



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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**SIMULTANEOUS FLAG RAISING CEREMONY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2016 SOUTH CHINA SEA ARBITRAL AWARD**

1. Pursuant to the request of the National Security Council (NSC) through the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) dated 01 July 2026, all public elementary and secondary schools, district offices, and personnel of the Schools Division Office of Bataan are hereby enjoined to participate in the Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on **06 July 2026 (Monday)** in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award.
2. The activity aims to commemorate this significant legal milestone and promote greater awareness and appreciation among learners and personnel of the country's sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and lawful maritime entitlements, while fostering patriotism, civic responsibility, and respect for the rule of law.
3. All schools and offices shall: a. Conduct the regular Monday Flag Raising Ceremony on 06 July 2026; b. Include the NTF-WPS Statement during the ceremony for dissemination to all participants; c. Play the official commemorative audio-visual presentation (AVP), if made available by the Department of Education; and d. Encourage learners and personnel to observe the ceremony with dignity, respect, and patriotism.
4. School Heads shall ensure the orderly and meaningful conduct of the activity in accordance with existing DepEd policies on flag ceremonies and school activities.
5. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this ADVISORY is desired.


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JOSE EDGARDO M. ANGARA

Secretary

Department of Education

DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City

Dear Secretary Angara,

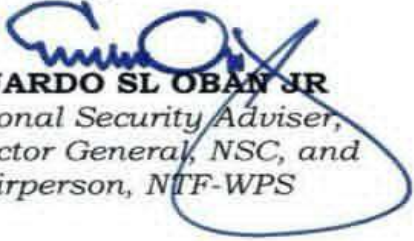
In line with the upcoming 10th anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award on 12 July 2026, the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) is organizing a whole-of-society commemoration of this landmark legal milestone through a series of activities this July. One of its highlight activities is the **Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on 06 July 2026**, which seeks to maximize the regular flag-raising ceremony every first Monday of the month by highlighting the significance of the 2016 Arbitral Award and the Government's commitment to upholding the rule of law.

In this regard, may we respectfully **request the issuance of a Directive to all regional and field offices, attached agencies, bureaus, and operating units of the Department of Education enjoining their participation in the Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony.** The participation of the education sector will help foster greater awareness and appreciation among learners and educators of the country's sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and lawful maritime entitlements, while encouraging active citizenship among the youth.

Attached herewith is the NTF-WPS Statement for reference and dissemination during the ceremony. An official commemorative audio-visual presentation (AVP) shall likewise be transmitted to your good Office in due course. For coordination purposes, you may contact Ms. Ina Deuna at 0917 514 2351.

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to commemorating this important milestone with the Department of Education.

Very truly yours,



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Director General, NSC, and
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