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**THE FILIPINO CHILD: NATIONAL DIALOGUE
ON MENTAL HEALTH**

In reference to the attached communication re: The Filipino Child: National Dialogue on Mental Health with a theme "Your Plot Twist: From struggles to better mental well-being", attention of all concerned is hereby invited. For information and appropriate action, subject to existing DepEd policies and regulations.

For further information and inquiries, please contact Ms. Rhiza Via Mateo, Program Officer, ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. – Bantay Bata 163, through email or SMS/Viber at REMateo@abs-cbnfoundation.com or 0907-7777-225.

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DEAR DR. ROCAFORT,

Isang Makabatang Araw!

For the past 29 years, Bantay Bata 163 has remained committed to helping schools and communities build safe environments for children—spaces where their rights are protected and their mental health is valued. These initiatives are carried out in collaboration with government and non-government agencies, as well as academic institutions, to ensure the success and effective service delivery to the community.

As part of these continuing efforts, Bantay Bata 163 through its Project MIND (Mental Health Intervention for Children in Need or Affected by Disasters) will be conducting the first leg of The Filipino Child 2026, an annual national dialogue dedicated to discussing the most pressing issues surrounding child protection and children's mental health. This year's dialogue will focus on youth mental health and well-being, with particular emphasis on promoting positive coping strategies and help-seeking behaviors among young people.

In line with this, we are delighted to extend an invitation to your organization to join us for this year's **The Filipino Child: National Dialogue on Mental Health** with a theme **"Your Plot Twist: From struggles to better mental well-being"** which will be streamed live via **Bantay Bata 163 Facebook Page** (www.facebook.com/BantayBata163PH) on **July 24, 2026**, from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**.

In this regard, we respectfully seek your office's assistance in disseminating this invitation to the members of your organization specifically **school personnel and students** who may be interested in joining the event. Interested participants may register through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/GCiXzEfpkN> on or before **July 23, 2026**.

For any questions or additional information, please feel free to contact our Program Officer, Ms. Rhiza Via Mateo, via email at REMateo@abs-cbnfoundation.com or through SMS/Viber at 0907-7777-225.

Your participation and support in this dialogue are invaluable as we work together to create a safer, more supportive, and mentally healthy environment for every Filipino child.

Thank you very much.

In the Service of the Filipino Children,


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