



PAMBANSANG KOMISYON PARA SA KULTURA AT MGA SINING

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ATTENTION: DENIS M. AGBAYANI EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

Greetings from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)-Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP)!

The Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), will conduct the 2026 DIWANG: SAGISAG NG KULTURA NG FILIPINAS COMPETITION for the following components:

- The 2026 DIWANG Balagtasan Competition intends to revive the traditional arts of poetry and debate by discussing contemporary issues.
The 2026 DIWANG Kundiman Competition intends to revive and promote the traditional kundiman.

In connection with this, we would like to request a DepEd Regional Memo to formally announce the program to the regional coordinators, school divisions, city superintendents, and heads of public elementary and secondary schools.

DIWANG aims to introduce, promote, disseminate, and inculcate the importance of Filipino cultural icons to our students, educators, and all Filipinos.

If you have further questions regarding the matter, please don't hesitate to email us at pcep@ncca.gov.ph.

We are hoping for your favorable and immediate response.

Thank you very much.

Truly Yours,

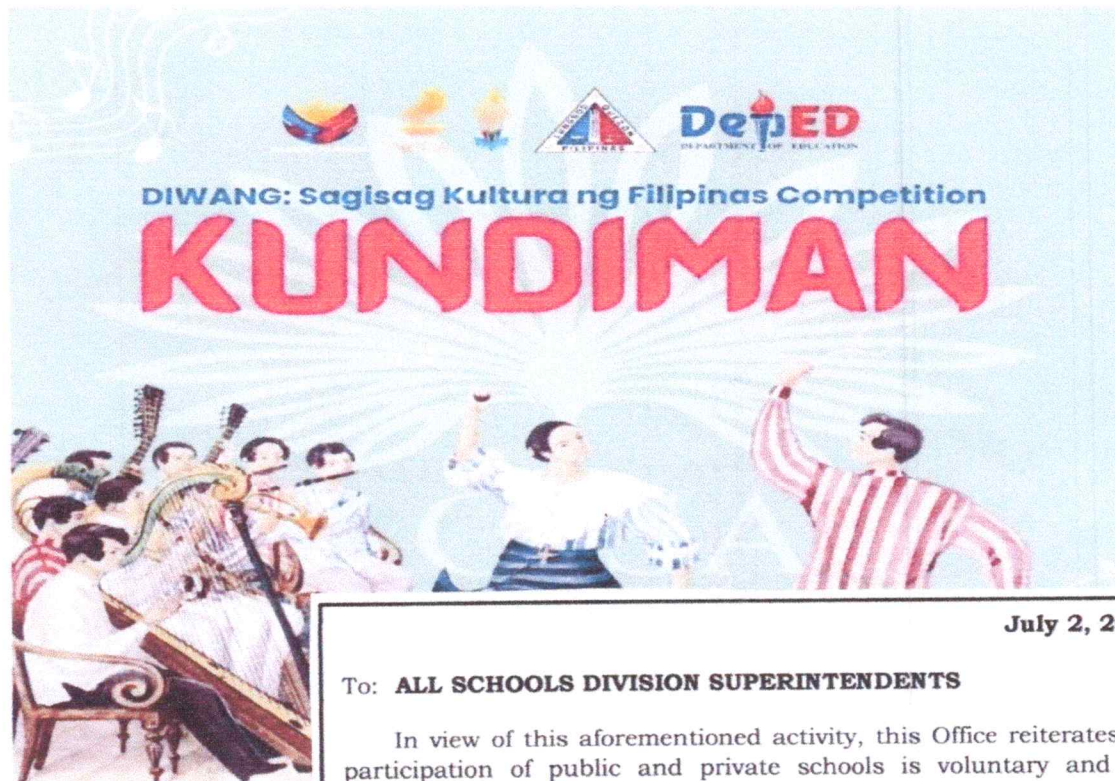
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MEMORANDUM Date: 07-07-2026 Released (Records): Rico To: (X) PSDS/DICs (X) Elem/Sec Schol Heads ( ) Private Schools ( ) Others: For: (X) Information (X) Dissemination (X) Guidance ( ) Strict Compliance ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent By: ASDS CID Chief SGOD Chief AO Atty Signature: [Signature]

Reference: Philippine Cultural Education Program (PCEP) 2026 Programs - DM-OUOPS-2026-15-00146 PCEP Project Components

- Attachment(s): 1. 2026 DIWANG Balagtasan Contest Guidelines 2. 2026 DIWANG Kundiman Contest Guidelines





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To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

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For the Office of the Regional Director

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