



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

July 31, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025-451

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs (CID & SGOD)
Public Schools District Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public School Heads
Public School Teachers
All Others Concerned

Subject: **INVITATION TO THE 3rd NATIONAL PEACE CONVENTION-“PEACE AND CULTURE IN ACTION: BUILDING UNITY THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND EXPRESSION”**

This is in reference to the herein invitation letter dated July 23, 2025, signed by John Rommel T. Garces, Chief Branch Manager, HWPL Philippines, re: **Invitation to the 3rd National Peace Convention- “Peace and Culture in Action: Building Unity Through Understanding and Expression**, hosted by HWPL Philippines in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). This meaningful event will take place on **August 9, 2025**, at the Quezon City MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions) facility.

To reserve your seat, kindly confirm your attendance until **August 4, 2025**. Please register through this link: <https://forms.gle/mcCj4BAeRKwDmUk46>.

Participation in the activity should only be voluntary and prior arrangement of the concerned school heads and teachers shall be made in compliance with DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 re: “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith” ensuring that no classes shall be disrupted and no DepEd funds shall be used.

Relevant details and information are provided in the enclosures.

Attendance/participation is on official time only.

For information and wide dissemination.

DepEd Schools Division of Digos City
RECORDS SECTION

RELEASED
DATE: AUG 04 2025 TIME: 2:27

Enclosed: As stated,
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INVITATION

July 23, 2025

MELANIE P. ESTACIO (OIC)
Schools Division Superintendent
DepEd Digos City

**Re: Invitation to the 3rd National Peace Convention – “Peace and Culture in Action:
Building Unity Through Understanding and Expression”**

Dear Dr. Estacio,

Warm greetings of peace!

We are honored to invite you to participate in the **3rd National Peace Convention** with the theme “*Peace and Culture in Action: Building Unity Through Understanding and Expression*,” hosted by **HWPL Philippines** in partnership with the **National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)**. This meaningful event will take place on **August 9, 2025**, at the **Quezon City MICE** (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions) facility.

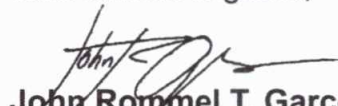
This year's convention will bring together around 800 to 1,000 peace advocates, cultural leaders, educators, youth, and civil society organizations who are united in their commitment to peace and cultural understanding.

To reserve your seat, kindly confirm your attendance until **August 4, 2025**. Please register through this link: <https://forms.gle/mcCj4BAeRKwDmUk46>. Please extend to your supervisors, principals and students.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, feel free to contact us at **philippines.hwpl@gmail.com** or to Ms. Alecka Carcallas at 09453904537.

We sincerely hope to welcome you at this meaningful gathering and work together toward building lasting peace.

With sincere regards,


John Rommel T. Garces
Chief Branch Manager
HWPL Philippines



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CONCEPT NOTE

3rd National Peace Convention

Theme: “Peace and Culture in Action: Building Unity Through Understanding and Expression”

This flagship annual gathering will convene educators, youth, women, civil society, media, and cultural leaders to explore the intersection of peacebuilding and cultural expression. Hosted by HWPL Philippines in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

Date & Time: **August 9, 2025 (Saturday) | 1:00 – 5:00 PM**
Venue: **QC M.I.C.E. Center**
(Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, and Exhibitions)

Admission to the convention is FREE.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1:00–2:00 PM	Inscribing Peace: A Peace Education Forum A focused session on the proposal for the inscription of the Philippine Peace Agreements into the UNESCO Memory of the World (MOW) <i>(Limited slots: 50–70 participants)</i>
2:00–4:00 PM	Program Proper: Interfaith Prayer Opening Message Keynote Message Inspirational Message Presentation of Achievements and Plans
4:00–5:00 PM	“Mindasilang” Musical Theater by Kaliwat Performing Artist Collective



CONCEPT NOTE

Event Background

In January 2023, the *Volunteer Individuals for Peace (VIP)*, a local partner of *Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL)*, successfully convened the **1st National Peace Convention** in the Philippines. This historic event brought together a multi-sectoral assembly of lawmakers and policy-makers, educators, religious and cultural leaders, media professionals, youth, and women's groups. Together, they drafted and adopted a series of "**Peace Manifestos**" aimed at strengthening the nation's commitment to peace and unity.

Key Highlights of the 1st Convention included:

A call for the President to declare January 24 as **Peace Day**;
Support for the **Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)**;
Proposals to institutionalize peace efforts across education, interfaith dialogue, and national policy frameworks.

Since then, peace stakeholders under HWPL's guidance have made tangible strides:

1. **Legislative Support for the DPCW:** Resolutions supporting the DPCW have been adopted in multiple local government units—four municipal, four city, one provincial, and a **regional resolution in BARMM**, which also institutionalized **January 24 as "Peace Day"** for 4.4 million Bangsamoro people. These efforts are gradually laying the groundwork for **national recognition of the DPCW**.
2. **Peace Education:** HWPL developed **12 peace education lesson exemplars** that are being contextualized and piloted, notably in partnership with BARMM's Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education. HWPL has also initiated **Peace Clubs** and **Peace Monuments** across the country to amplify grassroots peace engagement among the youth.
3. **Religious and Cultural Harmony:** The **Religious Peace Academy** promotes dialogue, tolerance, and harmony through inter-scriptural study and understanding in an accessible, online platform.

Continuing the Momentum

To celebrate these milestones and renew commitments, HWPL hosted the **2nd National Peace Convention** on **April 20, 2024**, at the **Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)**. The event served as a mid-point reflection on national peacebuilding efforts and catalyzed new collaborations across sectors.



CONCEPT NOTE

Building on the momentum of the past two conventions, the upcoming 3rd National Peace Convention seeks to institutionalize peace efforts across multiple sectors, inspire new forms of multi-stakeholder cooperation, and highlight youth and education-centered peace strategies as critical pillars for long-term transformation. The 3rd National Peace Convention will gather over 800 peace advocates and leaders from across the Philippines and abroad, including:

- National and local government officials
- Educators, school heads and administrators
- Religious leaders and Interfaith community
- Media professionals
- Youth and women's organizations
- Civil society groups and NGOs

Objectives

- Promote peace through cultural expression by showcasing artistic and narrative forms that embody the spirit of unity, healing, and shared identity
- Advance historical memory for peacebuilding by supporting the inscription of Philippine peace agreements into the UNESCO Memory of the World (MoW), recognizing these documents as vital to national reconciliation and global heritage
- Empower sectoral collaboration through plenary presentations and peace action plans from HWPL's core committees—International Law, Religion, Peace Education, Youth, Women, and Public Relations—showcasing how each sector contributes to national peace and cultural solidarity.
- Deepen peace education efforts by creating platforms for dialogue, innovation, and institutionalization of peace curricula, with a focus on fostering understanding across regions, histories, and belief systems.
- Build lasting unity through inclusive dialogue, mutual respect, and people-centered partnerships that bridge cultural, regional, and generational divides

Conclusion

The 3rd National Peace Convention represents not only a continuation but a deepening of our national commitment to sustainable peace. Through collective reflection, renewed partnerships, and actionable strategies, we aim to strengthen the Philippines' role in the global peace movement and secure a future where peace is not just a vision, but a lived reality in every community.