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COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (DA-BPI) IN SUPPORT OF THE GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM (GPP)

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. This refers to the attached Memorandum DM-OUGOPS-2025-08-08407 issued by Undersecretary for Governance and Operations Malcolm S. Garma, Department of Education – Central Office, dated October 21, 2025, for information and guidance.

2. The advisory provides updated instructions on Collaboration with the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI) in support of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program (GPP) as follows:

a. Coordinate with the nearest DA-BPI and NUPAP stations, Regional Field Offices (RFO) and DA-local offices for the conduct of collaborative activities in support of the Gulayan sa Paaralan;
b. Facilitate the establishment, maintenance and expansion of school gardens as part of the program; and
c. Ensure that schools are provided with the necessary technical and logistical support through partnerships with DA-BPI and other local agricultural stakeholders.

3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
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Good day!

This is to respectfully share the signed memorandum of the Collaboration with the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant Industry (DA-BPI) in support of the Gulayan s Paaralan Program (GPP). Please see attached file for your reference and perusal.

Thank you.

Regards,
Nutrition and Hygiene Unit

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MEMORANDUM
DM-OUGOPS-2025-08 06407

TO : **Regional Directors**
Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

FROM : **MALCOLM S.GARMA**
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : **COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE–BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY (DA-BPI) IN SUPPORT OF THE *GULAYAN SA PAARALAN* PROGRAM (GPP)**

DATE : October 21, 2025

In reference to the letter of the Department of Agriculture (DA) addressed to the Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary, this Office hereby directs all field offices to extend full support and coordination to the initiatives of the DA–Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) relative to the implementation of the *Gulayan sa Paaralan Program* (GPP), copy attached.

The DA-BPI, through its Crop Research and Production Support Division (CRPSD) and the National Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP), plays a vital role in advancing the urban agriculture food system through the implementation of community-based farming initiatives. The Bureau actively promotes the establishment of school gardens and distributes quality planting materials, particularly during the conduct of *Brigada Eskwela* and related capacity-building activities.

From 2024 to date, the DA-BPI has supported 259 schools in the National Capital Region and adjacent regions through the distribution of 20,325 packets of seeds and 11,370 seedlings, the establishment of 62 school gardens nationwide, and the conduct of 23 training sessions. These initiatives are designed not only to promote food production but also to cultivate resilience, sustainability, and civic responsibility among learners and youth.

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Consistent with the provisions of DepEd Memorandum No. 223, s. 2016 "Implementation of the GPP", specifically Chapter III Program Management: Capacity Building, Training, and Supply of Seedlings, DA-BPI and other stakeholders are recognized as partners in providing technical assistance, planting materials, and training. This project of DA-BPI is also aligned with the *Gulayan sa Bayan* (GSB) Project, a unified framework adopted by the DA, DILG, DSWD, and DepEd to address the interlinked challenges of poverty, malnutrition, and climate change. The GSB is anchored on the Philippine Development Plan and supported by key legislation that promotes rural development, food security, and environmental sustainability.

In this regard, all Regional and Schools Division Offices are hereby directed to:

1. Coordinate with the nearest DA-BPI and NUPAP stations, Regional Field Offices (RFO) and DA-local offices for the conduct of collaborative activities in support of the *Gulayan sa Paaralan*;
2. Facilitate the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of school gardens as part of the program; and
3. Ensure that schools are provided with the necessary technical and logistical support through partnerships with DA-BPI and other local agricultural stakeholders.

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