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REGION IV-A CALABARZON

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20TH NATIONAL VEGETABLE CONGRESS 2026

In reference to the invitation from the Vegetable Industry Council of Southern Mindanao, Inc. (VICSMIN) dated June 18, 2026, this Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), hereby informs all concerned of the conduct of the 20th National Vegetable Congress 2026 with the theme, "Agricultural Innovation: Gateway Towards a Sustainable and Profitable Vegetable Industry," on August 18-20, 2026 at the Enderun Tent, Azuela Cove, Davao City, Davao Region.

Invited participants are personnel from the Schools Division Offices involved in the School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP) and Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP).

Participation in this event is voluntary. Interested individuals are reminded that attendance is subject to all existing Department policies, rules, and regulations.

For complete event details, please refer to the attached document. For further details regarding the program and participation arrangements, please contact the Congress Secretariat through email at vicsmin9@gmail.com or mobile number 09951773220.

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**THEME: "AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION: GATEWAY TOWARDS A
SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE VEGETABLE INDUSTRY"**



AUGUST 18–20, 2026



**ENDERUN TENT AT AZUELA COVE
R. CASTILLO ST., DAVAO CITY**



June 18, 2026

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Dear Dir. ROCAFORT:

Warm greetings!

The **Vegetable Industry Council of Southern Mindanao (VICSMIN)** in collaboration of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and other Vegetable stakeholders partners is honored to invite the **Department of Education (DepEd)** to participate in the **20th National Vegetable Congress 2026** with the theme **"Agricultural Innovation: Gateway towards a sustainable and profitable vegetable industry"**, which will be held on **August 18–20, 2026** at the **Enderun Tent at Azuela Cove, Davao City, Davao Region**.

The National Vegetable Congress serves as a premier platform for knowledge exchange, technology sharing, and policy dialogue aimed at strengthening the Philippine vegetable industry. The event will gather vegetable industry stakeholders from across the country, including farmers, researchers, agribusiness leaders, policymakers, development partners, and representatives from both public and private sectors.

The congress will highlight innovations in vegetable production, climate-resilient farming technologies, value chain development, market opportunities, and strategies to enhance food security and farmer competitiveness.

Among the major activities of the congress are the following:

- Technical plenary sessions featuring leading experts in the vegetable industry
- Exhibits showcasing innovative agricultural technologies and vegetable products
- Business matching and networking activities
- Policy discussions on programs supporting vegetable industry development
- Regional showcases of vegetable industry best practices

In this regard, we respectfully request the Department of Education to encourage the participation of three (3) designated personnel from each School Division Office, particularly those directly involved in the implementation of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program and School-Based Feeding Program. Their attendance and active participation will contribute significantly to strengthening school gardening



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initiatives, promoting food and nutrition security, and sharing best practices in the implementation of these programs.

The registration fee is Php 6,500.00 per participant, which covers participation in the three-day Congress, three (3) lunches, five (5) snack breaks, a Congress kit, farm tours, and other Congress materials.

Please note that accommodation expenses are not included in the registration fee and shall be arranged and shouldered individually by the participants. All related expenses shall be charged against the funds of the participants' respective offices/regions, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The participation of your office and teachers will greatly contribute to strengthening collaboration among stakeholders and advancing the development of the vegetable sector across the country.

For further details regarding the program and participation arrangements, please contact the Congress Secretariat via email at vicsmi9@gmail.com or through our contact number: 09951773220.

We look forward to the continued support and active participation of the Department of Education (DepEd) in making the 20th National Vegetable Congress 2026 a successful and meaningful gathering for the Philippine vegetable industry.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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VICSMIN President

Regional Agriculture and Fishery Council (RAFC) XI,
Committee Chairman (Fruits & Vegetables)

20th National Vegetables Conference
August 18-20, 2026
Enderun Tent, Azuela Cove
Davao City, Davao Region.

PROGRAM (as of June 18, 2026)

DAY ZERO	ACTIVITY
August 17, 2026 (Monday)	
PM	
3:00 – 5:00	Arrival and Registration of Participants
DAY ONE	
August 18, 2026 (Tuesday)	
AM	
8:00 – 10:00	Arrival and Registration of Participants
10:00 - 10:30	Ribbon Cutting, Opening of Exhibits, Exhibit Tour, and Photo Opportunity
10:30 - 10:45	Invocation
	Philippine National Anthem
	Acknowledgement of Participants and Introduction of the Guest of Honor
	Introduction
10:45 - 11:30	Welcome Remarks
11:30 - 12:00	Rationale of The Event
	Lunch Break (GOLD sponsors presentation)
PM	
1:00 - 1:30	Status of The Philippine Vegetable Industry
1:30 – 2:00	Open Forum
2:00-2:30	Photo Opportunity
2:30 – 2:50	Republic Act 11293: Philippine Innovation Act
2:50 – 3:10	Climate Smart High Precision Farming Technology
3:10 - 3:40	Open Forum
3:40-3:50	Health Break
3:50-4:05	PLATINUM COMPANY A
4:05-4:25	Farm Mechanization
4:25-4:45	Young Farmers Challenge vegetable innovation/ farm Mechanization
4:45-5:00	OPEN FORUM
4PM onwards	Meeting with the Philippine National Vegetable Board (Dinner)
8:00AM-5:00PM	A Farmers-to-Business (F2B) matching will be provided where farmers can discuss business with buyers in the exhibit area
DAY TWO	
August 19, 2026 (Wednesday)	
AM	Synthesis
8:00 – 8:10	
8:10 - 8:30	Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) Cultivating Opportunities: Funding for Vegetable Farmers
8:30 - 8:50	PCIC: Empowering Farmers and Providing Safety Nets Through Crop Insurance
8:50 - 9:10	Enhancing Vegetable Quality through Good Agricultural Practices
9:10 - 9:40	OPEN FORUM
9:40 - 9:55	Health Break
9:55 - 10:15	“Importance of Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition in Sustainable Vegetable Production”
10:15 - 10:35	“Recent Advances in the Management of Vegetable Pests and Diseases in the Philippines”
10:35 - 10:55	TESDA's Programs for Agriculture and Innovation for Farmers and the Youth (NC II Qualifications for Agriculture)

10:55-11:25	OPEN FORUM
11:25-11:40	PLATINUM COMPANY B
11:40-1:15	EXHIBITS and LUNCH BREAK
PM	
1:15 - 1:35	MinDA's role in boosting Local Farming, Agri-infrastructure and Climate Smart technology
1:35 - 1:55	National Vegetable Board Plans for Innovation
1:55 - 2:15	Agri tourism: Bukid Amara
2:15 - 2:45	OPEN FORUM
2:45-3:00	Health Break
3:00- 3:30	Overview of the Field Tour
3:30-4:00	Presentation of Resolution (Generic for vegetable industry)
4:00-5:00	Oathtaking of PNVB Council/ Closing Ceremony/ Turnover of Key (next organizer)
8:00AM-5:00PM	A Farmers-to-Business (F2B) matching will be provided where farmers can discuss business with buyers in the exhibit area
DAY THREE	
August 20, 2026 (Thursday)	
Whole Day	
7:00- 8:00	Assembly Time
8:00 - 5:00	Farm Tour (2 Groups) Tugbok District - DARCES – Manambulan Tugbok District - Bukid Amara Macatabo Carmen, Baguio District (Packed Lunch)

Emcee: Celso Vergara (% Malou I)