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Dear **Mr. Paragas**,

Greetings from the National Book Development Board!

The National Book Development Board (NBDB) respectfully invites officials and representatives of the Department of Education (DepEd), including the Regional Office and Schools Division Offices of the Region II, to participate in the **Manila International Book Fair (MIBF)** on **9-13 September 2026** at the **SMX Convention Center Manila**.

As part of its continuing **Philippine Book Festival (PBF)** initiative, NBDB will participate in this year's MIBF through **Ink and Impact**, which brings together book scoping and capacity-building opportunities for education and publishing stakeholders.

The **Ink and Impact** capacity-building sessions will be held on **09 September 2026** at **SMX Meeting Rooms 7 and 8**. Participants will have the opportunity to attend focused sessions on books, learning resources, curriculum mapping, and publishing, while also exploring the MIBF and scoping a wide range of titles from participating publishers and exhibitors. Through this engagement, DepEd participants can gain practical insights into the selection, evaluation, development, and effective use of books and learning resources, while becoming more familiar with titles and materials that may respond to the diverse needs of schools, teachers, and learners.

In this regard, we invite you to participate in **Ink and Impact** and conduct book scoping at the MIBF, subject to existing DepEd policies, availability of funds, and the approval of their respective authorized officials. We have formally requested an Official Memorandum from the DepEd Central Office authorizing and supporting the conduct of this endeavor.

NBDB looks forward to welcoming DepEd participants to **Ink and Impact at the MIBF** and strengthening our shared efforts toward informed book selection and greater access to quality reading and learning resources for Filipino learners.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you can contact **Maria Carolina M. Tapia** via the email above or on Viber at **(+63) 927 728 0931**.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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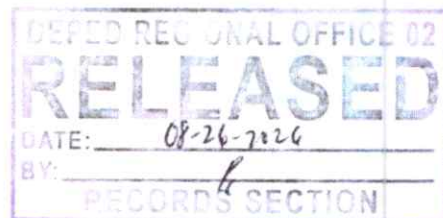
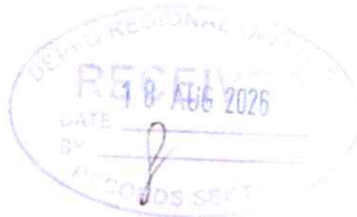


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To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this 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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ANNEX A.

LIST OF COURSES FOR THE INK AND IMPACT: PBF's NEXT WAVE

09 September 2026 | SMX Meeting Rooms 7 and 8.

SESSION	SPEAKER	SCHEDULE
Cover to Cover: Putting It All Together in the Making of a Children's Picture Book — A session examining how content, illustration, and book design work together to create an effective children's picture book.	Beth Parrocha	11:00 AM - 12:00 NN
Starting them Young: Building Peace and Empathy through Picture Books — A session exploring how picture books can help children understand different perspectives, recognize emotions, and develop empathy.	Grace Chong	1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Cultivating Resilience Through Stories, Strengths, and Science — A session centering on how books and stories can build children's resilience and social and emotional learning (SEL).	Edgar Belda Jr.	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Curriculum to Classroom: Mapping Textbooks for Effective Learning — A session examining how textbook content can be aligned with curriculum standards, learning competencies, instructional goals, activities, and assessment.	Dr. Greg T. Pawilen	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Quick Selection, Quality Results: Choosing the Right Books for Learners — A session focusing on practical, time-saving strategies for evaluating and selecting books that meet both quality standards and learner needs.	Sally Lopez	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Fast-Tracking Procurement: Streamlined Approaches for Acquiring Supplementary Learning Resources — A session identifying different modes of procurement under RA 9184 and RA 12009, tailored for acquiring printed Supplementary Learning Resources (SLRs) for public school libraries.	Atty. Allan Dexter P. Macaraig	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
AI in Education: Personalizing Learning, Empowering Teachers — A session addressing both benefits and critical considerations of Artificial Intelligence in Education.	Jim Tuscano	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM