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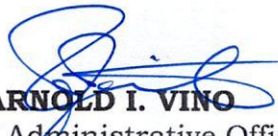

INVITATION TO THE 2026 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION KICK-OFF CEREMONY HOSTED BY THE PHILIPPINE COMMISSION ON WOMEN

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Chief
Human Resource Development Division

1. The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), as the primary agency advocating for women's rights and gender equality, spearheads the **Kick-Off Ceremony of the 2026 National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC)** with the sub-theme "**Lead like the Babaylans, Filipinas!**"
2. As a gender-responsive institution, the Department of Education (DepEd) remains committed to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment in basic education and mandates the inclusion of Women's Month and related Gender and Development (GAD) observances and celebrations in office and school calendars.
3. In light of this, the Department enjoins the participation of the **GAD Focal Persons across governance levels** in the Kick-Off Ceremony of the 2026 NWMC, hosted by the PCW on **March 6, 2026 (Friday), from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum, Malate, Manila**. Participants are encouraged to wear **Smart Casual attire in shades of Purple**.
4. The **GAD focal persons of the Schools Division Offices** may opt to attend the activity subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Compliance with the applicable provisions of DepEd Order No. 046, s. 2022, titled the Amendment to DepEd Order No. 43, s. 2022 (*Omnibus Travel Guidelines for All Personnel of the Department of Education*) and Other Appropriate Orders and Guidelines on Travel;
 - b. Secure approval from respective authorities;
 - c. Participation shall not interfere with regular functions and responsibilities; and
 - d. Use of DepEd funds strictly adheres to the usual budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For confirmation of participation, please register through this link: bit.ly/NWMC2026Reg.

6. All expenses related to the conduct of these activities may be charged against the respective office's **GAD Budget**, following existing procurement, accounting, auditing, and financial regulations. Likewise, the same may be included in their respective **GAD Accomplishment Reports**.
7. Please see the attached publicity material for reference.
8. For queries and other concerns, please contact HRDD through (072) 682-23-24 local 122 or e-mail hrdd.region1@deped.gov.ph.
9. For information and dissemination.

For the Regional Director:


ARNOLD I. VINO
 Chief Administrative Officer
 Finance Division


Reference: DM-OUHROD-2026-0552
 Encl.: As stated
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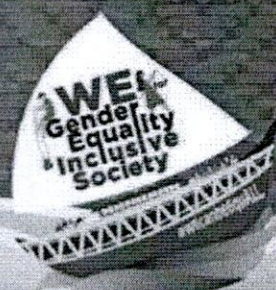
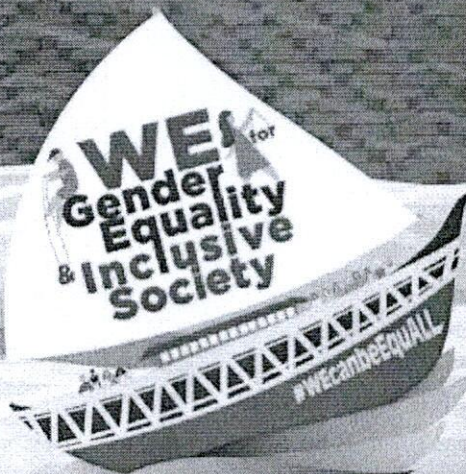
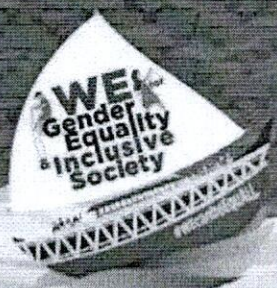
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