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Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

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To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Members of the PRAISE Committee
All Others Concerned

In preparation for the **Gawad BANTAYOG 2026**, scheduled for December 2026, two Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) of the PRAISE Committee are hereby scheduled on **November 26, 2026 (Thursday) and December 9, 2026 (Wednesday) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the 3rd Floor Conference Hall of the Schools Division Office of Bulacan.**

The meeting aims to discuss the following:

1. **First FGD:** Review and finalization of the updated PRAISE guidelines, including the award categories, evaluation criteria, and roles and responsibilities of the Committee, for endorsement to the Schools Division Superintendent;

2. **Second FGD:** Evaluation and deliberation of submitted nominations and entries, and finalization of the plans and logistical arrangements for the Gawad BANTAYOG 2026 awarding ceremony.

The following officials and personnel are expected to attend:

Adviser
- Cecilia E. Valderama, PhD, CEO VI – Schools Division Superintendent

Chairperson
- Jaime T. Tugade, PhD, CESE, RGC – OIC, Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

Co-Chairperson
- Maria Celina L. Vega, CESO VI – Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

Members
- Rainelda M. Blanco, PhD – Chief, SGOD
- Cecille S. Custodio, PhD – Chief, CID
- Victoria O. Madrigal – Administrative Officer V
- Alvin V. Suriben – Budget Officer
- Raquel I. Climaco – Administrative Officer IV
- Atty. Elmer D. Lopez – Legal Officer
- Guillermo J. Flores, EdD
- Virgilio Laggui – President, EPSvrs
- Daniel Ortega, EdD – President, PSDS
- Paulo Eduardo C. Cruz, Jr. – Planning Officer III
- Cristian Paul M. De Guzman, MAEd – SEPS, HRD

Secretariat

- Mark Joven V. Ramos – EPS II, SMME (Technical)
- Ma. Jesusa V. Pampilon, PhD – EPS II, SOCMOB (Documenter)
- Jennifer O. Daguman – PDO I (Encoder)

All concerned are enjoined to attend the meeting and actively participate in the discussions. They are likewise requested to come prepared with relevant updates, recommendations, and proposed actions concerning their respective committee assignments.

For information, guidance, and compliance.

CECILIA E. VALDERAMA, PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

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