



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0729 , s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendent
All Others Concerned

2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATIONS

1. In accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 282, s. 2018, declaring August of every year as ASEAN Month; Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular No. 13, s. 2019; and DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026, titled "2026 ASEAN Month Celebration," this Office enjoins all functional divisions, Schools Division Offices (SDOs), public and private schools, and all concerned personnel to actively participate in the observance of ASEAN Month in August 2026.
2. The celebration is anchored on the **2026 Philippine ASEAN Chairship Theme, "Navigating Our Future, Together,"** which highlights regional unity, shared responsibility, and forward-looking strategies in addressing emerging opportunities and challenges among ASEAN Member States.
3. In line with the foregoing, all Regional Office Functional Divisions, Schools Division Offices, and schools are enjoined to undertake the following activities:
 - a. **Singing of the ASEAN Anthem.** The official ASEAN anthem, "The ASEAN Way," shall be included in all Flag Raising Ceremonies throughout August 2026. The audio file may be accessed through the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>
 - b. **Special ASEAN Month Flag Raising Ceremony.** All offices and schools are encouraged to conduct a simultaneous Special DepEd Flag Raising Ceremony on **August 3, 2026**, to officially kick off the celebration.
 - c. **Playing of the ASEAN 2026 Official Song:** In compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 117 all Schools Division Offices and schools are requested to play the official song, "One Vision, One Ocean," during flag ceremonies and official events. The video file may be downloaded from this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.



4. For further information and guidance, refer to the enclosed DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum are desired.

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LAC/ RM- 2026 ASEAN Month Celebrations
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Advisory No. **130**, s. 2026

July 22, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013

This advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 39, s. 2009,
but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.
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2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), comprising Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Thailand, and Vietnam, was established on August 8, 1967, through the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration).

By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 282 dated July 31, 2018 (Amending Proclamation No. 1008 dated May 21, 1997), which declares the month of August of every year as ASEAN Month, and Civil Service Commission Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 013 dated July 8, 2019, which enjoins all government agency heads to include the singing of the ASEAN Anthem and the sharing of information about ASEAN (including the histories of the member states, rich socio-cultural identities, local customs and belief systems, linguistic diversity, and collective heritage) in all flag-raising ceremonies (FRCs) within August of every year beginning in 2019, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the External Partnerships Service (EPS)-International Cooperation Office (ICO), is organizing the ASEAN Month Celebration for 2026.

Under the Philippines' ASEAN chairmanship in 2026, the organization is guided by the theme, Navigating Our Future, Together. This theme emphasizes regional unity in Southeast Asia, shared responsibility, and forward-looking strategies to address emerging challenges and opportunities.

All regional offices (ROs) and schools division offices (SDOs) are invited to sing the official ASEAN anthem, The ASEAN Way, during all FRCs in August. Additionally, all ROs and SDOs are invited to join the simultaneous special DepEd FRC on August 3, 2026, to mark the beginning of ASEAN Month. Additional details regarding this activity will be disseminated through the appropriate channels.

The updated version of The ASEAN Way is accessible through DepEd email via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>. Moreover, all ROs are invited to play the official Philippine ASEAN 2026 song, One Vision, One Ocean, in compliance with MC 117, titled Prescribing the Playing of the Official Music Videos of Lupang Hinirang and the ASEAN 2026 Song One Vision, One Ocean During Flag Ceremonies and Other Official Government Events. The official Philippine ASEAN 2026 song may be downloaded through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.

In addition, the ICO annually provides all eligible ROs with funding support for the celebration of ASEAN Month and/or the conduct of activities aimed at raising awareness of ASEAN. Eligible ROs are enjoined to utilize these funds solely for their intended purpose and to submit utilization reports within the first quarter of 2027. Guidelines on the utilization of the funds will be disseminated through the appropriate channels.

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