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**CONDUCT OF THE ONLINE CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE
ON THE 2027 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)
EVENT-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES**

To **Schools Division Superintendents**
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems Memorandum DM-OULS-2026-588 titled **Participation in the Consultative Workshop on the Development of Guidelines for the 2027 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** dated May 25, 2026, and Regional Memorandum No. 408, s. 2026, titled **Participation of DepEd CALABARZON Regional Focal Persons in the Consultative Workshop on the Development of Guidelines for the 2027 National Festival of Talents (NFOT)** dated June 18, 2026, this Office, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), shall conduct the **Online Consultative Conference on the 2027 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) Event-Specific Guidelines** on **August 24–28, 2026**, via **Microsoft Teams**.
2. The Festival of Talents shall continue to provide meaningful and authentic opportunities for diverse learners to demonstrate their talents, skills, creativity, critical thinking, communication, collaboration, innovation, and values across learning areas, inclusive education, and special curricular programs, consistent with the learning standards of the Department of Education.
3. The consultative conference aims to provide a structured mechanism for the Regional Event Focal Persons and their corresponding School Division Office counterparts to review, clarify, harmonize, and provide inputs on the 2027 event-specific guidelines in support of ongoing and succeeding school-, district-, and division-level selection activities and preparations for the conduct of the 2027 Regional Festival of Talents in December 2026.
4. The consultation shall take into consideration the varying stages and timelines of Festival of Talents implementation across the 25 SDOs in CALABARZON.



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5. Specifically, the consultation shall:
 - a. review the event-specific guidelines, including provisions on learner eligibility, key stage or grade level, number and composition of participants and teacher-coaches, contest mechanics, technical specifications, judging criteria, and other event requirements;
 - b. identify provisions requiring clarification, refinement, contextualization, or further guidance based on implementation conditions in the SDOs;
 - c. harmonize the interpretation of provisions that may affect the conduct of school-, district-, division-, and regional-level Festival of Talents activities;
 - d. review applicable requirements on occupational health and safety, child protection, reasonable accommodation, data privacy, intellectual property, accessibility, and other safeguards relevant to the respective events; and
 - e. consolidate recommendations and matters that may require further regional or national-level resolution.
6. The consultation shall adopt a **decentralized event-based arrangement**.
7. A common Microsoft Teams meeting link shall be made available throughout the consultation period from August 24 to 28, 2026, with designated breakout rooms for the different learning areas/programs and RFOT events.

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8. The same meeting link shall remain available throughout the consultation period. Participants shall enter the designated breakout room based on the schedule communicated by their respective Regional Event Focal Person.
9. To provide sufficient flexibility for the different event clusters and to accommodate the varying implementation timelines and existing official activities of the SDO's, each Regional Event Focal Person is authorized to determine the specific date and time of the consultation for his/her assigned event within the August 24–28, 2026 consultation window, in coordination with the concerned SDO focal persons and with due consideration to their existing schedules and local Festival of Talents activities.
10. The Regional Event Focal Persons shall serve as lead conveners and facilitators of their respective event consultations. They shall:

- a. determine and communicate the specific consultation schedule to the concerned SDO focal persons;
 - b. convene the concerned SDO focal persons through the assigned Microsoft Teams breakout room;
 - c. lead the presentation, review, and discussion of the applicable event-specific guidelines;
 - d. facilitate the resolution of event-level operational and technical concerns within the parameters of existing policies and approved working guidelines;
 - e. document significant agreements, clarifications, proposed refinements, and unresolved issues raised during the consultation; and
 - f. elevate to the RFOT 2027 Focal Person the matters requiring policy clarification, cross-event harmonization, or guidance beyond the scope of the concerned event.
11. SDO's are requested to ensure the participation of their concerned and applicable focal persons, coordinators, or other personnel directly responsible for the respective RFOT 2027 events.
 12. The SDO focal persons shall coordinate directly with their respective Regional Event Focal Persons regarding the final date and time of their event consultation.
 13. SDOs shall likewise apprise the Regional Event Focal Person of the status of their corresponding school-, district-, and/or division-level selection activities, as applicable, to inform the discussion and contextualization of implementation concerns.
 14. In cases where a concerned SDO focal person is unable to participate in the scheduled synchronous consultation due to previously scheduled official activities, the concerned focal person may coordinate with the Regional Event Focal Person for an appropriate alternative arrangement within the consultation period or submit written inputs for consideration and inclusion in the consultation record.
 15. The following shall serve as the principal working references during the consultation:
 - a. the 2027 draft event-specific guidelines developed during the national consultative workshop;
 - b. the guidelines for CALABARZON-initiated RFOT events; and
 - c. relevant DepEd policies and issuances governing instructional time, learner protection and safety, data privacy, media management, intellectual property, and other matters applicable to the respective events.

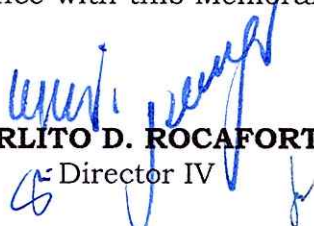


WORKING FILES/GUIDELINES

Microsoft OneDrive Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/r4a2027RFOTGuidelinesConCon>

16. In reviewing the guidelines, the Regional and Division Event Focal Persons shall give particular attention to provisions that directly affect the validity and comparability of entries across SDOs. Essential requirements relating to learner eligibility, participant composition, required contest outputs or performances, judging standards, safety, child protection, reasonable accommodation, data privacy, and intellectual property shall be considered.
17. Proposed refinements arising from the consultations shall be treated as recommendations for consideration in the regional contextualization of the guidelines for the conduct of the 2027 Regional Festival of Talents in December 2026. In case of provisions requiring national-level clarification, the matter shall be consolidated by the CLMD for appropriate coordination. Final national and regional issuances shall serve as the controlling reference should any provision/s differ from the agreements or recommendations arising from the consultation conducted.
18. For SDOs that have already held corresponding school-, district-, or division-level selection activities prior to the consultation, the agreements and recommendations arising from the consultative conference shall not, by themselves, require the reconduct of completed activities. Where necessary, appropriate validation, additional screening, or other reasonable measures may be undertaken to align endorsed entries with the final 2027 RFOT requirements.
19. For events involving the creation, recording, submission, exhibition, or publication of photographs, videos, audio recordings, digital presentations, films, music, graphics, or similar media outputs, the concerned focal persons shall likewise review applicable provisions on informed consent, data privacy, accessibility, attribution, copyright, and the authorized use of third-party materials.
20. Immediately after their respective consultation, each Regional Event Focal Person shall submit to the RFOT 2027 Focal Person a concise Summary of Agreements and Proposed Revisions, including:
 - a. provisions clarified and agreements reached;
 - b. recommended revisions or contextualized provisions; and
 - c. unresolved concerns requiring Regional- or National-level guidance.
21. For further inquiries and concerns, please contact **Hazel Angelyn E. Tesoro**, Education Program Supervisor and Regional Focal Person for the 2027 RFOT, and **Dr. Viernalyn M. Nama**, Chief Education Supervisor at the CLMD through email at clmd.calabarzon@deped.gov.ph.
22. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are directed.


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**REGIONAL EVENT FOCAL PERSONS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE LEARNING
AREA/PROGRAM ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2027 RFOT**

August 24–28, 2026 | Microsoft Teams

Name of Regional Event Focal Person	Office	Program	MS Teams Breakout Room Number
1. HAZEL ANGELYN E. TESORO	R4A CLMD	RFOT 2027 Focal Person	1
		Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)	
2. EMELIA P. CRESCINI	R4A CLMD	Araling Panlipunan	2
		Madrasah Education Program (MEP)	
3. VIRGILIO O. GUEVARRA, JR.	R4A CLMD	Technology and Livelihood Education/Technical-Vocational Education (TLE/TVE)	3
4. PAUL GENCE L. OCAMPO	R4A CLMD	Science	4
5. EUGENE RAY F. SANTOS	R4A CLMD	English	5
6. GILBERT O. CRUZ	R4A CLMD	Mathematics	6
7. DIANNE CATHERINE T. ANTONIO	R4A CLMD	Filipino	7
8. LOWIESITO O. ERNI	R4A CLMD	Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health (MAPEH)	8
9. PHILIPS T. MONTEROLA	R4A CLMD	Special Needs Education (SNED)	9
	R4A CLMD	Alternative Learning System (ALS)	
10. MARGARET P. MUSA	R4A CLMD	Values Education	10