

Republic of the Philippines **Department of Education**



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PARTICIPATION TO THE REGIONAL FORUM ON BARANGAY LITERACY CAMPAIGN

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

- 1. The Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) in partnership with the Barangay Councilors League of the Philippines (BCLP) and the Center for Local Development Studies (CLDS) as the forum organizers is launching an activity entitled "Regional Forum on Barangay Literacy Campaign: Investing Towards Everyone's Future in Literacy Development". This will be held from May 2008 to February 2009.
- 2. This was conceived during a strategic gathering of local government leaders and concerned individuals to focus on the promotion of local government programs on the strengthening of functional literacy and other local development agenda.
- 3. The activity also aims to heighten the advocacy for a sustainable local government initiative for the promotion of functional literacy program which will provide:
 - a. a forum to observe and to discuss the issues concerning the government's literacy program in the grassroots levels;
 - increase the awareness of the barangay officials on the mandate of the Literacy Coordinating Councils and national efforts to eradicate illiteracy by 2015 in line with the goals of the United States;
 - c. showcase success stories of National Literacy Awardees literacy workers, literacy program and LGU literacy efforts in inspiring barangay officials in improving and initiating replicable and innovative literacy programs for their constituencies;
 - d. provide an opportunity for barangay officials to learn the basics of developing and crafting functional literacy and education programs relevant to their respective communities; and
 - e. consult barangay officials on possible actions and recommendations on the role of local government units in national literacy campaigns.

- 4. As guaranteed in the Local Government Code, grassroots initiatives are encouraged and supported for more relevant and meaningful development work with the diverse characters of the local units. Thus, support to any program that would address national issues on Local Government's perspective is consistent to the provisions of the Local Government Code.
- 5. The invited participants are Local Government Units (LGUs) officials, local school board members, local LCCs, barangay councils and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) council members, day care workers, LGU social workers, school officials and teachers (public and private), ALS chiefs supervisors and coordinators and other concerned individuals.
- 6. The payment of applicable traveling expenses and registration fee, the incidental expenses may be authorized, chargeable against local funds subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 7. For confirmation and details, please contact the Program Secretariat at PLDT telefax no. (02) 787-5046, Bayantel (02) 385-9341 or cell. nos. 0905-3294136, 0915-2949515 c/o Romel Ison, Program Officer.
- 8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Officer-in-Charge

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the <u>Perpetual Index</u> under the following subjects:

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