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2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

In reference to **DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026**, entitled "**2026 ASEAN Month Celebration**," and 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 sharing and the sharing of information about ASEAN 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.

The celebration aims to promote awareness and appreciation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), strengthen regional identity, and encourage learners and personnel to value ASEAN's shared history, culture, and aspirations. The 2026 celebration is anchored on the Philippine ASEAN Chairmanship theme: "Navigating Our Future, Together."

In line with this, all concerned are invited to sing the official ASEAN anthem, The ASEAN Way, during all FRCs in August. Additionally, the simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony shall be conducted on August 3, 2026 to officially kick off ASEAN Month and play the official 2026 ASEAN song "One Vision, One Ocean".

Attached in the Division Advisory is the DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Advisory is desired.


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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).

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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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