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REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

July 2, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 524 , s. 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 BLUE HEARTS AWARD

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a DepEd Regional Memorandum No. 0575, s. 2026, disseminating a Call for Applications/Nominations for the 2026 Blue Hearts Award, its categories, evaluation criteria, and submission guidelines.
2. Please refer to the attached communication for details.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

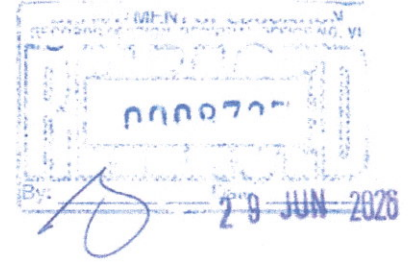
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Office of the Regional Director

29 JUN 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0575**, s. 2026

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 BLUE HEARTS AWARD

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
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- Attached is a Memorandum from the Regional Prosecutor, Department of Justice, Chairperson, Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking 7-Violence Against Women and Their Children (IACAT7-VAWC) dated June 2, 2026, titled *Call for Applications/Nominations for the 2026 Blue Hearts Award*, which disseminates the Blue Hearts Award, its categories, evaluation criteria, and submission guidelines.
- For details, refer to the attached communication.
- Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL IACAT7-VAWC COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM : THE REGIONAL PROSECUTOR - DOJ
Chairperson, IACAT 7- VAWC

SUBJECT : CALL FOR APPLICATIONS/NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 BLUE HEARTS AWARD

DATE : 02 JUN 2026

In line with the upcoming observance of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (WDAT) 2026, the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking 7 - Violence Against Women and Their Children (IACAT7-VAWC) highlights its ongoing efforts in spearheading anti-human trafficking campaigns across Region 7. For the year 2026, the Council wishes to formally recognize and thank the private sector entities that have actively contributed their work toward the elimination of human trafficking by conferring the **Blue Hearts Award**.

Categories

Nominations and applications are open to private organizations operating within Region 7 that assist TIP (Trafficking in Persons) and OSAEC (Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children) survivors, specifically under the following categories:

- **Private Sectors:** Air, Sea, Land Transportation, and ICT (Information Communication Technology).
- **Companies:** Hotels, Resorts, Pension Houses, Restaurants, Tour Operators, and other related private organizations.

Evaluation Criteria

To qualify for the award, applicant or nominated companies must fulfill the following benchmarks:

1. Possess an existing Child Protection Policy (CPP) or Anti-Trafficking in Persons (ATIP) Policy.
2. Have established a functional mechanism for reporting and monitoring cases of Trafficking in Persons and Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children.
3. Ensure employees are trained on the prevention of anti-human trafficking (either company-initiated or via invitations from external agencies).
4. Demonstrate compliance with Republic Act (RA) 9208 (Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, as amended by RA 10364 and RA 11862), and manifest cooperation to testify in the prosecution of reported TIP cases.
5. Display visible signage regarding the Anti-Trafficking Law, Ordinance, or any related program campaign combating human and child trafficking.
6. Hold official accreditation by the Department of Tourism (applicable strictly to tourism establishments and tour operators).

Submission Guidelines

Interested parties may submit their applications or nominations through the process outlined below:

- **Application Form:** Click the link provided to access and download the official application form: <https://bit.ly/4o3Bvlg>
- **Submission Email:** Send the completed form alongside all required supporting documents demonstrating fulfillment of the criteria to iacacp.fo7@dswd.gov.ph.
- **Deadline:** All submissions must be received on or before July 5, 2026.

For queries and clarifications, please coordinate with our IACAT 7-VAWC Secretariat, *Ms. Xhelxea Francesca A. Larios* through electronic mail address iacacp.fo7@dswd.gov.ph and mobile number 09610569549.

Thank you very much,



GRAEME JUNE Y. ELMIDO