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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
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**PARTICIPATION IN THE THIRD NATIONAL SUMMIT ON THE RIGHTS OF CHILD  
IN EDUCATION**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel

1. The Department of Education, through the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe) under the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs (OULA), shall conduct the Third National Summit on the Rights of Child in Education on November 25-26, 2021, every 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via Zoom online platform and to be livestreamed via DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.
2. There will also be a Pre-Summit Conference for Children and Learners on November 19, 2021 to help them prepare for their participation in the Summit.
3. In support of this national activity, everyone is enjoined to watch the livestream on the said dates. The list of participants is found in the attached Concept Note from the OULA.
4. For information and guidance.

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Karapatan ng Bata sa Edukasyon, Katuwang ang Lahat sa Pagsulong!*

**Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education  
and Pre-Summit Conference of Children**

Concept Note

**I. Background and Rationale**

Children and their rights are at the center of basic education.

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal Affairs (OULA), launched the First National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education in November 2019, on the milestone occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and in celebration of the National Children's Month. The DepEd, fully committed to the rights of the child and undeterred by the COVID-19 pandemic, mounted the Second National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education in November 2020, albeit held on a virtual platform. In both Summits, rights-based education (RBE) and strengthening the implementation of the rights of the child in education were central topics. As emphasized, RBE pertains to the range of rights of children in education, not only the right to education in terms of access and quality, but also the right to participation, right to protection, right to non-discrimination, right to health, and right to play, among others.

This November 2021, the DepEd, through OULA, will hold the **Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education on November 25-26, 2021**. The Third National Summit is not only a continuation of the first two summits, but also a breakthrough occasion. Building on the gains of the first two summits, the DepEd, in recognition of its duty to uphold and continuously strengthen the rights of the child in basic education, issued **DepEd Order (D.O.) No. 3, s, 2021, entitled "Creation of the Child Protection Unit and the Child Rights in Education Desk in the Department of Education"** on January 15, 2021. The Third National Summit will provide a ground-breaking and seminal opportunity to introduce the rights-based education framework of DepEd, the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe, pronounced as "creed") and its work, initiatives and efforts of the DepEd on child rights, distance and limited face-to-face education during the COVID-19 pandemic, and opportunities and points for collaboration among stakeholders of child rights in education.

CREDe was created to uphold the holistic development of the child, in pursuit of the vision of the DepEd of "child-centered and child-caring basic education schools, learning centers, and offices, which respect, protect, promote, and fulfill the dignity and rights of the child in basic education so they may lead productive and happy lives as they participate in nation-building." The CREDe, using a legal and child rights lens, is mandated to act as the lead unit of DepEd to flesh out and articulate standards and meanings of child rights in basic education, as well as advocate, increase knowledge, and build capacity in relation to the rights of the child in basic education, with a view to anchoring and integrating child rights in the mandate and work of the DepEd.

As with the first two Summits in 2019 and 2020, the Third National Summit will reflect a whole-of-DepEd, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach in upholding the rights of the child in education. Thus, participants in the Third National Summit will include officials and representatives from all governance levels of DepEd nationwide, public and private schools, the three branches of government, local government units, NGOs and international organizations, the academe, professional organizations, business, media, parents, and the children and learners themselves. However, as the rights-based

and the adult as the duty-bearer. It calls on everyone to work together, including children themselves, to uphold the rights of the child in education with a whole-of-school, whole-of-DepEd, whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach.

#### **IV. Participants**

The participants of the Summit will consist of those registered within the online platform and those attending through livestream on the social media pages of DepEd and other organizations. The following are the intended participants:

- DepEd officials and personnel
  - DepEd Executive Committee and Management Committee
  - Central Office Chiefs and other personnel
  - DepEd Regional Office officials, regional lawyers, Education Support Services Division (ESSD) officers and other regional personnel
  - DepEd Division Office officials, division lawyers, School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) officers and division personnel
  - School Heads, guidance counsellors, teachers of learners with diverse backgrounds, including but not limited to teachers of learners with disabilities, Muslims learners, learners from indigenous peoples, learning support aides (LSAs), other staff and personnel
- Learners
  - Senior and Junior High School student leaders from public schools
  - Senior and Junior High School student leaders from private schools
  - Alternative Learning System learners
  - Learners from all sectors, including learners with disabilities, Muslim learners, learners from indigenous peoples, learners from geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA), learners who are among internally displaced persons (IDP), learners who are undertaking home schooling, learners under Special Curricular Programs and LGBT learners
- Private Schools
  - School Heads, teachers of learners with diverse backgrounds
- Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers
- Officials and personnel from other government agencies from all branches of government, both national and local
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and international organizations (IOs)
- Academe
- Professional Organizations
- Business sector
- Creative Industry
- Media and Social Media
- Other stakeholders

#### **V. Program**

Please see attached Indicative Program.

**Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education  
INDICATIVE PROGRAM (as of November 5, 2021)**

Pre-Summit Conference with Children November 19, 2021 (Friday) 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	
Time	Activity
12:30 PM- 1:00 PM	Registration and entry of participants in Zoom meeting Host and Youth Moderator
1:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives of the Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education</li> <li>• Objectives of the Pre-Summit Conference with Children</li> </ul>
1:10 PM – 1:20 PM	Looking Back at the Pre-Summit Conference with Children for the Second Summit in November 2020
1:20 PM - 1:25 PM	Video on Rights-Based Education (RBE)
1:25 PM – 1:40 PM	Activity related to RBE
1:40 PM – 2:00 PM	<p><b>Plenary Session 1: Rights-Based Education in DepEd</b></p> <p><i>This session aims to enrich the understanding of learners of RBE in DepEd, and how it is vital in the exercise of their rights. This session is meant to be interactive with learners, using apps such as Mentimeter.</i></p> <p>Speaker: Atty. Gil Anthony E. Aquino</p>
2:00 PM – 2:20 PM	<p><b>Plenary Session 2: Creation of the Child Rights in Education Desk (CREDe) and Child Protection Unit (CPU)</b></p> <p><i>This session aims to inform the participants on the creation of CREDe and CPU, the roles and responsibilities of the offices, and their mandates.</i></p> <p>Speakers: CREDe and CPU</p>
2:20 PM – 2:25 PM	Intermission Number from Learners (Tik Tok Videos on Child Rights in Education)
2:25 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Explanation on the design of the Third National Summit on the Rights of the Child in Education and the Pre-Summit Conference Breakout Sessions</p> <p><i>During this session, the design of the Third National Summit will be explained to the children to elicit their inputs during the ensuing break-out session. The children will be informed that they will be divided into fifteen (15) breakout groups where they will be engaging in child-led discussions about the guide questions. The groupings will mix representatives from different regions, sectors, and backgrounds to balance out the number of members in a group while ensuring that all sectors are represented in the</i></p>

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3:45 PM – 3:55 PM	<p><b>Activity: RBE and Symbols</b></p> <p><i>The children will be asked to choose an object that symbolizes the Rights-Based Education that they learned from the Pre-Summit Conference. Three children will be requested to share to the plenary their choice of symbol.</i></p>
3:55 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing Session: Reminders and Instructions for the Summit
<p>Summit Day 1 November 25, 2021 (Thursday) 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM</p>	
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	<p>Registration of Participants</p> <p>Hosts of the Summit</p>
1:00 PM – 1:05 PM	<p>National Anthem Interfaith Invocation</p> <p>Regional Director Ramir B. Uytico, DepEd Region VI</p>
1:10 PM – 1:25 PM	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Atty. Josephine G. Maribojoc Undersecretary for Legal Affairs</p> <p><i>The Opening Remarks will provide the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Objectives of the Summit</li> <li>b. Contextualization of the Summit in relation to the 2021 National Children's Month and the First and Second National Summits on the Rights of the Child in Education</li> <li>c. Report on the policies, programs, projects, and activities of DepEd in relation to the rights of the child in education and the recommendations from the Second Summit</li> <li>d. Statement of Commitment and Support of DepEd to Rights-Based Education in DepEd</li> </ul>
1:25 PM – 1:40 PM	<p>Report of the Children on the Output of the Pre-Summit Conference with Children (Pre-recorded videos of selected learners)</p>
1:40 PM – 1:45 PM	Video Messages from Learners on the Exercise and Enjoyment of their Rights in Education
1:45 PM – 2:00 PM	<p><b>Plenary Session 1: Rights-Based Education in DepEd</b> Speaker: DepEd</p>
2:00 PM – 2:05 PM	<p>Intermission Number: Video of an RBE Exemplar School with support of the LGU (whole-of-school approach)</p>
2:05 PM – 2:20 PM	<p><b>Plenary Session 2: DepEd's Commitment to Uphold the Rights of the Child in Education</b></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administrative Matters such as attendance and evaluation forms</li> <li>• Reminders and instructions for Summit Day 2</li> </ul>
<b>Summit Day 2</b> <b>November 26, 2021 (Friday)</b> <b>1:00 – 4:00 PM</b>	
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Registration of Participants  Hosts of the Summit
1:00 PM – 1:10 PM	Opening Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap of highlights from Day 1 and Opening Remarks for Day 2</li> </ul> <p align="center">Regional Director May B. Eclar, DepEd Region III</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructions for Day 2</li> </ul>
1:10 PM – 1:40 PM	<b>Plenary Session 1: Panel Discussion on Rights-Based Education with a Whole-of-School Approach</b>  Panelists: School Principal Teacher Guidance Counsellor Student Government Parent/PTA LGU (Mayor) External Partner – UNICEF
1:40 PM – 1:45 PM	Break: Migration to Parallel Sessions/DepEd Videos
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Continuation of the Panel Discussion on Rights-Based Education with a Whole-of-School Approach</b>
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	<b>Parallel Sessions for Zoom participants: Breakout Discussion Groups on Rights-Based Education</b>  <i>The breakout discussion groups will start with a 10-min talk by an expert/resource person on the topic. Afterwards, the facilitators will moderate the discussions based on guide questions to be provided to each group.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>RBE Dimension 1: Right to Access to Education</u></b></li> </ul> <p align="center"><b>Parallel Session 1: Basic Education Participation: Enrollment and Completion</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Parallel Session 2: Finding and Enrolling Learners with Disabilities in Basic Education with Local Government Support</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Parallel Session 3: Access to Education in the COVID-19 pandemic</b></p>

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	Closing Remarks with Collective Recitation of <i>Panatang Makabata</i>
4:00 PM	Sign-off