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19TH ASIAN FEDERATION ON INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES CONFERENCE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The 19th Asian Federation on Intellectual Disabilities (AFID) Conference will be held in Singapore, RELC International Hotel on November 22-26, 2009 with the theme **“Towards Holistic Development”**.
2. This biennial conference will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and research findings on intellectual disability. A wide array of topics will be discussed such as early intervention, education, family, ageing, community living and quality of life.
3. The Philippines is one of the 15-member countries of the Federation. Assistant Secretary Teresita G. Inciong is an honorary member and BEE Director Yolanda S. Quijano is a member of the Executive Board. In 1973, the Asian Federation for the Mentally Retarded (former name of AFID) Conference was held in the Philippines under the auspices of UNESCO.
4. Families/parents and individuals with intellectual disability are encouraged to attend and share their experiences regarding employment, community living, advocacy, amongst other topics. Special education teachers and providers of people with intellectual disabilities are also invited to attend.
5. The registration fees are US\$280 for AFID members and US\$330 for non-members. The fees cover conference materials, study tours, welcome banquet, friendship night, luncheons, tea-breaks and souvenirs. Registration forms may be downloaded from the Conference website at <http://www.afid73.org> and completed or accomplished form must be emailed to: secretariat@afid73.org.
6. The conference is organized by the Committee for Promotion of Services to the Intellectually Disabled in Singapore (COMPSIDS).
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

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