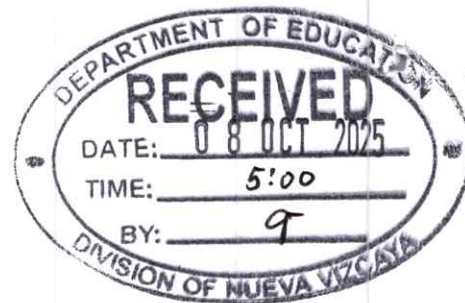




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION II – CAGAYAN VALLEY



02 October 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 485, s. 2025

INVITATION TO THE 2025 PHILIPPINE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Functional Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. With reference to the attached letter from Rhodora Angela F. Ferrer, PhD, Executive Director of the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC), this Office informs all concerned that the 2025 Philippine Education Conference will be held on December 3–4, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

2. The conference, with the theme “*Changing the Narrative of Philippine Education by Making Reforms Work*,” aims to bring together various stakeholders in Philippine education to foster collaboration, present and discuss key educational issues, and share expertise and experiences toward improving educational practices and advancing reforms.

3. In this regard, Schools Division Superintendents and Functional Division Chiefs are encouraged to attend the said conference on official business.

4. Confirmation of attendance may be coordinated with Ms. Malou N. Panganiban through email at oed@peac.org.ph or via SMS at 0917-7735655.

5. Participants are likewise requested to register online at <https://philed.peac.org.ph/> on or before October 15, 2025.

6. Expenses for registration, travel, board and lodging and other costs relative to participation in this activity shall be charged against available local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. For information, guidance, and appropriate action.



BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS PhD, CESO III
Director IV/Regional Director

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Letter from Dr. Ferrer of PEAC

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MEMORANDUM		Date: <u>10/23/25</u>	Released/Records: <u>100</u>
To: ☒ PSDS/DICs	☒ Elem/Sec School Heads		
☐ Private Schools	☒ Others:		
For: ☒ Information	☒ Dissemination		
☒ Guidance	☐ Strict Compliance		
ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent			
By: ☐ ASDS	☐ CID Chief	☐ SGOD Chief	☐ AO ☐ Atty
			Signature: <u>[Signature]</u>



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July 02, 2025

DR. BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS
Regional Director
Department of Education – Region 2

Dear Director Paragas:

1 { We are organizing the **2025 Philippine Education Conference**, which will be held on December 3-4, 2025 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City. The conference theme is ***Changing the Narrative of Philippine Education by Making Reforms Work***. Attached is the conference program for guidance.

We would like to invite you to the conference and as Chair of the GASTPE Regional Program Committee in Region 2, you will be provided an all-access ID so you can attend the sessions of your choice.

Previous conferences had been the largest gatherings of educational leaders and practitioners in the country and featured speakers from the government, leading schools in the country, and international organizations. Held every two years, the conferences organized since 2013 were attended by an estimated 3,500 educators. It aims to bring together the various stakeholders in Philippine education in a collaborative environment to present and discuss education issues and to provide a forum for leading educators and experts to share their expertise and experiences. Videos of previous conferences are available on the PEAC official YouTube channel.

To ensure your convenience, we will be arranging your hotel accommodations (twin sharing) from December 2 to 5, 2025. Kindly be informed that the accommodation expenses for these dates will be covered by PEAC. Should you wish to extend your stay beyond the mentioned dates, we respectfully request that any additional costs be personally shouldered.

Additionally, we will be booking your round-trip flight based on your preferred schedule. Kindly let us know your flight preferences at your earliest convenience so we may proceed with the necessary arrangements.

2 { For confirmation of attendance, please contact Ms. Malou N. Panganiban by sending an email to malou@peac.org.ph or through SMS 0917-7735655. Your conference kit can be claimed from the **Conference Secretariat** on **December 3 at Meeting Room 2**, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

We also extend our invitation to the following: Assistant Regional Director; all Division Superintendents; Regional Chief of Quality Assurance Division; and Regional Chief of Policy Research and Development Division. They will be considered regular participants and will need to register online at <https://philed.peac.org.ph/>. We are communicating this matter to the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Education.



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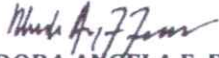


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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and other DepEd officials at the conference.

Very truly yours,



RHODORA ANGELA F. FERRER, PhD
Executive Director





2025 Philippine Education Conference
December 2-4, 2025 | SMX Convention Center, Pasay City

Conference Program (as of July 1, 2025)
Theme: Changing the Narrative of Philippine Education by Making Reforms Work

Objectives: The conference aims to foster collaborative discussions on the education issues, reform initiatives, and trends that impact Philippine education, in particular the private education sector. It also focuses on strengthening the complementarity between private and public education to ensure that the private education sector and other stakeholders engage proactively and participate effectively to make the education reforms work.

PEAC EVENTS		December 2, 2025 (Tuesday) PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS					Sponsors' Invitation-Only Events	
		SMX Convention Center					Conrad	
	Meeting Rooms 45678	Pre-Function Lobby	Function Room 1	Function Room 2	Function Room 3	Function Room 5		
9:00-10:00				Organized by REX Education (time)	Organized by Scuola (time)	Organized by Phoenix SIBS		
11:00-12:00								
12:00-1:00	2025 PhilEd Conference	Opening of 2025 PhilEd Expo *FB Live						
1:00-2:00	Registration							
2:00-3:00								
4:00-5:00	Claiming of conference IDs and kits		Organized by RAKSO Education					
5:00-6:00								
6:00-7:00								
7:00-8:00							Organized by DIWA	

December 3, 2025 (Wednesday) CONFERENCE DAY 1	
8:30-9:30	OPENING CEREMONY Philippine National Anthem Interfaith Prayer Welcome Message Fr. Karel S. San Juan, S. J. President, CEAP President, Ateneo de Davao University AVP 2023 PhilEd Conference Video 2025 PhilEd Conference Overview Dr. Rhodora Angela Fernandez Ferrer Executive Director, PEAC
	<i>The State of Philippine Education: Reforms and Opportunities</i>
	Hon. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara Secretary, Department of Education
	Hon. Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, PhD* Director-General, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
	Hon. Shirley C. Agrupis, PhD* Chairperson, Commission on Higher Education
9:30-12:00 (2 hrs 30 mins) *Fb Live	
9:30-10:00	
10:00-10:30	
10:30-11:00	

December 3, 2025 (Wednesday) CONFERENCE DAY 1	
11:00-12:00	Q & A Hon. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara Hon. Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, PhD* Hon. Shirley C. Agrupis, PhD* Moderator Marco Alfredo M. Benitez* President, PACU President, Philippine Women's University Presentation of Plaques of Appreciation to Conference Partners, Steering Committee, and Major Sponsors Performances Lunch 2025 PhilEd Expo Visiting Hours
12:00-2:00	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker Dr. Betty C. McCann President, ACSCU President, Silliman University Fourth Senator Edgardo J. Angara Keynote Lecture <i>Designing Effective Public Private Partnerships in Education</i> Dr. Harry Anthony Patrinos Head, Department of Education Reform 21st Century Endowed Chair in Education Policy University of Arkansas
2:00-3:00 (1 hr)	

December 3, 2025 (Wednesday) CONFERENCE DAY 1	
3:00-4:30 (1 hr 30 mins) *Fb Live	Panel Discussion <i>Challenging Complexities of Complementarity: Policy and Practice</i> Usec. Ronald U. Mendoza DepEd Undersecretary for Strategic Management Fr. Karel S. San Juan, SJ President, CEAP Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo* President, PASUC Dr. Vincent K. Fabella* Standing Committee-Governance and Finance, EDCOM 2 Alfredo I. Ayala* Education and Jobs Sector Group, Private Sector Advisory Council (PSAC) Moderator John Nery Host, <i>Rappler's In the Public Square</i>
	<i>Updates from EDCOM 2</i> Dr. Karol Mark Yee Executive Director, EDCOM 2 Closing Message Hon. Arsenio M. Balisacan, PhD* Secretary, Department of Economy, Planning and Development (DEPDev, formerly NEDA)



PRIVATE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

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December 4, 2025 (Thursday) CONFERENCE DAY 2				
STRANDS	Function Room	Function Room	Function Room	Function Room
	Pathways and Equivalencies	Quality Assurance	Assessment	Governance and Finance
8:00-10:00	Implementing the Philippine Qualifications Framework DepEd CHED DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta* Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning TESDA	Harmonizing Quality Assurance in the Philippines Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC President, PAASCU Dr. Miriam P. Narbarte President, ACSCU-ACI Dr. Conrado Inigo, Jr. Vice Chairman, PACUCOA, Inc.	Lessons from Independent Education Assessment Bodies Russell Dyer* Executive Director, Assessment and Reporting Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)	Strengthening Accountability Mechanisms Dr. Michael M. Alba* President, FEU Public Policy Center Using Data Analytics to Improve Learning Outcomes Enrique M. Amigo* Chief Information Officer Far Eastern University Dr. Soraya T. Faculo Schools Division Superintendent DepEd Schools Division Baguio City
	Moderator Dr. Ester B. Ogena Consultant, PEAC Vice President, Foundation for Upgrading the Standard of Education	Moderator Dr. Miguel Q. Rapatan* Consultant, PEAC	Moderator Fr. Enrique Thadeu N. Balongag Consultant, PEFI	Moderator Dr. Caroline Marian S. Enriquez* President, Our Lady of Fatima University Moderator Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante CAS Dean Governance and Quality Assurance Director San Beda University - Manila
10:00-10:30	Moving Break			

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December 4, 2025 (Thursday) CONFERENCE DAY 2				
STRANDS	Function Room Pathways and Equivalencies	Function Room Quality Assurance	Function Room Assessment	Function Room Governance and Finance
10:30-12:30	<i>Implementing the Strengthened Senior High School Program</i> Usec. Malcolm S. Garma Undersecretary for Operations DepEd El Cid H. Castillo Executive Director Qualifications and Standards Office, TESDA Dr. Gina Lapaza-Montalan Academic Vice President, Ateneo de Davao University	<i>International Accreditation and Certification Options for Educational Institutions</i> Dr. Peter P. Laurel* President, Lyceum of the Philippines University-Laguna, Batangas and Davao Dr. Dodjie S. Maestreampo President and CEO Mapua University Dr. Gerardo L. Largoza Director, Quality Assurance Office De La Salle University	<i>Transforming the DepEd's Bureau of Education Assessment</i> Dr. Kevin Carl P. Santos Director IV, Bureau of Education Assessment DepEd	<i>Rationalizing Education Subsidy Programs</i> Dr. Vicente B. Paqueo Research Fellow, PIDS Dr. Cynthia Rose Banzon-Baulista Professor, University of the Philippines Don Brodeth Senior Partner, Taft Consulting Group
	Sr. Felicitas V. Bernardo, SPC Dean, St. Paul University Manila	Dr. Jose Paulo E. Campos* President Emilio Aguinaldo College	Br. Bernard S. Oca FSC President De La Salle University	Fr. Daniel Franklin E. Pilario, CM President Adamson University
12:30-2:30	Lunch 2025 PhilEd Expo Visiting Hours			
			<i>Fixing the Foundations of Teacher Education</i> Dr. Jennie V. Jocsan Executive Director Teacher Education Council Secretariat Dr. Edison A. Fermin Chairperson, CHED Technical Panel for Teacher Education Vice President for Academic Affairs, National Teachers College	Dr. Gisela D.A. Luna * President Trinity University of Asia

December 4, 2025 (Thursday) CONFERENCE DAY 2				
STRANDS	Function Room	Quality Assurance	Assessment	Function Room
	Pathways and Equivalencies			Governance and Finance
CONCURRENT SESSIONS C				
2:30-5:00	Rethinking the Technical Professionals	Dr. Reynaldo B. Vea* Chairman and CEO iPeople, Inc. Mr. Suresh Natarajan Chief Executive Officer ITE Education Services Singapore Fr. Onofre G. Inocencio, Jr., SDB* President, UNITVET	<i>Using AI Safely, Ethically and Effectively in Schools</i> Fr. Johnny C. Go, SJ Dean, School of Education and Learning Design Ateneo de Manila University Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo Distinguished University Professor and University Fellow De La Salle University Kochakorn Khattapan Acidre Deputy Centre Director SEAMEO INNOTECH	<i>Decentralizing Philippine Education</i> Dr. Milwida M. Guevara Executive Director Synergika Foundation, Inc.
	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony
	Moderator	Moderator	Moderator	Moderator
	Fr. Aristotle C. Dy, S.J. President Ateneo de Naga University PEAC Regional Program Director for Region 5	Sr. Ma. Marissa R. Viri, RVM President, University of Immaculate Conception PEAC Regional Program Director for Region 11	Fr. Randy Jasper V. Odchigue* President, Fr. Saturnino Urias University PEAC Regional Program Director for Region 13	Fr. Guillemy Anthony M. Andai, S.J.* President, Ateneo de Zamboanga University PEAC Regional Program Director for Region 9
				<i>Enhancing the Learning Experience with AI</i> Zeina Chalich Britannica Professional Learning
Closing Ceremony				
Moderator				
Msgr. Ely Rafael D. Fuentes Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Jaro PEAC Regional Program Director for Region 6				

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