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Department of Education

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION 2025

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In support of the Department's fulfillment of international commitments as one of the Member States of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **Observance of the International Day of Education (IDE) 2025** with the theme, **AI and Education: Preserving human agency in a world of automation**. The IDE 2025 aims to inspire reflections on the power of education to equip individuals and communities to navigate, understand, and influence technological advancement. In November 2021, the Philippines became a member of the UNESCO Executive Board to occupy one of the six seats for the Asia-Pacific Region (Electoral Group IV). The Executive Board is one of the three constitutional organs of UNESCO which examines the program of work for the UN agency and corresponding budget estimates submitted by the Director-General. It consists of 58 member states, each with a four-year term of office.

2. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed the 24th of January as the International Day of Education, as a call for a more inclusive, equitable, and quality education that helps in reducing gender, economic, and digital divides while also contributing towards meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNESCO invites all Member States to observe the International Day of Education in an appropriate manner, and enhance international cooperation in support of the efforts relevant to the realization of SDG 4 and to promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030.

3. UNESCO initiatives on education include:

- a. **Education transforms lives** and is at the heart of UNESCO's mission to build peace, eradicate poverty, and drive sustainable development. UNESCO provides global and regional leadership in education, strengthens education systems worldwide, and responds to contemporary global challenges through education with gender equality as an underlying principle.

Its work encompasses quality educational development from preschool to higher education and beyond;

- b. **Education 2030** is a global multi-stakeholder mechanism to accelerate progress towards SDG 4;




- c. The **Futures of Education** reimagines how knowledge and learning can shape the future of humanity and the planet; and
 - d. **#RightToEducation campaign** ensures that everyone, everywhere gets access to quality learning and contributes to transforming our collective future for the better.
4. In commemoration of the IDE 2025, DepEd, through the External Partnerships Service-International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO), in collaboration with its education partners, will conduct a series of activities listed below.

| Date | Event |
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| January 23, 2025 | Inter-Agency Meeting on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) 2030 Implementation in the Philippines |
| January 24, 2025 | International Day of Education 2025 Forum and Exhibit on AI and Education |

5. Executive committee members, regional directors, bureau and service directors, and members of the Department's Management Committee are encouraged to participate in the abovementioned activities. A separate memorandum of invitation will be disseminated to the intended offices/officials.
6. All concerned field offices of the Department are encouraged to support IDE 2025 by conducting relevant activities for the learners and education stakeholders. These activities shall adhere strictly to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017 titled Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities. The abovementioned concerned offices are also encouraged to prepare printed and online advocacy materials to be posted on the school premises and social media platforms for information dissemination of the international celebration. The EPS-ICO, in collaboration with the Public Affairs Service (PAS), will provide printable/editable advocacy materials through a memorandum.
7. Expenses incurred relative to the observance of the IDE 2025 shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures, rules and regulations. The annual funds downloaded by EPS-ICO for UNESCO activities may also be utilized for the IDE 2025 activities.
8. For more information, please contact the **External Partnerships Service-International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO)**, Ground Floor Teodora Alonzo Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at ico@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8637-6462.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:


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 Undersecretary and Chief of Staff



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References:

DepEd Order (Nos. 66, s. 2017 and 9, s. 2005)

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