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Department of Education

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2023 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. As we build on the momentum brought about by the UN Transforming Education Summit (TES) in September 2022, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **Observance of the 2023 International Day of Education (IDE)** with the theme, **to invest in people, prioritize education**, to amplify the call for education to be prioritized to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in the context of a global recession, growing inequalities, and the climate crisis.

2. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed **January 24** as IDE, in celebration of the role of education for peace and development. Without inclusive and equitable quality education, and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind. The UNGA invites all Member States to observe the IDE in an appropriate manner, and continue to consider enhancing international cooperation in support of the efforts of all Member States relevant to the realization of SDG 4 which aims to **ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030**.

3. The IDE aims to

- a. generate visibility from local to global level on prioritizing education to reach the SDGs ahead of the SDG Summit, building on the outcomes of the TES;
- b. promote and showcase the national statements of commitment at country level and mobilize political and financial support for translating them into action;
- c. encourage wide take-up of the global initiatives launches at the TES to accelerate foundational learning, get every learner climate ready through greening education, promote public digital learning, advance gender equality in and through education and, ensure learning continuity in situations of emergency and protracted crisis;



- d. advocate for higher levels of domestic and international financing, including through innovative sources, building on commitments at the TES;
- e. raise awareness around the national SDG 4 benchmarking process and how the benchmarks provide an accountability framework for commitments made at the TES;
- f. provide youth a platform to build on the TES youth declaration, relay their demands and showcase their initiatives and innovations to advance the right to education; and
- g. rally influencers to push forward the global education movement calling on world leaders to stand by their commitments and prioritize investment in education and educational transformation.

4. In celebration of the 2023 IDE, DepEd, through the International Cooperation Office (ICO), will organize a hybrid activity, in collaboration with its partner agencies and organizations, on **January 24, 2023** from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the *Bulwagan ng Karunungan*, DepEd Complex, Pasig City, with an expected number of 70 in-person attendees, and via Facebook Live through the DepEd PH and the DepEd-ICO Pages. The activity is open to all the leaders in the government and the private sector—especially those relevant to education and the youth sectors—the educators and learners representing different schools, and organizations and education systems from countries around the world.

5. All concerned regional offices (ROs) and school division offices (SDOs) are enjoined to support the 2023 IDE by organizing relevant activities for the learners and for other stakeholders such as parents, teachers, and nonteaching personnel. These activities shall strictly comply with the minimum health standards. The abovementioned concerned offices are also requested to prepare tarpaulins to be posted on the school premises and online postings on the official Facebook pages for information dissemination of the international celebration. Please use the hashtags #InternationalDayofEducation, #InternationalDayofEducationPH2023, and #PrioritizeEducation.

6. Expenses incurred relative to the observance of the 2023 IDE shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures, rules and regulations. The funds downloaded by DepEd-ICO for UNESCO activities may also be utilized for the 2023 IDE activities.

7. For more information, please contact the **International Cooperation Office**, Ground Floor Teodora Alonzo Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at ico@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8637-6462.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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