



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

DIGOS CITY DIVISION

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

CID-2026- 315

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Division Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel
All Concerned

Subject : **2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION**

Date : August 6, 2026

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1. In reference to the Memorandum dated July 28, 2026, issued by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and External Partnerships – International Cooperation Office (ICO), titled **“Reminders on the Celebration of the 2026 ASEAN Month,”** this Office reiterates the Department of Education’s participation in the annual observance of ASEAN Month every August.
 2. The celebration is anchored on Presidential Proclamation No. 282, s. 2018, amending Proclamation No. 1008, s. 1997, which declares August of every year as ASEAN Month, and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13, s. 2019, encouraging government agencies to integrate ASEAN-related activities, including the singing of the ASEAN Anthem and sharing of information about ASEAN during Flag Raising Ceremonies.
 3. In line with the theme of the **Philippines’ ASEAN Chairmanship 2026, “Navigating Our Future, Together,”** the Schools Division Office of Digos City encourages all personnel to actively participate in activities that promote ASEAN awareness, regional cooperation, unity, and shared responsibility among member states.
 4. As part of the celebration, all personnel are encouraged to participate in the integration of the official ASEAN Anthem, “The ASEAN Way,” during the Flag Raising Ceremony every Monday of August 2026. Schools and offices are likewise encouraged to support the ASEAN advocacy through appropriate information-sharing activities and dissemination of official ASEAN-related materials.
 5. Furthermore, to manifest solidarity and appreciation for ASEAN’s shared identity and cultural diversity, all Division personnel are encouraged to wear ASEAN-Inspired Attire during the Flag Raising Ceremonies on August 10 and August 24, 2026. The attire may reflect ASEAN colors, cultural elements, or inspired designs that promote unity, diversity, and friendship among ASEAN nations.
 6. All concerned are reminded that the implementation of ASEAN Month activities shall be undertaken through existing school and office programs and schedules. Participation in these activities shall be managed appropriately to ensure that the delivery of services and the conduct of classes remain uninterrupted, consistent with the Department’s commitment to protecting instructional time.



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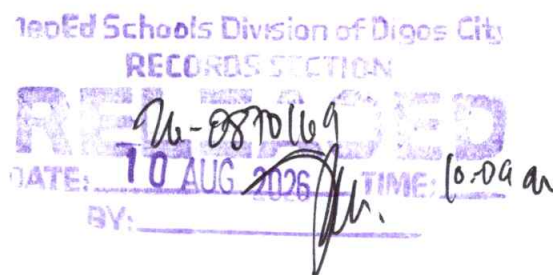
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7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent *mf*

Enclosed: As stated.
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DAVAO REGION



August 3, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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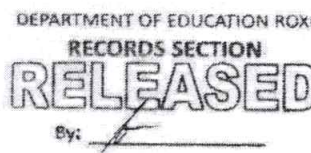
REMINDERS ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2026 ASEAN MONTH

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Relative to the communication from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and External Partnerships dated July 28, 2026, this Office informs all School Division Offices (SDOs) to spearhead the observance of the 2026 ASEAN Month Celebration.
2. In line with this, the Department of Education-Regional Office XI is requesting all SDOs to undertake the following activities:
 - a. Singing/Playing of Official Songs during Flag Raising Ceremony. Include the playing/singing of the official ASEAN Anthem, "The ASEAN Way," in all Flag Raising Ceremony. The Anthem is accessible through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>.
 - b. Photo Submission and Documentation. SDOs are requested to upload high-resolution photos of their respective Flag raising ceremony activities. Attention: Division Araling Panlipunan Supervisors. Submitted photos will be forwarded to the Regional Araling Panlipunan Supervisor on or before September 1, 2026.
 - c. Advocacy and Communications. SDOs are encouraged to cross-post and share all official advocacy and promotional materials released via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page throughout the month.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Director IV

Enclosed: As stated
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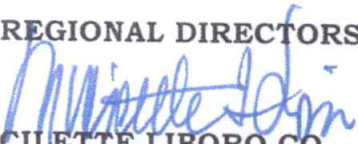


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Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

MEMORANDUM

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : 
CILETTE LIBORO CO
Assistant Secretary
Public Affairs and External Partnerships *HPMC*

SUBJECT : REMINDERS ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2026 ASEAN MONTH

DATE : July 28, 2026

Background:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)—comprising Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam—was established on August 8, 1967, with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 282, s. 2018 (amending Proclamation No. 1008, s. 1997), declaring August of every year as ASEAN Month, and Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 13, s. 2019, all government agencies are enjoined to integrate the singing of the ASEAN Anthem and the sharing of information about ASEAN during Flag Raising Ceremonies (FRCs) throughout August.

In line with this, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the External Partnerships Service – International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO), shall spearhead the Department's observance of the 2026 ASEAN Month Celebration.

Clear Statement of Request and Recommended Action

All Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and public schools are requested to undertake the following activities:

1. Singing/Playing of Official Songs during FRC

- Every Monday of August 2026: Include the playing/singing of the official ASEAN Anthem, "The ASEAN Way," in all FRCs. The Anthem is accessible through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>.

Advisory No. **130**, s. 2026

July 22, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013

This advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 39, s. 2009,

but only for the information of DepEd officials,

personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

(Visit www.deped.gov.ph)

2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), comprising Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Thailand, and Vietnam, was established on August 8, 1967, through the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration).

By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 282 dated July 31, 2018 (Amending Proclamation No. 1008 dated May 21, 1997), which declares the month of August of every year as ASEAN Month, and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 013 dated July 8, 2019, which enjoins all government agency heads to include the singing of the ASEAN Anthem and the sharing of information about ASEAN (including the histories of the member states, rich socio-cultural identities, local customs and belief systems, linguistic diversity, and collective heritage) in all flag-raising ceremonies (FRCs) within August of every year beginning in 2019, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the External Partnerships Service (EPS)-International Cooperation Office (ICO), is organizing the ASEAN Month Celebration for 2026.

Under the Philippines' ASEAN chairmanship in 2026, the organization is guided by the theme, Navigating Our Future, Together. This theme emphasizes regional unity in Southeast Asia, shared responsibility, and forward-looking strategies to address emerging challenges and opportunities.

All regional offices (ROs) and schools division offices (SDOs) are invited to sing the official ASEAN anthem, The ASEAN Way, during all FRCs in August. Additionally, all ROs and SDOs are invited to join the simultaneous special DepEd FRC on August 3, 2026, to mark the beginning of ASEAN Month. Additional details regarding this activity will be disseminated through the appropriate channels.

The updated version of The ASEAN Way is accessible through DepEd email via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>. Moreover, all ROs are invited to play the official Philippine ASEAN 2026 song, One Vision, One Ocean, in compliance with MC 117, titled Prescribing the Playing of the Official Music Videos of Lupang Hinirang and the ASEAN 2026 Song One Vision, One Ocean During Flag Ceremonies and Other Official Government Events. The official Philippine ASEAN 2026 song may be downloaded through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.

In addition, the ICO annually provides all eligible ROs with funding support for the celebration of ASEAN Month and/or the conduct of activities aimed at raising awareness of ASEAN. Eligible ROs are enjoined to utilize these funds solely for their intended purpose and to submit utilization reports within the first quarter of 2027. Guidelines on the utilization of the funds will be disseminated through the appropriate channels.

For more information, please contact:

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- August 3, 2026 (Kick-Off FRC): Play the official Philippine ASEAN 2026 Chairship Theme Song, "One Vision, One Ocean," during the simultaneous Kick-Off Flag Raising Ceremony. The video file may be downloaded through this link <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.

2. Photo Submission and Documentation

- ROs are requested to upload high-resolution photos of their respective FRC activities to: <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdASEANFRC2026>. Selected photos will be featured on the official DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.

3. Advocacy and Communications

- ROs and SDOs are encouraged to cross-post and share all official advocacy and promotional materials released via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page throughout the month.

For complete details, please refer to the attached DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026. Further coordination on this matter may be coursed through ico@deped.gov.ph and Ms. Hanna Patricia Cortes (hanna.cortes@deped.gov.ph).

Attachment:

- *DepEd Advisory 130, s. 2026 (2026 ASEAN Month Celebration)*