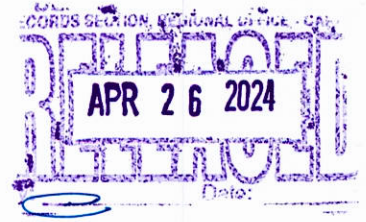




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION



April 25, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 0400, s. 2024

To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR KNOWLEDGE, EMPOWERMENT AND MEANING
(NAKEM) CONFERENCE

1. The NAKEM Conferences Consortium and the University of Hawaii Ilokano Program in collaboration with our host institution, Agusan del Sur College of Agriculture and Technology in Bunawan, Agusan del Sur will conduct a conference on July 17 -19, 2024 with a registration fee of P3,500.00.
2. The participation of the concerned individuals is on **voluntary** basis and to those who are interested only.
3. For more information, please refer to the attached letter from the College President of ASSCAT, Joy C. Capistrano, PhD.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is highly desired.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Director III
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Encl/s.: As stated
Reference/s: Letter Request
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April 17, 2024

HON. MARIA INES C. ASUNCION

OIC- Regional Director

Department of Education – Region XIII

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Dear Hon. Asuncion:

The NAKEM Conferences Consortium and the University of Hawaii Ilokano Program, in collaboration with our host institution, Agusan del Sur College of Agriculture and Technology in Bunawan, Agusan del Sur, would like to invite members of your faculty who are engaged in trans-disciplinary studies in the human and social sciences, in language and culture, in the hard sciences, and in General Education to present a paper at this conference. The academic gathering will be held at the campus of ASSCAT, our host institution from July 17 to 19.

For the first time, we are linking up arms with ASSCAT, a member of the NAKEM Conferences Philippines, the organization that has been a partner of NAKEM International in organizing and convening the first 18 annual NAKEM Conferences and three mid-year conferences and language and culture summits. This will be the first time that NAKEM is held outside Luzon, an event that is not only historical in our effort to partner and collaborate with language, culture, and education advocates of Mindanao, but also trailblazing as we revisit and reiterate our commitment to the respect for our plural lives.

The NAKEM Conferences would also like to use this opportunity to seek your endorsement for the **19th NAKEM Conference** by issuing CHED Regional Advisory for the purpose so that public and private higher education institutions will be encouraged to join. The **NAKEM Conferences Philippines**, a cohort of various academic institutions, local government units, and civic organizations, is a member of the NAKEM Consortium that includes five other NAKEM groups found in various places in the world.

For the last 19 years since the founding of NAKEM Conferences in 2006 at the 100th year of the arrival of the people of the Philippines to Hawaii to work in the plantations, the group has been in the forefront in the struggle for language justice, cultural democracy, and emancipatory education. NAKEM, also known as the *National Alliance for Knowledge, Empowerment, and Meaning*, has grown as a consortium.

The conference theme, “**Reframing Indigeneity and Affirming Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity**,” reiterates our common commitment to belonging, inclusion, diversity, and equity. It



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also proposes a 'post-decolonial' reading of the 'postcolonial' perspective of the indigenous, civic nationalism, multilingualism, multiculturalism, language justice, cultural democracy, and liberatory education. The conference specifically aims to:

- Reframe the current theories and approaches in the study of the indigenous.
- Propose a philosophical and practical understanding of the intricate connection of belonging, inclusion, diversity, and equity as these are linked to the issue of indigeneity.
- Identify the problem of exclusion, hegemony, and homogeneity in an otherwise diverse place or community.
- Propose plans of action to pursue belonging, inclusion, diversity, and equity.
- Evaluate innovative linguistic, cultural, and educational strategies that advocate for language justice, cultural democracy, and emancipatory education.
- Explain the various approaches to freely permit the return of the indigenous.

The registration fee for the three-day conference is PhP 3,500. The fee includes direct costs of attending the conference, including conference kits, lunch, and snacks for three days. The registration fee must be paid directly to NAKEM Conference Philippines through its bank account, although other forms of remitting the registration fee will be accepted. The registration deadline is on May 15, 2024. For logistical reasons, all participants must submit, by email only, the confirmation of their participation by filling out the downloadable registration form available at:

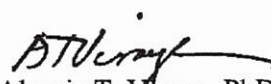
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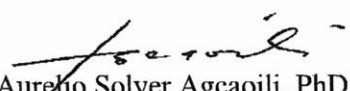
For more information about the conference, please direct your faculty to email us at:

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Very truly yours,


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