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Region VII, Central Visayas



DIVISION OF CEBUPROVINCE

Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City

September 28, 2016


DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 590, s. 2016

PERMISSION FOR RAFI POINT PERSONS TO FACILITATE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (SEED PROGRAM) IN 10 SCHOOLS DIVISIONS WITHIN CEBU

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

1. For information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a **Regional Memorandum No. 0599** dated September 27, 2016, for the implementation of the SEED Program as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between RAFI and DepEd – RO7 entitled “**Permission for RAFI Point Persons to Facilitate Seal of Excellence in Education Development (SEED PROGRAM) in 10 Schools Divisions within Cebu**”.
2. For additional details, refer to the attached communication.
3. Immediate dissemination, guidance and appropriate action by all concerned.


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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **0599**, s. 2016

**Permission for RAFI Point Persons to Facilitate Seal of Excellence in Education Development
(SEED PROGRAM) in 10 Schools Divisions within Cebu**

**TO: All Schools Division Superintendents/OICs
All Others Concerned**

1. Cognizant of the need to bridge implementation of the SEED Program as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between RAFI and DepEd - RO7, a close tracking, monitoring and linking scheme shall be installed.
2. RAFI Point Persons designated to visit schools and link with the Local Chief Executive (LCE) of the local government unit of certain schools divisions will do the tasks as reflected in the Memorandum of Agreement for this Program.
3. That these RAFI Point Persons shall be allowed to interview in random schools' internal and external stakeholders about school operations, governance, accomplishments and other matters relative to the schools' initiatives and innovations.
4. That these RAFI Point Persons may connect to local school boards of the respective schools divisions to validate claims of support and other coordinative activities that these schools are participating with the LGU programs and projects both for human development and poverty alleviation pursuits.
5. Likewise, that if there are other non-government organizations, civic clubs or civil society groups or other national government agencies with programs flourishing in those schools, the RAFI Point Persons will be allowed to access information as to coverage, cost and generated impact.
6. For reference, attached is a copy of the MOA for this Program.
7. For widespread dissemination and compliance.

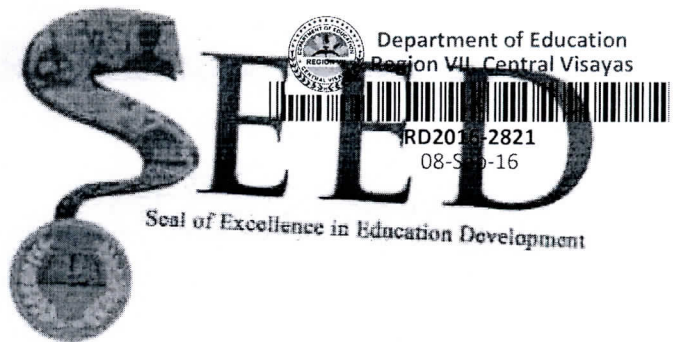

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DR. JULIET A. JERUTA
Regional Director
Department of Education Region VII



Dear Dr. Jeruta,

Greetings from RAFI!

As we continue to gain the support of the communities with the SEED Program (Seal of Excellence in Education Development), we have encountered suggestions from our Point Persons that would assist in the implementation in their respective areas.


The Point Persons from all the Divisions in Cebu have asked for our assistance in the issuance of a Memorandum from your office to allow them to formally facilitate the program. As we are gearing towards Community Assessment, this would be a great help for them in coordinating with their LGU, all the while providing them with the necessary funds to do so.

This is with reference in the RAFI-SEED MOA wherein, "That DepEd shall yearly: (2.2) Direct all Cebu Division Chiefs and Superintendents to form project teams and identify a point person who shall be RAFI's main contact person."

Please see attached MOA with this letter.

You can contact us through (032) 411-1770 loc 24558 for inquiries.

Sincerely,


ERNESTO M. ALIX
Executive Director
RAFI-Education Development Unit

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Ramon Aboitiz Foundation Inc.
Department of Education - Region VII

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**PARTNERSHIP MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
SEAL OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (SEED)
AWARD**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into by and among:

The **RAMON ABOITIZ FOUNDATION, INC. (RAFI)**, a social development institution with principal address at 35 Lopez Jaena Street, Cebu City, Philippines, represented herein by its President **ROBERTO E. ABOITIZ**, Filipino, of legal age and a resident of Cebu City, herein referred to as **RAFI**;

- and -

The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, REGION VII**, an Agency of the government, created by virtue of Batas Pambansa (B.P.) No. 232 "The Education Act of 1982" as amended by Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9155 otherwise known as "Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001", with principal office address at Department of Education Region VII – Central Visayas, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City, represented by its Regional Director, **DR. JULIET A. JERUTA**, hereinafter referred to as **DepEd**.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, R.A. 9155 declares the following: The State shall encourage local initiatives for improving the quality of basic education. The State shall ensure that the values, needs, and aspirations of a school community are reflected in the program of education for the children, out-of-school youth and adult learners. Schools and learning centers shall be empowered to make decisions on what is best for the learners they serve;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Education for All (**EFA**) 2015 Plan is a vision and a holistic program of reforms that aim to improve the quality of basic education for every Filipino. The key action involves the school's assessment of its capabilities and performance towards attaining EFA goals. The stakeholders of every school (school head, teachers, parents, students, community leaders, other groups interested in school practices) shall be able to use processes and results to determine and implement school programs to ensure continuous improvement in school quality;

WHEREAS, The Schools First Initiative (**SFI**) is the government's strategy for improving basic education through a broadly participated, popular movement featuring a wide variety of local initiatives by individual schools, localities, school divisions, local governments, communities, civil society organizations and other interest groups and associations;

WHEREAS, the Basic Education Sector Reform Agenda (**BESRA**) is the basis of the government's directions and actions to attain improved basic education competencies for all Filipinos. The implementation of **BESRA** serves as the framework for a coordinated sector-wide approach to donors' and partners' participation in **SFI**;

WHEREAS, **RAFI**, as a social development institution, is advocating the improvement of the quality of education in public schools and has been participating in various programs in support of **EFA**, **SFI**, and **BESRA**;

WHEREAS, **RAFI**, wishes to launch an annual awards program, "**Seal of Excellence in Education Development (SEED)**" which will (a) reinforce the implementation of **DepEd's** school-based management (**SBM**) framework and standards, (b) advocate and share best practices in the areas of Organizational Management, Instruction, Learning Environment, and

Performance, (c) engage and mobilize school communities, and (d) recognize and reward outstanding public schools in Cebu;

WHEREAS, SEED will help the DepEd region, divisions, districts, and schools monitor, evaluate, and assess learning outcomes;

WHEREAS, DepEd is vested with authority, accountability and responsibility for ensuring access to, promoting equity in, and improving the quality of basic education;

WHEREAS, DepEd wishes to encourage local initiatives for the improvement of schools and wishes to provide the means by which these improvements may be achieved and sustained;

WHEREAS, RAFI and DepEd believe that the annual awards program, "**Seal of Excellence in Education Development (SEED)**", will greatly encourage school communities to pursue continuous improvement in the delivery of quality education;

WHEREAS, only a strong partnership between RAFI and DepEd will assure the successful implementation of SEED in the schools of Cebu;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises, terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. That RAFI shall yearly:
 - 1.1 Orient relevant stakeholders about SEED.
 - 1.2 Provide the scorecard (Rubric) for assessing the schools (see Annex 1)
 - 1.3 Provide the processes for assessment of schools and deliberation of winners (see Annex 2)
 - 1.4 Provide timelines for the processes (see Annex 3)
 - 1.5 Provide the awards for schools (see Annex 4)
 - 1.6 Provide the secretariat for running this program
2. That DepEd shall yearly:
 - 2.1 Direct all Cebu Division Chiefs and Superintendents to attend the RAFI orientations
 - 2.2 Direct all Cebu Division Chiefs and Superintendents to form project teams and identify a point person who shall be RAFI's main contact person. The point person may also be the Division Chief or Superintendent.
 - 2.3 Direct all Cebu Division Chiefs, Superintendents, and School Heads to actively participate in the school assessment
 - 2.4 Direct all Cebu Division Chiefs and Superintendents to endorse their single most outstanding elementary and high school to RAFI, per the process timeline, together with the accomplished scorecard (Rubric), Means of Verification, and other supporting documents.
 - 2.5 Provide the incentive/s and recognition/s for the school officials and/or teachers of the awarded schools.
 - 2.6 Provide RAFI the Cebu baseline data of the 2015 National Achievement Tests and every year thereafter. (This will be the basis for measuring and monitoring the impact of SEED).
 - 2.7 Where possible, facilitate the provision of venues for orientations, meetings, assessments of stakeholders
 - 2.8 Where possible, institutionalize relevant best practices learned from individual school communities, which could be adopted in other school communities.
3. Any issue that shall arise by reason of or on the occasion of the administration of SEED shall be resolved by both parties.
4. In the event that a third party shall contest the results of the SEED program, the decision of RAFI, acting through its board of trustees, shall be final and executor.

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5. Both parties understand that SEED is a recognition and awards system for SBM that reasonably redounds to the benefit of the pupils and students and their academic performance. Towards this end, both parties shall exert their best efforts and shall endeavor to ensure high academic performance of target students' and pupils.


The parties signing this Memorandum of Agreement hereby mutually warrant to each other that they are duly authorized by their respective company/agency and that all terms and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon their company/agency.

This Agreement shall take effect on the date of the signing hereof by the parties concerned and shall continue unless terminated by either party. Any modifications or amendments to the Agreement shall be acceptable to all parties and shall be put into writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures this 14 day of July, 2016, Cebu City, Philippines.

RAMON ABOITIZ FOUNDATION INC. (RAFI)


By:



ROBERTO E. ABOITIZ
President

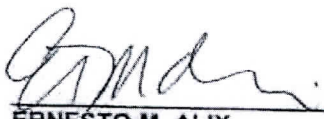
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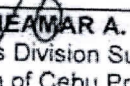


DR. JULIET A. JERUTA
REGION VII DIRECTOR

Signed in the presence of:



ERNESTO M. ALIX
RAFI-EDU Executive Director



DR. RHEAMAR A. ANGTUD
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Cebu Province

NOTARIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF CEBU

BEFORE ME, Notary Public for and in the City of Cebu, on this _____ day of _____
2016 at Cebu City, personally appeared on the following:

Name	Kind of ID	ID No.
1. Roberto E. Aboitiz	_____	_____
2. Dr. Juliet A. Jeruta	_____	_____

known to me and to me known personally to be the same persons who executed the foregoing document and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed as well as the free and voluntary act and deed of their principals whom they purport to represent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my notarial seal on the date and place above written.

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Juliet A. Jeruta

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RULES IN THE CONTEST OF THE SHORTLISTING
OF THE TOP 5 PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS
FOR THE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT
(SEED)

1. The rules will cover all contests on the assessment and shortlisting of the top 5 Public Elementary and High Schools for SEED. Any contest that arise prior to the announcement of the shortlist of top 10 Schools (both elementary and high school) by RAFI shall be handled by the appropriate offices of the DepEd but shall not stop the conduct of the subsequent assessments as indicated in the MOA and its Annexes.
2. Only public schools, acting through their principal or school head, that have filled out and submitted the Rubric and other documentations, if any, to their District or Division Heads in compliance with Step 3 of the Process, may file a contest.
3. Contests maybe filed with the RAFI-Education and Development Unit (RAFI-EDU), within 10 days from the time RAFI announces the shortlist of the top 10 public elementary and high schools. Any contest filed beyond the 10 day period shall not be entertained.
4. Contests shall be made in writing and only on the ground that there is newly discovered evidence, which the party could not, with reasonable diligence, have discovered and produced at the time of the District and/or Division's endorsement to RAFI, and which if presented would probably alter the result. Contests shall not hamper and/or stop the next steps and/or processes of assessment.
5. All contests received by RAFI-EDU shall be forwarded, deliberated and decided by the RAFI-Board of Trustees. The decision of the RAFI-BOT shall be final and executory.
6. These rules are an integral part of the MOA and of the SEED Program. All persons, organizations and/or entities that submit entries and/or assessments by reason of the SEED Program shall be deemed to be informed of these procedures and are bound to these rules.

Juliet A. Justice

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