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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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**PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 PHILIPPINE BOOK FESTIVAL
AND THE NATIONAL MARKET SCOPING FOR
SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING RESOURCES (SLRs)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to BLR Memorandum No. 2026-02-0289 issued by the Office of the Director IV of the **Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR)** in partnership with the **National Book Development Board (NBDB)**, the **2026 Philippine Book Festival** will be conducted on **March 12 - 15, 2026**, at the **Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City**.
2. The said activity will serve as a venue for identifying, reviewing and evaluating book titles that may be considered for acquisition and inclusion in school libraries and library hubs.
3. In line with this, the BLR in partnership with NBDB, will likewise conduct an adjoining activity titled "**National Market Scoping for Supplementary Learning Resources (SLRs)**" from **March 11-13, 2026**, at a venue within the National Capital Region (NCR).
4. Relative thereto, the following SDO-Bataan LRMDS staff, together with a member of the School Supplementary Learning Resource (SLR) Committee, are identified as participants in the said activities on **March 11 - 15, 2026**:

NAME	STATION	POSITION
1. Edgar E. Garcia	SDO - Bataan	LRMDS Supervisor
2. Rosita P. Serrano	SDO - Bataan	Librarian II
3. Joan T. Briz	SDO - Bataan	Project Development Officer II
4. Jerico P. Usi	SDO - Bataan	Creative Arts Specialist
5. Joseph Ralph S. Dizon	Pilar ES	Principal



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5. As part of the activity, the **Bataan High School for the Arts (BHSA)** is invited to showcase the talents of its students through the presentation of their **"SI OKTU-PUNAS" Classical Show** on **March 14, 2026**. The performance will be facilitated and accompanied by the following BHSA personnel and participating students:

Name of Participant	Office / Affiliation	Position / Participation
1. Alma R. Garcia	BHSA – Personnel	Chief Administrative Officer
2. Armida Gaviola	BHSA – Personnel	Librarian II
3. Jenevie Acar	BHSA – Personnel	Project Development Officer II
4. Aubrey Savet	BHSA – Personnel	SPET I – Theatre Arts - Teacher
5. Erwin Cupla	BHSA – Personnel	SPET I – Dance Teacher
6. Ci Mejia	BHSA – Performer	Grade 8 – Theatre Arts student
7. Earl John Gabriel	BHSA – Performer	Grade 9 – Dance student
8. Myron Jairus Bantugan	BHSA – Performer	Grade 8 – Dance student
9. Naomi Rich Gonzals	BHSA – Performer	Grade 10 – Dance student
10. Danica Lingad	BHSA – Performer	Grade 9 – Dance student
11. Julia Pavie Tan	BHSA – Performer	Grade 9 – Dance student
12. Jaedelle Amanda Simon	BHSA – Performer	Grade 7 – Dance student
13. J-Mark Santos	BHSA – Performer	Grade 10 – Creative Writing student
14. Marco De Guzman	BHSA – Performer	Grade 7 – Theatre Arts student
15. John Michael Paneda	BHSA – Performer	Grade 10 – Creative Writing student
16. Earl Johnson Atienza	BHSA – Performer	Grade 8 – Dance student
17. Emirys Jake De Guzman	BHSA – Performer	Grade 7 – Visual Arts student
18. Roihane Mae Simon	BHSA – Performer	Grade 9 – Theatre Arts student
19. Irish Vielle Nojadera	BHSA – Performer	Grade 7 – Dance student
20. Marian Dasigan	BHSA – Performer	Grade 7 – Theatre Arts student
21. Tatiana Odoemene	BHSA – Performer	Grade 7 – Music student
22. Simon Villaruel	BHSA – Performer	Grade 8 – Music student
23. John Paul Dela Cruz	BHSA – Performer	Grade 8 – Music student
24. Benedict Cunanan	BHSA – Performer	Grade 11 – Music student

6. **Board and lodging expenses shall be charged against BLR funds**, while **travel expenses** to and from the activity venue within the National Capital Region (NCR), including travel to the Philippine Book Festival (PBF) at SM Megamall, **shall be charged against MOOE or local funds**, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.



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7. Personnel who attend and render services during activities conducted on weekends or holidays shall be entitled to **Compensatory Time-Off (CTO)** or appropriate service credits, as applicable, subject to the existing Civil Service Commission rules and regulations.
8. This Memorandum shall serve as the **Travel Authority** of the identified participants.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is directed.


CAROLINA S. VIOLETA, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent 

Reference: BLR Memorandum No. 2026-02-0289
Enclosure: as stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
BOOK FESTIVAL
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Office of the Director
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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

FROM : **ATTY. SUBETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA**
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Director IV

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR THE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 2026 NATIONAL MARKET SCOPING ACTIVITY OF SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING RESOURCES (SLRs) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL BOOK DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NBDB)**

DATE : **February 10, 2026**

The Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learning Resources (BLR), will conduct the *National Market Scoping Activity of Supplementary Learning Resources (SLRs) in Partnership with the National Book Development Board (NBDB)* in conjunction with the **2026 Philippine Book Festival** from **March 12 to 15, 2026**, at the **Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City**. This activity will also serve as the venue for identifying book titles for school libraries and library hubs. In line with this, the BLR will likewise conduct an adjoining activity titled **“National Market Scoping for Supplementary Learning Resources (SLRs) in Partnership with the National Book Development Board (NBDB)”** from **March 11 to 13, 2026**, at a venue within the **National Capital Region (NCR)**.

The participants shall be composed of the following:

1. For Regional Offices (ROs), delegation shall consist of the Regional LR Supervisor and Regional Librarian.
2. For Schools Division Offices (SDOs), participants shall be primarily the Library Hub Librarian and/or SDO Librarian. The LR Supervisor may designate to attend additional participants when *further representation is necessary*.

Please be informed that the identified participants shall attend the online training sessions with the NBDB being the official scopers during the PBF. Only those completed the training modules shall attend the market scoping activity and receive a certificate. Attached herewith is the official course syllabus. Each identified participant shall strictly follow the schedule, outline, and assigned homework relative to the training.

For information and strict compliance.



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ATTY. SUZETTE T. GANNABAN-MEDINA

Officer-in-Charge
Bureau of Learning Resources

Dear **Attorney Gannaban-Medina**,

Greetings from the **National Book Development Board (NBDB)**!

We are respectfully submitting the updated **official course syllabus** on **Book Selection** as part of the National Market Scoping for the Supplementary Learning Resources for Public School Libraries and Library Hubs.

The purpose of this short course is to equip the DepEd scopers with skills and a deep understanding of the selection, evaluation, and procurement of appropriate books for learners. This course shall be considered as professional development training.

Rest assured that we remain steadfast in providing technical assistance or clarification should this be required. For inquiries, please contact us at policy@books.gov.ph.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


MA. DIVINE CARAECLE
Officer-in-Charge, NBDB



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JOINT MEMORANDUM

**TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : ATTY. FAZIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

Carmela C. Oracion
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Assistant Secretary and Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems (OULS)

Malcolm S. Garma
MALCOLM S. GARMA
Undersecretary for Operations



**SUBJECT : INVITATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE
PHILIPPINE BOOK FESTIVAL (PBF) 2026**

DATE : 3 March 2026

The National Book Development Board (NBDB), an attached agency of the Department of Education (DepEd), will hold the 4th Philippine Book Festival, the largest market for Filipino books and a prime venue for learning and educational entertainment, from 12-15 March 2026, at the Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City.

Celebrating literature, culture, and creativity, this year's PBF will follow a Filipino festival theme where books become bridges to culture and the beauty of Philippine traditions and heritage are celebrated through stories and art.

The four-day event, which is **FREE OF CHARGE**, will feature the following five realms offering a variety of quality books for attendees to relish and benefit from:

1. Aral Aklat – dedicated to academic books;
2. Booktopia – showcasing fiction and non-fiction trade books;
3. Kid Lit – focused on children's books;
4. Komiks – highlighting comics and graphic novels; and
5. Collective Stand – inspiring stories of indie creatives.



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Participants shall be immersed in a meaningful literary fiesta experience through the following:

- **Meet and Greet with Authors, Creators, and Celebrities** - Connect with your favorite Filipino authors and creators and get to know them more while having your books signed;
- **Workshops and Storytelling Sessions** - Take pleasure in modern and traditional storytelling, poetry readings, and other performances to be displayed;
- **Fun and Exciting Competitions** - Showcase your talents and creativity in the thrilling contests offered;
- **Exhibits** - Attendees can look forward to the different interactive and exciting booths;
- **Food and Festivities** - Take a feast and indulge in Filipino classics and other delicacies in the food zone;

These programs and activities shall take place in the main stage, cinema, creators stage, *Pakyawan* area, and all booths. To learn more about the complete list of programs and other details of the PBF, you may visit the following official social media platforms of the NBDB and PBF:

- www.philippinebookfest.com and www.books.gov.ph
- Facebook: @NBDBPhilippines | @bookfestph
- Instagram: @NBDBPhilippines | @bookfestph
- X (formerly Twitter): @NBDBPhilippines
- Tiktok: @NBDBPhilippines

In view of the above, the Department hereby invites teachers, non-teaching personnel, learners, parents, and other stakeholders to attend and participate in the said event.

Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are requested to perform the following:

1. The issuance of a Regional/Division Memorandum inviting, promoting, and encouraging the participation of all interested DepEd and private school personnel, as well as other interested stakeholders, such as learners and their parents and/or guardians, to join the PBF **during the weekend or during their available time or after class duties on weekdays;**
2. Encouraging Learning Resource (LR) personnel, such as those involved in the identification and selection of storybooks, big books, and other literary and

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supplementary learning resources (SLRs) for school libraries, to attend the book fair activities during their free time;

3. Allowing public and private schools to hold educational tours during the PBF, subject to compliance with the rules and regulations in the conduct of educational trips; and
4. Encouraging selected Regional, SDO, and / or school non-teaching and teaching scoping personnel (only during periods / days the latter have no class) to attend the PBF on official business, subject to provision of applicable overload/Compensatory Time-Off (CTO) during non-working days when necessary.

In relation to item no. 4 above and in case the RO, SDO, and/or school decide to organize their respective delegation to attend the PBF 2026, expenses incurred relative to the participation of the identified DepEd personnel may be charged against available local funds, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For questions and concerns regarding PBF 2026, please contact **Dir. Maria Carolina A. Tapia** of NBDB through email at mctapia@books.gov.ph. For DepEd-related questions and concerns, please coordinate with the **Bureau of Learning Resources - Office of the Director** through e-mail address blr.od@deped.gov.ph or call at telephone numbers (02) 8634-1072 / 8631-6922.

For information and dissemination.

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