Carmona City
17. Division EPS, LRMS Cavite City
18. Division EPS, LRMS Dasmaringas City
19. Division EPS, LRMS Imus City
20. Division EPS, LRMS Lipa City
21. Division EPS, LRMS Lucena City
22. Division EPS, LRMS San Pablo City
23. Division EPS, LRMS Sta. Rosa City
24. Division EPS, LRMS Tanauan City
25. Division EPS, LRMS Tayabas City
26. Division EPS, LRMS General Trias City
27. Division EPS, LRMS San Pedro City
28. Division EPS, LRMS Sto. Tomas City
29. Genaro Gojo Cruz, Regional Literary Shepherd
30. John Ronnel Popa, Member, National Technical Working Committee
31. Jhucel del Rosario, Recipient, Gawad Fernando Amorsolo Honor Roll
32. Arnaldo Estareja, Member, National Screening Committee
33. Demetrio Bautista, Member, National Screening Committee
34. Angelo Liloc, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
35. Jayson Latade, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
36. Marshiela Abdula, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
37. Mark Ronnel Bernaldez, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
38. John Chester Macatangay, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
39. Salvacion Montenegro, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
40. Shane Sheika Amulong, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
41. Chedy Shane Lopez, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
42. Mark John Marte, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
43. Annalyn Flores, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
44. Alvin Alejandro, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
45. Krizette Granada, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
46. Aljon Dinlasan, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
47. Jaypee Lopo, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
48. Rogin Contemprato, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
49. Rommel Bautista, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
50. Elias Alicaya, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
51. Christian Mesphe Hernandez, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
52. Lito Palomar, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*

53. Hazel Joy Ciriaco, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
54. Mikki Joy Bustamante, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
55. Leaushrinn Ishmael Balmes, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
56. Florelyn Frane, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
57. Yeesha Paz, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
58. Aldrin Rosales, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
59. Claire Madelaine, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
60. Diana Jane Alejo, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
61. Alton Jarvis Pamintuan, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
62. Benjie Olazo, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
63. Alan Raphael Guda, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
64. Alexander Blanco, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
65. Alyzza Judi Pardillo, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
66. Rodolfo Miranda, *winning creator/storyteller/coach*
67. Lead Storyteller, "Tibao"
68. Lead Storyteller, "Ang Lihim ni Lola Pasing"
69. Lead Storyteller, "Pangarap Kong Maging Anghel"
70. Lead Storyteller, "Ang Batang Nagpasibol ng Lungsod"
71. Lead Storyteller, "Kakaibang Mundo ng Lolo Ko"

**Total Number: 71**

Please note that only the invitees listed above will be accepted onsite. However, should there be any necessary substitutions, names of representatives shall be endorsed to the secretariat until **January 28, 2026**.

The overall motif of the event draws inspiration from 'kinaiyahan', highlighting nature and place-based creativity in celebration of Filipino stories and storytellers.

#### **Logistics and Meal Advisory**

Travel expenses of participants shall be charged against available local or regional funds, or other allowable sources, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations. For members of the National Technical Working Committee, funds intended for their travel expenses were directly-released under funds for Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials (TBIMs) 2025.

Food and accommodation during the official activity dates shall be covered by BLR, subject to standard government accounting rules. For guidance, please be informed of the following meal coverage advisory:

- First official meal: Day 1, February 2, 2026 AM Snacks
- Last official meal: Day 4, February 5, 2026 Breakfast

Participants are advised to make the necessary travel arrangements in consideration of the above meal schedule.

#### **Best Practices Video Presentation for LR ConCon**

In line with the conduct of the Learning Resources Consultative Conference (LR ConCon) during the GTA 2025 Recognition Rites and Reading Exhibit, may we also respectfully request your Region to prepare a five-minute (5-minute) video presentation showcasing your best practices on learning resources, particularly on policies, programs, projects, and innovative practices related to reading,



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**development, school libraries and library hubs, quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation, and learning resource utilization.**

**The video may adopt a creative and engaging format (e.g., documentary-style, narrative, visual montage, or other innovative approaches) and will be featured during the LR ConCon session as part of cross-regional knowledge sharing and benchmarking.**



**Gawad Teodora Alonso 2025**  
**RECOGNITION RITES AND READING EXHIBIT**  
**cum Learning Resources Consultative Conference**  
 Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City

	<b>Day 1</b> 📅 February 2, 2026	<b>Day 2</b> 📅 February 3, 2026	<b>Day 3</b> 📅 February 4, 2026	<b>Day 4</b> 📅 February 5, 2026
<b>AM</b> ☀️	<p>Ingress, registration, and setting up booths            ⌚ 8:00 to 11:00 AM            👤 All attendees            📍 Pavilion</p> <p>Open Mic Storytelling Sessions            ⌚ 10:00 to 12:00 PM            👤 Interested Participants            🗨️ Invited Coaches and Judges            🍴 Smart casual            📍 Pavilion and ReadEx Booths            NOTE: To be continued in the afternoon</p>	<p>Learning Resources Consultative Conference            ⌚ 8:00 to 11:00 AM            👤 LRMS Personnel            🏢 Corporate            📍 Pavilion</p>	<p>Onsite Storytelling Sessions - Contest            ⌚ 9:30 to 10:00 AM            👤 Storytelling Contestants            🍴 Literary-based/casual            📍 ReadEx Booths</p> <p>Preliminary Awarding Ceremonies            ⌚ 10:00 AM to 12:00 NN            👤 All attendees            🏆 All ReadEx Picks and runners-up for all categories            🍴 Modern Filipiniana            📍 Pavilion</p>	<p>(Continuation) Learning Resources Consultative Conference on BLR Reading Treasury and LR Consultative Conference 2026            ⌚ 8:00 to 11:00 AM            👤 LRMS Personnel            🍴 Casual            📍 Pavilion</p>
<b>PM</b> 🌅	<p>Opening Program  <i>Ceremonial Opening Salvo</i>            ⌚ 1:00 to 3:00 PM            👤 All attendees            🍴 Smart casual            📍 Pavilion</p> <p>Alab Winning Circle Ceremonies            ⌚ 5:00 to 6:00 PM            👤 Winning writers, illustrators, storytellers, and coaches            🍴 Casual brown or green            📍 Blood Compact Shrine, Tagbilaran City</p>	<p>(Continuation) Learning Resources Consultative Conference            ⌚ 1:00 to 4:00 PM            👤 LRMS Personnel            🏢 Corporate            📍 Pavilion</p> <p><i>Technical Rehearsals</i></p>	<p>📍 <b>Reading Exhibit</b>  <i>Gallery Walk with the Secretary</i>            ⌚ 2:00 to 3:00 PM            👤 All attendees            🗨️ Full-dress Filipiniana            📍 ReadEx Booths</p> <p>📍 <b>Storybook Recognition Rites</b>  <i>Highlight Event</i>            ⌚ 3:00 to 5:00 PM            👤 All attendees            🏆 Categories 1 and 2 placements            🏆 Categories 3, 4, 5, and 6 winners            🍴 Full-dress Filipiniana            📍 Pavilion</p>	<p>Closing Program            Egress            ⌚ 1:00 to 3:00 PM            👤 All attendees            📍 Pavilion</p>

**KINAIYAHAN** is the motif of the GTA 2025 Recognition Rites. The word is drawn from the word *kalikasan* (nature), which embodies the living relationship between people, culture, knowledge, and the environment. As the central motif of the GTA 2025 Rites, kinaiyahan affirms that children's and youth literature is deeply rooted in the landscapes, ecosystems, and lives realities of Filipino communities. The motif highlights nature as source, setting, and teacher. Philippine stories have long been shaped by mountains and seas, forests and fields, animals and elements, reflecting how learning, values, and imagination grow from one's surroundings.