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SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF CITY OF VALENZUELA



**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

July 29, 2026

To: Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Enclosed is a communication letter from DepEd National Capital Region, dated July 28, 2026, regarding the dissemination of the attached DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026 titled **2026 ASEAN Month Celebration**.

In view thereof, all concerned are hereby invited to observe the following guidelines throughout the month of August 2026.

1. Singing of the ASEAN Anthem: Singing of the official ASEAN anthem, "The ASEAN Way," during all Flag Raising Ceremonies (FRCs) in August. The updated version of the anthem can be access through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>.
2. Simultaneous Special Flag Ceremony: Conduct of special DepEd Flag Raising Ceremony on August 3, 2026, to official kick off ASEAN Month.

For inquiries or further information, kindly contact the International Cooperation Office via email at ico@deped.gov.ph or call (02) 8637-6462.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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Schools Division Superintendent W

Division Letter No. 225, s. 2026

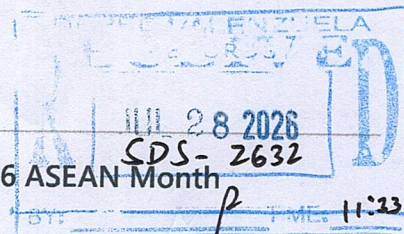
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Fw: [FOR INFORMATION] DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026, titled 2026 ASEAN Month Celebration



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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Good day!

Please see the attached file, for information and guidance.
Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you and best regards.

From: DepEd International Cooperation Office <ico@depd.gov.ph>

Sent: Monday, July 27, 2026 7:02 PM

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Subject: [FOR INFORMATION] DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026, titled 2026 ASEAN Month Celebration

Dear **Sirs/Mesdames:**

Greetings!

The Department of Education (DepEd), International Cooperation Office (EPS-ICO), respectfully disseminates **DepEd Advisory No. 130, s. 2026**, titled **2026 ASEAN Month Celebration**.

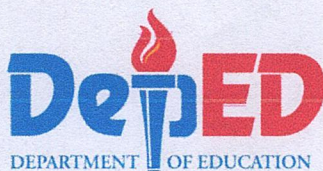
Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 282, s. 2018, the month of August of every year is declared as **ASEAN Month**. In line with this and Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 013, s. 2019, all Regional Offices (ROs) and Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are invited to observe the following guidelines throughout August 2026:

1. **Singing of the ASEAN Anthem:** All ROs and SDOs are enjoined to include the singing of the official ASEAN anthem, "*The ASEAN Way*," during all Flag Raising Ceremonies (FRCs) in August. The updated version of the anthem can be accessed here: <https://tinyurl.com/v56d492j>.
2. **Simultaneous Special Flag Ceremony:** All ROs and SDOs are invited to conduct a special DepEd Flag Raising Ceremony on **August 3, 2026**, to officially kick off ASEAN Month.
3. **Playing of the ASEAN 2026 Official Song:** In compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 117 and under the 2026 Philippine ASEAN Chairship theme, "*Navigating Our Future, Together*," ROs are requested to play the official song, "*One Vision, One Ocean*," during flag ceremonies and official events. The video file may be downloaded through this link <https://tinyurl.com/DepEdOneVisionOneOcean>.

The full version of the advisory may be viewed through this link: [A_s2026_130.pdf](#). For inquiries or further information, kindly contact the International Cooperation Office via email at ico@deped.gov.ph or call (02) 8637-6462.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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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.
(Visit www.deped.gov.ph)

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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