REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. ___579_____, s. 2021

COLLABORATION WEBINAR ON EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM BETWEEN
DEPED AND COMMISSION OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All concerned

1. The Department of Education through the International Cooperation Office
announces the conduct of Collaboration Webinar between DepEd and Commission
of Filipinos Overseas on the Exchange Visitor Program, on June 10, 2021 at 1:00
p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

2. Relative to this, the Schools Division Offices are enjoined to allow the
teachers to participate in the webinar. Participants may directly register through this

3. Attached is the Memorandum from the ICO for other details.

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Director IV

Reference: ICO Memorandum dated June 8, 2021
Encl.: As stated
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

PARTICIPATION  TEACHERS

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June 10, 2021

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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND
           PARTICIPATION OF TEACHERS FROM REGIONS 1, 2 & 3
           AND NCR FOR THE UPCOMING COLLABORATION
           WEBINAR BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
           (DEPED) AND COMMISSION OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS
           (CFO) ON JUNE 10, 2021 (THURSDAY) 1:00 TO 3:30 PM
           ON THE EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM (EVP) J-1
           AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

DATE : 08 JUNE 2021

ABOUT THE EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM (EVP)

Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) refers to the international exchange program administered by the United States to implement the Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended, Public Law 87-256, 22 USC 2451, et seq. (1988). The purpose of the Act is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges. Educational and cultural exchanges assist in furthering the United States’ foreign policy objectives.

The establishment and development of the Exchange Visitor Program (EVP) may extend as far back as January 1948, when the United States Congress passed the Information and Education Exchange Act, also known as the Smith-Mundt Act. The law was intended “to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the peoples of other countries” through:

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Office of the Director

- An information service to disseminate abroad information about the United States, its people, and its policies;
- An educational exchange service to cooperate with other nations in the interchange of persons, knowledge and skills; the rendering of technical and other services; and the interchange of developments in the field of education, arts, and sciences. (https://www.evpprogramme.org/about-us/what-is-evp)

The Philippines is a participant to the EVP, whose aim is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States (US) and the peoples of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange.

The EVP Committee was created and reconstituted over the years to coordinate the participation of the Philippines in the program and properly channel the services of returning participants for the benefit of various projects. The current Committee was formed in 1996 via Administrative Order no. 252 signed by then President Fidel V. Ramos. It is composed of 11-member government agencies chaired by the Department of Foreign Affairs, represented by the Office of American Affairs, CFO serves as the Committee’s Secretariat and DepEd as an agency member.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

1. Provide orientation on the Exchange Visitor Program of the United States of America to Filipinos who are planning to participate in the program;
2. Specify processes involved in participating in the program;
3. Emphasize the obligation to return to the home country after the duration of the program;
4. Discuss common concerns experienced by participants on-site; and
5. Provide information on reintegration opportunities.

The programme for each campaign will be crafted based on the profile of the target attendees. Based on the registration data and attendant issues, it is proposed that the campaign be initially provided to:

1. Teachers in the Deped system;
2. Administrators/guidance counsellors/career mentors in the Top 20 higher education institutions of source EVP participants; and
3. State universities and colleges, which are sources of EVP participants.

CLEAR STATEMENT OF REQUEST
Since the information campaign focuses on the teacher program of the EVP, we respectfully seek your assistance in inviting DepEd teachers within your respective regions to participate in this webinar.

PROGRAM LINK VIA ZOOM FOR REGISTRATION


Should your Office have further questions and/or concerns regarding this matter, you may get in touch with the International Cooperation Office through ico@deped.gov.ph or 637-6463.

Thank you.