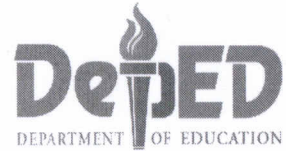


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**AN INVITATION TO ALL DEPED SUPPLIERS AND
PARTNERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

Taking cue from the strong mandate of the Aquino administration to promote good governance, government agencies and private sector groups are initiating various reform programs to infuse their organizations with greater integrity, honesty and accountability. However, in order for these initiatives to truly take root and prosper, there is a need for greater interface between the public and private sectors' efforts and a collective commitment to institutionalize good governance.

It is in this context that the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Procurement Service, is convening a **Partnership for Integrity Forum**. We are inviting our partners from the private sector – suppliers, civil society organizations, and other business groups – to join us in a half-day forum to discuss and agree on ethical principles that will govern our business and procurement practices. Secretary Armin A. Luistro FSC will be present to dialogue with participants and to introduce **DepEd's Integrity Pact**.

We invite you to join us in this activity, which will be held on **22 February 2011, 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan**. Our office will contact your office to get confirmation of your attendance. For queries, please contact Gino Camilon and Aurora Mendoza of Procurement Service at **636-6542 or 633-9343**.

Thank you. Your presence at the Forum will be highly appreciated.

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