

September 22, 2014

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **474**, s. 2014

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE-WORKSHOP ON THE 21ST CENTURY:
PROMOTING LEARNER FOCUSED PARADIGM SHIFT**

**To: Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools**

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 559, s. 2014, entitled, **"International Conference-Workshop on the 21st Century: Promoting Learner Focused Paradigm Shift."**
2. Dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.


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To : Schools Division Superintendents/OICs

1. Enclosed is a letter from Dr. Virgilio U. Manzano, Professor, UP College of Education, Conference Director, Guro Formation Forum, informing this Office that they are conducting the **International Conference-Workshops on the 21st Century: Promoting Learner Focused Paradigm Shift** on February 27 to March 1, 2015 at the Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City.
2. For more details, refer to the attached communication.
3. The Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this request and ensure that all existing DepED policies and regulations are strictly followed.
4. For the information of all concerned.


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**Re: Invitation to International Conference-Workshop on the 21st Century:
Promoting Learner Focused Paradigm Shift**

Dear Dr. Dulangon:

Greetings from the Guro Formation Forum (GFF)!

We would like to thank your office for the warm response extended to our colleagues during our visit last 30 July 2014. She present the GFF International Conference-Workshops on *The Twenty-First Century Education: Promoting the Learner-Focused Paradigm*.

Philippine education is now implementing curriculum innovations on teaching and learning which are being addressed through in-service professional teacher education programs. Currently, various endeavors to improve the quality of education in the country are being pushed through the K to 12 programs in the context of ASEAN 2015 integration. These endeavors are crucial if we want Philippine education to be at par with the rest of the world. Today's learners are living in an era of emerging social, environmental, health and political concerns. Facts about global warming, famine, poverty, global population explosion, emerging technologies and their resulting globalization, among others, are common fare. In order for our students to keep up with the times, they should be able to communicate, function and create change personally, socially, economically and politically on local, national and global levels. The task of providing quality education has even become more daunting as there are now learners in challenging situations such as those in child labor, those living in remote areas or in difficult contexts, rural migrants, and with special education needs, among others. Additionally, learners are also very much exposed to a fast-paced technological revolution that resulted to an increasingly diverse, globalized, complex, and media-saturated society.

As part of our continuing efforts at reaching out to as more educators as possible, we are pleased to bring up to date you that we are conducting the *International Conference-Workshops on the 21st Century: Promoting Learner Focused Paradigm Shift* which will be held from 27 February to March 1, 2015 at the Waterfront and Casino Hotel in Cebu City. Details of this event can be seen on the attached brochure. Furthermore, DepEd has issued Advisory No. 513, s. 2013 which allowed us to invite all directors, superintendents, academic coordinators, basic and higher education teachers and faculty members of private and public schools to participate in this international academic event (for updated DepEd Advisory re-change of date to be follow).

Foreign experts who have expected to participation shall come from Australia, United Kingdom, USA, Japan among other countries. Two invited keynote speakers who confirmed their participation come from UNESCO-IBE, Director Gwang-Jo Kim who is a Korean and Dr. William F. Pinar who is the reconceptualist Movement in Curriculum from University of British Columbia. Our local experts from DepEd, CHED and prestigious universities and colleges will also present papers.



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In support of conducting the conference, we meet Governor Davide and they are willing to allow a more than 1000 DepEd educators and personnel to attend the said international conference granting Region 7 DepEd Director endorsement.

In this connection, we would like to request DepEd Region 7 to be our cohort in this endeavor. As our collaborator, we would be requesting your office to issue a memorandum to: (a) encourage and officially allow your colleagues to participate in this event and (b) to charge the conference fee, travel expenses and other incidental expenses to their unit's MOOE, Special Education Fund (SEF), faculty development fund and other possible fund sources.

As a reward for your support, the GFF shall waive the registration fees to its intensive 2015 Summer Training Programs equivalent to 5% of the total amount attended by the DepEd Region 7 except for the Division of Cebu. This would translate to the free registration of at least 25 participants. Should there be a need to formally present our proposal, we would be more than happy to do so.

For questions and other concerns, do not hesitate to call or contact us. You may get in touch with Ms. Annie C. Dematera at 0999-457-7915 and/or 261-6741, or email us at guroformation@yahoo.com.

Thank you and we look forward to your favorable response on our proposal.

Very truly yours,

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Professor, UP College of Education
and Conference Director, Guro Formation Forum

(Encl.) As stated.



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**Theme: The Twenty-First Century Education:
 "Promoting the Learner-Focused Paradigm "
 Cebu City, Philippines
 27 February - 1 March 2015**

P R O G R A M

<p>Day 1 Morning Session 8:30-10:00am</p> <p>Proceedings 10:00-10:45am 10:45-12 pm</p> <p>Emcee:</p>	<p>OPENING PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Anthem & Doxology • Opening Remarks • Welcome Address • Conference Address • Special Message • Cultural Number • Special Remarks • Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Conference-Workshop Orientation 	<p>OSCAR P. FERRER, Ph. D. UP Diliman Professor & President, Guro Formation Forum, Inc.</p>
<p>Guest Speaker 10:00-10:45am</p>	<p>"The Philippine Senate Learner-Focused of Twenty-First Century"</p>	<p>SENATOR GRACE POE-LLAMANZARES Public Information and Mass Media Philippine Senate</p>
<p>Keynote Speaker 10:45-12 pm</p>	<p>The Twenty-First Century Education: "Prospective, Perspective and Challenges in Today's Education"</p> <p>"Promoting the Learner-Focused Paradigm "</p>	<p>HON. GWANG-JO KIM Director UNESCO Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education, Bangkok, Thailand</p> <p>WILLIAM F. PINAR, Ph. D. University of British Columbia Reconceptualist Movement in Curriculum</p>
<p>1:30-2:30pm</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 1 On School Programs and Projects: Relevant, Appropriate and Developmental for Community Mobilization</p>	<p>LORNA DIG-DINO, Ph. D. Assistant Secretary Programs and Projects Department of Education</p>
<p>2:30-3:30pm</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2 On Vocational and Technological Education: Developing the Hands, Heart, and Mind</p>	<p>MYRNA G. YU Principal Subangdaku Technical Vocational High School</p>
<p>3:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>PLENARY SESSION 3 On Teacher Education: Restructuring Pre-Service and In-Service Teacher Training for Learner-Focused Instruction</p>	<p>PHILIP J. PURNELL, Ph. D. Manager Educational Research and Innovation SEAMEO-INNOTECH</p>

Day 2 8:00-9:00 am	PLENARY SESSION 4 On Assessment and Evaluation: Assessing Learning for Diverse Learners	LETICIA PEÑANO-HO, Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist Specialist University of the Philippines Diliman
9:00-10:00am	PLENARY SESSION 5 Government, Non-government Organization and People Initiatives: Advocacy and support for advancement of community towards nation building	NESTOR O. RAÑESES Assistant Vice President for Administration University of the Philippines Director, Institute for Small-Scale Industries (ISSI)
10:00-11:00am	PLENARY SESSION 6 Challenges, Perspective and Prospective for 21st Century Learners	MARILOU G. NICOLAS, Ph.D. Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs University of the Philippines Director, UP Center for Integrative Development Studies (UP-CIDS)
11:00-12:30NN	PANEL SESSION 1 Instructional Strategies Assessment and Evaluation Curriculum	Session Chair: Levi E. Elipane, Ph.D. Faculty University of the Philippines Session Chair: Dr. Rosario Margarita Aligada Dean, College of Education Miriam College Session Chair: Virgilio U. Manzano, Ph. D Faculty, College of Education University of the Philippines
1:30-3:00pm	PANEL SESSION 2 Teacher Education Programs and Projects Research and Innovation	Session Chair: Marilyn U. Balagtas, Ph.D. Faculty Philippine Normal University Session Chair: Jocelyn DR. Andaya, Ph.D. or Jose Taguinayo, Ph. D. Department of Education Session Chair: SHARON JOY BERLIN-CHAO, Ph.D. Manager Learning Management Office SEAMEO-INNOTECH
Day 3 8:00-9:00 am	PLENARY SESSION 7 On Curriculum: Learner Focused Education	FIONA FORBES, Ph. D. President, Australian Special Education Principals' Association
9:00-10:00 am	PLENARY SESSION 8 On Instruction/Strategies: Rethinking Instructional Delivery for Diverse Student Populations	PHILIP GARNER, Ph. D. University of Northampton United Kingdom
10:00-11:00am	PLENARY SESSION 9 On School administrators and Managers: Facilitative School Leadership for Diversity	JO HENDRICSON Ph. D. Director, REACH University of Iowa, USA
11:00-12:30NN	Workshop	
1:30-3:00pm	Presentation of Findings, Resolution and Action Plans	
3:00-4:00pm	Closing Ceremony	



Guro Formation Forum, Inc.

invites you to the

2014 International Conference/Workshop on

The Twenty-First Century Education Promoting the Learner-Focused Paradigm

February 27 to March 1, 2015
Waterfront, Cebu City, Hotel & Casino

Rationale

Today's learners are living in an era of emerging social, environmental, health and political issues. News about global warming, famine, poverty, global population explosion, emerging technologies and their resulting globalization, among others, are common fare. In order for our students to keep up with the times, they should be able to communicate, function and create change personally, socially, economically and politically on local, national and global levels a challenge that face the educators as they try to provide the quality education that the students deserve. This task has even become more daunting as there are now learners deep in child labor, in the streets, members of indigenous groups/ethnic linguistic minorities, and living remote areas or in difficult contexts. There are now children in conflict with the law, rural migrants, disaster-affected and with special education needs. Additionally, learners are also very much exposed to a fast-paced technological revolution that resulted to an increasingly diverse, globalized, complex, and media-saturated society.

In order to transcend all these challenges, the role of education in the 21st century has gone beyond mastery of content or use of new technologies. More importantly, students must learn how to observe, discern for themselves, think critically, and be creative. Educators can help achieve this goal by providing a framework that will help reduce barriers, minimize challenges and optimize support to meet the needs of all types of learners.



Objectives

With the theme, "The Twenty-First Century Education: Promoting the Learner-Focused Paradigm," the conference aims to:

1. Identify and describe who the 21st century learner is in view of the right-based principle;
2. Present global perspectives of the Learner-Focused Paradigm;
3. Identify methods, strategies and techniques of the Learner-Focused Paradigm relevant to participant's regional and socio-economic situations ;
4. Provide a venue for critiquing teaching strategies in view of Learner-Focused Paradigm; and
5. Develop an action plan that will uphold the Learner-Focused Paradigm in the 21st century.

Activities

1. Keynote Speech
2. Plenary Speeches
3. Paper Presentations (concurrent sessions)
4. Conference Banquet
5. Open Forum/Workshops/ Sharing of Best Practices

Keynote Speeches

"Promoting the Learner-Focused Paradigm in the 21st Century"
DR. WILLIAM F. FISHER
University of British Columbia
Reconceptualist Movement
in Curriculum Theory &
"Preservative Disruption and
Challenges in Today's
Education"
NONG GWANG-JO KONG,
Director, UNESCO Asia and
Pacific Regional Bureau for
Education, Bangkok, Thailand

Key Dates

Activities	Date
Deadline of Submission of Abstracts	October 30, 2014
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts	November 30, 2014
Deadline for Submission of Full Papers	December 15, 2014
Last Day of Early Bird Registration	December 15, 2014
Conference date	February 27-March 1, 2015

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