



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
BUREAU OF LEARNING DELIVERY

ADVISORY
October 8, 2026

The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), encourages all regions, schools division offices, and schools to support the **Philippine Inclusive Education Summit 2026**, organized by the **Philippine Association for Intellectual Disabilities (PAFID)** and the **Autism Support Group**, with the theme **"Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Every Learner Belongs."** The Summit will be held in two runs: on October 10, 2026, at SM Seaside Cebu City, Cebu, and on November 22, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Quezon City MICE Center.

The Summit is expected to: 1) bring together the education sector, government agencies, families, and disability advocacy groups to share perspectives, experiences, and promising practices in inclusive education; 2) promote greater understanding of **Republic Act No. 11650**, or the *Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education Act*; and 3) strengthen collaboration among stakeholders toward its effective implementation.

In accordance with DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education, the instructional block is treated as a strictly protected, uninterrupted period dedicated entirely to classroom teaching, learning recovery, and curriculum delivery. Hence, teachers are encouraged to attend conferences during their off-school hours.

To facilitate the participation of interested personnel, **the use of available local funds may be considered**, subject to the availability of funds and compliance with existing government accounting, budgeting, auditing, procurement, and other applicable rules and regulations.

The detailed program and registration fees for the Philippine Inclusive Education Summit 2026 are attached for reference and consideration.

This is issued for information and guidance.

GERSON MARVIN M. ABESAMIS
Director IV

MEMORANDUM		Date: <u>10/09/2026</u>	Released (Records): <u>Quen</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:



To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**

For information, dissemination and appropriate action.

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09 September 2026

HON. JUAN EDGARDO "SONNY" M. ANGARA

Secretary
Department of Education
Pasig City

Subject: **Request for Support to the Philippine Inclusive Education Summit 2026**

Dear **Secretary Angara**:

This is to endorse and seek your support for the upcoming **Philippine Inclusive Education Summit 2026 on 10 October 2026 at the SM Seaside Cebu City, Cebu.**

Organized by the Philippine Association for Intellectual Disabilities (PAFID) and Autism Support Group, the Summit is expected to bring together approximately 800 participants from the education sector, government, families, and disability advocacy groups. With the theme **"Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Every Learner Belongs"**, this event will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share perspectives, experiences, and practices on inclusive education, promote greater understanding of RA 11650, and strengthen collaboration toward its implementation.

In this regard, the Department of Education may consider the issuance of a memorandum authorizing teachers and DepEd school officials to participate in the Summit in their official capacity. To support their participation, the issuance may permit the use of local funds, subject to existing government rules and regulations. Attached is the detailed program and registration fees for the Summit, for your consideration.

Thank you, and we look forward to the Department's support for this initiative.

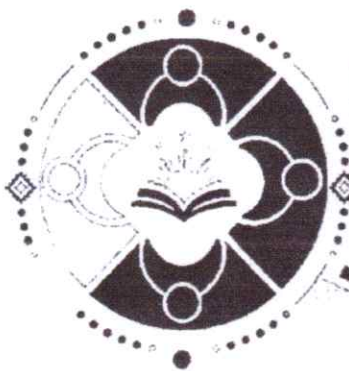
Very Truly Yours,


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Executive Director III

Enclosed as stated

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Promoting Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities



Philippine Inclusive Education Summit P.I.E.S. 2026

BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING BRIDGES:

Every Learner Belongs

A NATIONAL GATHERING FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION



**October 10, 2026
Saturday**



10:00 AM - 7:00PM



**SM Seaside Cebu City
Cube Wing**

A gathering that brings together educators, families, professionals, advocates, community leaders, and local government units to learn, connect, and help make inclusive education more practical and accessible across the Philippines.

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Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/phinclusivesummit>

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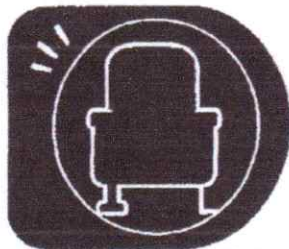
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Philippine Inclusive Education Summit



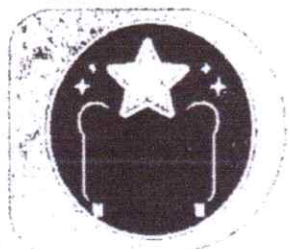
Limited Free Seating — FREE

A limited number of free seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please upload a valid ID in the section below. Free seating is subject to availability and does not include reserved or VIP placement.



General Seating — ₱200

Choose General Seating if you would like an assured seat at the event. Your seat will be reserved within the General Seating area once payment and registration are successfully completed.



VIP Seating — ₱500

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October 10, 2026



SM Seaside Cebu City



Cube Wing

For additional information about the Summit, please feel free to contact Ms. Kimberly C. De Alban of the Philippine Inclusive Education Summit 2026-Organizing Committee via email at piesummitph@gmail.com or mobile number 0977-844-0075.

PHILIPPINE INCLUSIVE EDUCATION SUMMIT (PIES)

Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Every Learner Belongs

TIME	EVENTS & ACTIVITIES / SPEAKERS
10:00 – 10:30 AM	REGISTRATION & EXHIBITS — Participant registration, networking, and sponsor and exhibitor booth visits.
10:30 – 10:50 AM	OPENING CEREMONY — Entrance of Guests & Participants; National Anthem; Inclusive/Ecumenical Prayer; NCDA Statement, Opening Remarks; Introduction to the Summit.
10:50 – 11:10 AM	OPENING ADDRESS — “FROM RIGHTS AND DREAMS TO REALITY: BUILDING THE BRIDGES THAT MAKE INCLUSION POSSIBLE” — Speaker: Alphonsus de Alban — Laws establish rights, but inclusion also begins with dreams; the dreams families have for their children, educators have for their learners, and communities have for a more inclusive society. Rights + Dreams + Action — Meaningful Inclusion.
11:10 – 11:40 AM	TALK 1 — GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE — “From Policy to Practice: Building an Inclusive Community” — Speaker: Debbie Dacanay, Head, Quezon City Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) — Moving beyond policy by creating programs, services, resources, and meaningful opportunities for persons with disabilities and their families.
11:40 AM – 12:10 PM	TALK 2 — DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PERSPECTIVE — “From Policy to the Classroom: LGU-ILRC partnership in the City Schools Division of Cabuyao, Laguna.” — Speaker: PHILIP D. CRUZ, Education Program Supervisor Department of Education (DepEd) – City Schools Division of Cabuyao, Laguna — Moving inclusive education from national policy toward meaningful implementation in schools and classrooms.
12:10 – 12:40 PM	1ST RAFFLE DRAW + SPONSOR & EXHIBITOR HIGHLIGHTS — Minor raffle prizes, sponsor recognition, announcements, and introduction of exhibitors.

12:40 – **LUNCH BREAK & EXHIBIT VISITS** — Networking and booth visits.

1:15 PM

1:15 – **TALK 3 — EDUCATOR PERSPECTIVE** — “Myths About Inclusive

1:45 PM **Education**” — **Speaker: Ana Quijano, LPT** — Challenging common misconceptions about inclusion and examining what meaningful inclusive education actually looks like in everyday school and classroom practice.

1:45 – **PANEL DISCUSSION 1 — “FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE: BRIDGING THE**

2:45 PM **GAP**” — **Alphonsus de Alban + Debbie Dacanay + Merlina P. Cruz + Ana Quijano** — Where are the gaps between rights, policy, and implementation? What must government, education systems, schools, and communities do differently to turn the promise of inclusion into reality? **40-minute moderated discussion + 20-minute audience Q&A.**

2:45 – **INTERMISSION — “THIS IS ME: VOICES OF INCLUSION”** — A 30-minute

3:15 PM showcase featuring children and young people with additional needs through music, dance, and creative expression.

3:15 – **TALK 4 — PARENT PERSPECTIVE** — “When Love Takes Action: A Parent

3:45 PM **Creating Possibilities for Her Child**” — **Speaker: Jana Berenguer, CP Mom & Business Owner** — When she saw the challenges her child faced, she didn't simply accept the limitations around him. She created opportunities—turning love, determination, and entrepreneurship into possibilities for her child.

3:45 – **TALK 5 — PARENT ADVOCATE PERSPECTIVE** — “From Awareness to

4:15 PM **Action: When Parents Become Advocates**” — **Speaker: Josie Ortiz, Founder, Family Autism Support Group Philippines** — She saw parents of children with autism struggling, often without the support or community they needed. Instead of standing by, she brought families together and built a support network where parents could connect, learn, advocate, and know they were not alone.

4:15 – **TALK 6 — PARENT & COMMUNITY CHANGEMAKER** — “Beyond the

4:45 PM **Spotlight: Creating a World Where Every Child Can Shine**” — **Speaker: Susan Yuzon, Founder, Miss Possibilities** — She saw that children and young people with disabilities needed more than acceptance—they needed opportunities to be seen, celebrated, and included. Through Miss Possibilities, she created a platform where they could step forward with confidence and show the world what is possible.

- 4:45 – **PANEL DISCUSSION 2 — “FROM PERSONAL JOURNEYS TO COLLECTIVE CHANGE”** — Jana Berenguer + Josie Ortiz + Susan Yuzon — Three mothers. Three different journeys. One shared decision: not simply to accept the barriers their children faced, but to do something about them. 40-minute moderated discussion + 20-minute audience Q&A.
- 5:45 – **2ND RAFFLE DRAW + SPONSOR HIGHLIGHTS** — Raffle prizes, sponsor recognition, and acknowledgments.
- 6:00 – **MISS POSSIBILITIES — “SHINE WITHOUT LIMITS” FASHION SHOW** — A 30-minute inclusive fashion showcase featuring children and young people with additional needs, celebrating confidence, individuality, visibility, and belonging.
- 6:30 – **CLOSING CEREMONY — “FROM SUMMIT TO ACTION”** — Call to Action & Pledge of Commitment; recognition of speakers and panelists; closing remarks; acknowledgments; **closing video**; group photo; and Summit finale.

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Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/WoRABCvEv5d7kdhf7>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/phinclusivesummit>