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**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
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**RECONSTITUTION OF A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE EDUCATION  
OF UNDOCUMENTED FILIPINO CHILDREN IN SABAH, MALAYSIA**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Regional Secretary, ARMM  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Article VI of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Philippines and the Government of Malaysia on Education and Cooperation, a Joint Working Group (composed of delegates from both governments) convened on April 16, 2015, the Philippine delegation last year was composed of the following:

Chair : Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages  
Alternate Chair : Undersecretary for Programs and Projects  
Members : Director, Bureau of Elementary Education  
Director, Bureau of Secondary Education  
Director, Bureau of Alternative Learning System  
Director, National Educational Testing and Research  
Secretary, DepEd ARMM  
Head of Project Management Division, CFO  
Representatives from ASPAC-DFA/PH Embassy in KL  
Technical Secretariat: International Cooperation Office

2. In view of the change in the administration and in the efforts to continuously address the education concerns of undocumented Filipino children, among others, in Sabah, Malaysia, a Technical Working Group (TWG) is reconstituted. The reconstituted TWG shall represent the Philippines in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Joint Working Group this year which will be held in Malaysia.

3. This TWG shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. study the issues and concerns relating to the education of undocumented children in Sabah, Malaysia;
- b. identify solutions to address the issues and concerns for recommendation to the DepEd Secretary;
- c. establish a strategic plan, which includes short and long-term plans, to address the issues and concerns relating to the education of the undocumented children in Sabah, Malaysia;
- d. implement, monitor and evaluate, in coordination with offices concerned, the strategic plan for the undocumented children;
- e. incorporate the budgetary requirements of the strategic plan in the respective office budget of each TWG member;

- f. establish partnerships and linkages with the Malaysian Government;
- g. harness the support of other Philippine Government agencies to address the issues and concerns;
- h. coordinate with the Philippine Embassy in Malaysia;
- i. propose to the DepEd Secretary policy and legislative recommendations to address the education of the undocumented children in Sabah; and
- j. submit reports to the DepEd Secretary.

4. The TWG shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Assistant Secretary Tonisito M. C. Umali, Esq.  
 Co-Chairperson : Assistant Secretary G.H. S. Ambat

Members : Director Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros  
 Director Jocelyn DR. Andaya  
 Director Nelia V. Benito  
 Director Marilette R. Almayda  
 Director Edel B. Carag  
 Director Roger B. Masapol  
 Mr. Myron Gil D. Talosig

Technical Secretariat : International Cooperation Office Staff

5. All expenses relative to the conduct of TWG meetings shall be charged to OSEC funds, subject to accounting rules and regulations.

6. For queries/concerns on the matter, all concerned may contact the **International Cooperation Office** at telephone no. (02) 637-6463 or through email address: [ico@deped.gov.ph](mailto:ico@deped.gov.ph).

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
 Secretary

Reference:  
 None

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