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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DRR YIELDS NATIONAL LEARNING AND INNOVATION FORUM 2026

To: Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Office of the CID and SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors/Districts-in Charge
Secondary School Heads
DRR Yields Innovators

All others concerned

1. With the continued partnership and support for youth formation, the Center for Disaster Preparedness, through its DRR Yields Program, invited the Youth Innovators in Northern Samar covered by the program to attend the **DRR Yields National Learning and Innovation Forum 2026 on October 17-18, 2026, in Quezon City.**
2. For more information regarding this event, the communication letter from the CDP is hereby attached to this issuance.
3. The list of participants for this activity is attached to this memorandum.
4. The CDP shall cover transportation expenses, food, and accommodation.
5. Teacher chaperones are required to comply with the Consent by filling out the consent form as mandated by the existing rules of the Child Protection Policy.
6. The issuance of this Memorandum shall serve as **Travel Authority** for those concerned.
5. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance


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THRU:

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Youth Formation Development Focal Person

Subject: Request for Excused Absence and Approval of Travel of Youth Innovators and Advisers to the National Learning Event in Quezon City

Dear Sir Aljibe:

Greetings of peace and solidarity!

The Center for Disaster Preparedness Foundation, Inc. (CDPFI), through the Disaster Risk Reduction through Youth Innovation, Empowerment and Locally-Led Solutions (DRR YIELDs) Project, respectfully conveys its sincere appreciation to the Schools Division Office of Northern Samar for its continued support and partnership in providing opportunities for young people to actively participate in disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate change adaptation (CCA), and locally led resilience initiatives.

We particularly acknowledge and appreciate the SDO's support and approval for the participation of school-based youth organizations, students, and teachers in the recently concluded Youth Convergence held during the second week of September 2026. The activity provided an important platform for young people to share their ideas, demonstrate their innovations, and engage with schools, local government units, and other stakeholders in advancing disaster and climate resilience.

Building on this partnership, CDPFI would like to respectfully request the SDO's approval and support for the participation and excused school absence of selected Youth Innovators from the different schools covered by the DRR YIELDs Project who will attend the **DRR YIELDs National Learning and Innovation Forum 2026**, scheduled on **October 17–18, 2026 in Quezon City**.

The Forum will carry the theme:

"From Local Ideas to Resilient Solutions: Showcasing Youth-Led Innovations for Disaster and Climate Resilience"

The National Learning and Innovation Forum is envisioned as a culminating learning and exchange platform for the Youth Innovators and partners from Camarines Norte and Northern Samar. It will provide an opportunity for the young innovators to collectively reflect on their innovation journey, document their experiences and lessons,

discuss challenges encountered throughout the innovation process, and showcase their locally developed solutions for disaster and climate resilience.

The activity will also provide opportunities for direct engagement with representatives from national and local government agencies, development organizations, academic institutions, private sector partners, potential donors, and innovation-support organizations. Through these engagements, the Youth Innovators will be able to explore possible avenues for technical assistance, mentoring, funding, market linkages, research support, partnerships, sustainability, replication, and scaling of their innovations.

In this regard, we respectfully request the SDO's approval to allow the identified Youth Innovators and teachers to be excused from their classes/school-related duties on **October 16 & 19, 2026** to participate in the said national event.

Considering that the participants will be travelling from their respective communities in Northern Samar to Quezon City, the following travel arrangements will apply:

Date	Activity/Travel
October 16, 2026 (Friday)	Travel from Northern Samar to Metro Manila Mode of Transpo will be Bus/Van and Airplane
October 17–18, 2026 (Saturday & Sunday)	Participation in the National Learning Event, Quezon City. Venue to be confirmed
October 19, 2026 (Monday)	Travel from Metro Manila back to Northern Samar

We recognize the importance of ensuring that students remain committed to their academic responsibilities. Hence, CDPFI will coordinate with the participating schools, school heads, and advisers to ensure that the students' participation is properly documented and that appropriate arrangements are made concerning any missed academic requirements or school activities.

We believe that this national learning opportunity will complement the students' formal education by strengthening their leadership, critical thinking, innovation, collaboration, communication, and community engagement skills. It will also allow them to represent their schools and communities and share the locally developed solutions they have undertaken through the DRR YELdS Project.

In view of the foregoing, we respectfully seek the favorable approval and endorsement of the Schools Division Office for the participation and authorized absence of the selected Youth Innovators in this important national learning event.

Attached to this letter are the proposed list of participating Youth Innovators, their respective schools, and the activity details for your reference and consideration.

We deeply value the SDO's continued partnership and support in creating meaningful opportunities for young people to participate in DRR and CCA initiatives. Your support will greatly contribute to strengthening youth leadership and ensuring that locally led

innovations are given opportunities to be sustained, supported, and brought to a wider platform.

Should you have further clarifications and questions please contact our Area Coordinator, Margie Pelito on her mobile number 0915-668-2528 or via email drryields@cdp.org.ph

Thank you very much for your continued support and partnership in empowering young people to contribute to building safer, more resilient, and climate-adaptive communities.

Respectfully yours,



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List of Participating Schools, Students and Teachers for the National Learning Event

School	Teacher	Student Innovator
Acereda Integrated School	Rhea D. Alo	1. Piolo Baldestoy 2. Beverly Delos Santos 3. Joshua Balicuas
Eladio T. Balite Memorial School of Fisheries		4. Von Lenard Ochondra 5. Lovelitte T. Magno
Bobon School for Philippine Craftsmen		6. Christian D. Morecho 7. Jude Loren Ylagan 8. Samina Posada
Catubig Valley National High School	Jessa Joyce Mirasol	9. Benhur Pulgado 10. Shanen Jade Pialago 11. Mary Christine Gabion