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8TH NATIONAL TEACHERS CONGRESS ON VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Special Education (SPED) Division of the Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), in cooperation with the Resources for the Blind, Inc. (RBI) will hold its **8th National Teachers Congress on Visual Impairment** with the theme, "*Achieving Quality Education For All Children with Visual Impairment: Strategies and Challenges*" on November 5-7, 2010 at the Taal Vista Hotel, Kilometer 60, Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay City.

2. The congress aims to:

- a. provide the participants with knowledge on providing education interventions and skills for productive life for children with visual impairment;
- b. identify strategies to overcome the different challenges of providing effective educational programs to children with visual impairment;
- c. enhance knowledge on managing programs and services for children with visual impairment in the mainstream classes;
- d. create synergy among teachers, parents, administrators, supervisors and professionals on the sustainability and enhancement of programs and services for children with visual impairment; and
- e. award exemplary performances of Special Education (SPED) teachers.

3. The participants to this activity are special education and regular teachers, school administrators from both public and private schools, education supervisors in SPED at the division and regional offices, chiefs/assistant chiefs of the elementary and secondary education divisions, schools division/city superintendents (SDSs) and assistant schools division/city superintendents (ASDSs). Government organizations (GOs) and non-government organizations (NGOs) working with children who are visually impaired are also invited to attend. Participants from public schools are allowed to attend **on official business**.

4. Transportation, registration fees, per diems and other allowable expenses incident to the participation of those coming from the government institutions shall be charged to local funds subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Participants from private institutions shall make their own financial arrangements with their respective schools/offices.



5. The registration form and the program of activities are found in Enclosure Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encls.:
As stated

Reference:
DepEd Memorandum: No. 452, s. 2008

To be indicated in the Perpetual index
under the following subjects:

CONFERENCES
SPECIAL EDUCATION
TEACHERS

R: SGC/8th national teachers congress on visual impairment
September 17, 2010

8th National Teachers Congress on Visual Impairment

Achieving Quality Education For All Children with Visual Impairment:
Strategies and Challenges



Taal Vista Hotel,
Kilometer 60, Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay City 4120
November 5-7, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM



PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM
ON OR BEFORE **29 October 2010**
Resources for the Blind, Inc.
Box 1831, CPO 1099 Manila
Tel. Nos. 02-726-3021 to 24
Fax: (02) 726-2063; 726-0077
Email: info@blind.org.ph; amy@blind.org.ph

I. Contact Details

Title: _____ Prof. _____ Dr. _____ Mr. _____ Ms. _____ Mrs. _____
First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Designation: _____ School/Organization/Institution: _____
Address: _____
Region: _____ Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____
Name that should appear in the conference ID: _____

II. Conference Registration Fee

Early Bird Paid Participants
On or before Oct. 29, 2010

On-Site Registration

A. Registration Fee of Live-out Participants
Inclusions of Live-out Registration Fee:

Php 3,600.00

Php 4,000.00

- 3 AM Snack, 2 Set Lunch, 2 PM Snack,
- Conference Kit
- Certificate and Conference proceedings in CD

Note: Live out participants must make their own arrangement to the following lodging facilities recommended by the Special Education Division:

- Tagaytay International Convention Center Tel. (046) 413-1220
- DAP Tagaytay City Tel.(046) 413-1290 to 92
- Girl Scouts of the Philippines Tagaytay City Tel. (046) 483-1395

A. Registration Fee for All Live-in Participants

1. Triple Occupancy Php 6,500.00

Php 6,900.00

2. Twin Occupancy Php 6,900.00

Php 7,300.00

Please fax/e-mail your filled-up registration form to RBI for **CONFIRMATION** before **Oct. 29, 2010**

Inclusions of Live-in Registration Fee:

- 3 Days & 2 Nights
- 2 set breakfast, 3 AM snack, 2 Set Lunch, 2 PM Snack & 2 Set Dinner
- Conference Kit, Certificate and Conference proceedings in CD
- Complimentary use of swimming pool
- Complimentary use of fitness gym

Sharing room with _____

III. Additional Charge Hotel Van (Airport-Hotel Transport)

A. Php 500. 00 - One way

B. Php 1,000.00 – Round Trip

C. Arrival and Departure Information

- Date and Time of Arrival _____ Airline and Flight No. _____ Airport Terminal _____
- Date and Time of Departure _____ Airline and Flight No. _____ Airport Terminal _____

IV. Conference Notes

Please observe the following:

- A. Check-in time : **starts at 2:00 pm, 05 November 2010,**
Early check- in on Nov. 5 is subject to availability of the room.
Nov. 4 check-in and Nov. 8 check-out will be charged accordingly.
- B. Check-out time: **12:00 noon, 07 November 2010**
- C. **First meal AM snack will be served on 05 Nov, last meal AM snack will be served on Nov.7**
- D. **"NO MEAL STUB, NO FOOD"** is strictly implemented by the hotel
- E. Special Diet: Please identify any special dietary requirements such as vegetarian meals
- F. Special requirements: Please identify any special requirements such as mobility assistance, Braille or large print program _____

V. Mode of Payment

- Check or money order payable to Resources for the Blind, Inc.
- Bank transfer should be made at **Banco de Oro Rustans Cubao Branch**
Account Name: Resources for the Blind, Inc.
Account Number: 403-000-4965
- Please **email or fax your duplicate deposit slip with your name, date deposited** to info@blind.org.ph fax number (02) 726-2063 for recording and issuance of official receipt

For more information, contact:

Congress Secretariat:

Resources for the Blind, Inc. Manila Office
Amy Mojica and Cha-cha Tabanao
Tel. No. 02-726-3021 to 24, Fax: 02-726-2063; 727-0077
amy@blind.org.ph;info@blind.org.ph

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**Theme: Achieving Quality Education For All Children with Visual Impairment:
Strategies and Challenges**

**8th National Teachers Congress on Visual Impairment
Taal Vista Hotel, Kilometer 60, Aguinaldo Highway, Tagaytay City 4120
November 5-7, 2010**

Tentative Program

Date	Time	Activities
Friday Nov. 5	7:00 – 10:00 AM	Registrations
	10:00 – 12:00 AM	Plenary Session 1: Opening Program and Welcome Speech: <i>Dr. Angelita M. Esdicul</i> Director III, Officer In Charge Office of the Director IV Bureau of Elementary Education Education Complex, Pasig City <i>Mr. Rainer Gutler</i> Regional Director CBM, SEAPRO Key Note Speech: <i>Hon. Bro. Armin Luistro</i> Secretary, Dept. of Education
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:00 PM	Plenary Session 2: “ Status of Inclusive Education ” <i>Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano</i> Undersecretary, Dept. of Education “ Better Together ” Testimonies of Students and Parents
	2:00 – 3:30 PM	Concurrent Session 1: Session 1A: Session 1B: Session 1C:
	3:30 – 3:45 PM	PM Snack
	3:45 – 5:30 PM	Concurrent Session 2: Session 2A: Session 2B: Session 2C:

Saturday Nov. 6	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Plenary Session 3: “Adapting the General Education Curriculum for Students who are Visually Impaired with Multiple Disabilities” <i>Ms. Mary Zatta</i> , Supervisor Deafblind Program of Perkins School for the Blind “Vision for Voice and Vision” <i>Ms. Anindita Mukerjee</i> , Deputy Director, Voice and Vision, India
	10:00 – 10:30 AM	AM Snack
	10:30 AM-12:00 NN	Concurrent Session 3: Session 3A: Session 3B: Session 3C:
	12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:00 PM	Plenary Session 4: Challenges “Functional Curriculum for Students who are Visually Impaired with Multiple Disabilities” <i>Ms. Mary Zatta</i> , Supervisor Deafblind Program of Perkins School for the Blind “Vocational Training and Community Group Homes for Students who are Visually Impaired” <i>Mrs. Kansinanant Thongbai</i> Educational Specialist, Asia/Pacific Program Perkins International
	2:00 – 5:00 PM	Focus Workshops: Workshop 1: MATHS “SEEN” WITH OTHER EYES Workshop 2: MDVI Services – Assessing Community Needs and Developing Plans Workshop 3: Monitoring Strategies/Management Techniques SPED Center as a Resource Center Workshop 4: Promoting Braille Literacy/Assessment and Decision Making Regarding Appropriate Literacy Media
Sunday Nov. 7	8:00 – 10:00 AM	Plenary Session 5: Closing Program Looking at the Future <i>Ms. Debbie Gleason</i> , Regional Coordinator, Asia/Pacific Programs, Perkins International Perkins School for the Blind Check-out