



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. **627** , s. 2026

August 6, 2026

2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals
All Others Concerned

- 1 . With reference to Regional Memorandum No. 663 s. 2026 dated August 3, 2026, titled **2026 ASEAN Month Celebration**, this Office through the Curriculum and Implementation Division (CID) directs all elementary and secondary schools to conduct activities in line with the observance of the said celebration.
- 2 . Kindly refer to the attached Memorandum for the activities to be undertaken in your respective schools.
- 3 . Immediate and wide dissemination is highly desired.

For the SDS:

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Schools Division Superintendent


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0663** s. 2026

2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. With reference to DepEd Memorandum from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and External Partnerships dated July 28, 2026, and DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026, titled **2026 ASEAN Month Celebration**, this Office directs all schools division offices to observe the said celebration.

2. The observance aims to

- a. raise awareness of ASEAN's history, values, and regional cooperation among learners and personnel;
- b. promote appreciation of the Philippines' ASEAN Chairmanship Theme, *Navigating Our Future, Together*;
- c. foster regional identity, unity, and collaboration through meaningful school-based activities; and
- d. encourage participation in advocacy initiatives supporting ASEAN Month.

3. In line with the observance of the **2026 ASEAN Month**, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) and public elementary and secondary schools in Region VII are enjoined to undertake the following activities throughout **August 2026**:

a. Singing/Playing of the Official ASEAN Anthem

- Every Monday of August 2026, include the singing or playing of the official ASEAN Anthem, *The ASEAN Way*, during the Flag Raising Ceremony.
- During the simultaneous **Kick-Off Flag Raising Ceremony on August 3, 2026**, play the official Philippine ASEAN 2026 Chairship Theme Song, *One Vision, One Ocean*.

b. Documentation

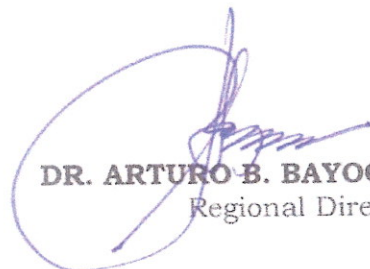
- Schools and SDOs are encouraged to document their ASEAN Month activities and submit the documentation to their respective Schools Division Offices for consolidation.
- SDOs shall consolidate and submit selected high-resolution photographs and activity highlights to the Regional Office (ESSD - Partnership Unit) on or before **August 29, 2026**, through the prescribed submission platform to be communicated separately.

c. Advocacy and Information Dissemination

- SDOs and schools are encouraged to share official ASEAN Month advocacy and promotional materials through their official communication platforms throughout the celebration.

4. Schools and SDOs are likewise encouraged to conduct other appropriate learning and advocacy activities related to ASEAN Month, consistent with existing DepEd policies and local circumstances. For further details on the observance of the celebration, attached is the said Memorandum.

5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are enjoined.



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Regional Director



Republic of the Philippines
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

MEMORANDUM

TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS

FROM : CILETTE LIBORO CO
Assistant Secretary
Public Affairs and External Partnerships *HMC JY*

SUBJECT : REMINDERS ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2026 ASEAN MONTH

DATE : July 28, 2026

Background:

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)—comprising Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Viet Nam—was established on August 8, 1967, with the signing of the Bangkok Declaration.

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 282, s. 2018 (amending Proclamation No. 1008, s. 1997), declaring August of every year as ASEAN Month, and Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 13, s. 2019, all government agencies are enjoined to integrate the singing of the ASEAN Anthem and the sharing of information about ASEAN during Flag Raising Ceremonies (FRCs) throughout August.

In line with this, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the External Partnerships Service – International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO), shall spearhead the Department's observance of the 2026 ASEAN Month Celebration.

Clear Statement of Request and Recommended Action

All Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and public schools are requested to undertake the following activities:

1. Singing/Playing of Official Songs during FRC

- Every Monday of August 2026: Include the playing/singing of the official ASEAN Anthem, "The ASEAN Way," in all FRCs. The Anthem is accessible through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>.



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- August 3, 2026 (Kick-Off FRC): Play the official Philippine ASEAN 2026 Chairship Theme Song, "One Vision, One Ocean," during the simultaneous Kick-Off Flag Raising Ceremony. The video file may be downloaded through this link <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.

2. Photo Submission and Documentation

- ROs are requested to upload high-resolution photos of their respective FRC activities to: <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdASEANFRC2026>. Selected photos will be featured on the official DepEd Philippines Facebook Page.

3. Advocacy and Communications

- ROs and SDOs are encouraged to cross-post and share all official advocacy and promotional materials released via the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page throughout the month.

For complete details, please refer to the attached DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026. Further coordination on this matter may be coursed through ico@deped.gov.ph and Ms. Hanna Patricia Cortes (hanna.cortes@deped.gov.ph).

Attachment:

- *DepEd Advisory 130, s. 2026 (2026 ASEAN Month Celebration)*

Advisory No. 130, s. 2026

July 22, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013

This advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 39, s. 2009,

but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

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2026 ASEAN MONTH CELEBRATION

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).

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 the sharing of information about ASEAN (including the histories of the member states, rich socio-cultural identities, local customs and belief systems, linguistic diversity, and collective heritage) 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.

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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