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11 February 2026

DR. BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS  
Regional Director  
Department of Education - Region II  
Cariig, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan



Attention: Human Resource Staff of DepEd Regional and Field Offices, and Attached Agencies and Bureaus  
Subject: JICA-JAAP Regional Connect: Knowledge Exchange and Pathways Forum - Region II

Dear Regional Director Paragas,  
Greetings!

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Interested participants may register through: <https://forms.office.com/r/nHXCh5dgr> on or before 06 March 2026. For inquiries, please contact the Training Program Section of JICA Philippines through email via [jicapp\\_tps@jica.go.jp](mailto:jicapp_tps@jica.go.jp) or phone number 8889 - 7119.

We would appreciate your kind support in promoting staff participation in this forum. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in strengthening public sector capacity and advancing sustainable development.

Very truly yours,

**KENSY A. REYES**  
Section Chief  
Training Program Section



Attachments: Tentative Program, Registration

February 16, 2026

To: All Schools Division Superintendents

For information, dissemination, and appropriate action.

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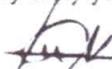
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and Pathways Forum – Region II



17 March 2026

<b>TENTATIVE PROGRAM</b>	
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>Opening Program</b>	
09:00 – 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine National Anthem</li> <li>• Japan National Anthem</li> </ul>
09:20 – 09:40	<b>Opening Remarks</b>
09:00 – 10:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Presentation:</b> JICA Philippines' General Operations and Human Resource Development Programs
10:00 – 10:30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation:</b> JICA Alumni Association of the Philippines (JAAP): Activities and Responsibilities
10:30 – 10:50	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Presentation:</b> JICA's Global Agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction
10:50 – 11:00	<i>Break</i>
11:00 – 11:20	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Presentation:</b> KCCP GRF Trainee Insights and Outputs
11:20 – 11:40	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Presentation:</b> KCCP YL Trainee Insights and Outputs
11:40 – 12:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Panel Session:</b> On the JICA Trainee Experience: From Application to Re-Entry
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Open Forum</b>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 13:50	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Presentation:</b> KCCP LTP Scholar Insights and Outputs
13:50 – 14:10	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Presentation:</b> JDS Scholar Insights and Outputs
14:10 – 14:30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Panel Session:</b> On the JICA Scholar Experience: From Application to Re-Entry
14:31 – 15:00	<b>Open Forum</b>
<b>Closing Program</b>	
15:00 – 15:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarding of Certificates</li> <li>• Photo Opportunity</li> </ul>
15:20 – 15:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Networking Session with Light Refreshments</i>

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