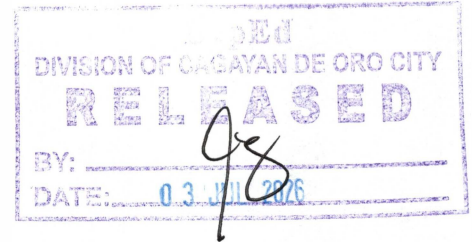




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X

DIVISION OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent



July 3, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 604 s.2026

**PARTICIPATION IN THE SIMULTANEOUS FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY IN
COMMEMORATION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2016
SOUTH CHINA SEA ARBITRAL AWARD**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
All Public School District Supervisors
All Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

1. In line with the observance of the **10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award**, all public elementary and secondary schools, as well as Division Office personnel of the Schools Division of Cagayan de Oro City, are hereby enjoined to participate in the **Simultaneous Flag-Raising Ceremony** on **July 6, 2026**.

This activity aims to:

- commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award;
- strengthens awareness and appreciation of the country's commitment to the rule of law, peace, and respect for international law;
- promotes patriotism, national unity, and responsible citizenship among learners and personnel; and
- reaffirms the Department of Education's commitment to fostering civic consciousness and love of country.

2. All schools shall conduct the regular flag-raising ceremony and include an appropriate message or brief information highlighting the significance of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award. Schools are encouraged to ensure that the observance is educational, non-partisan, and aligned with the Department's mandate of promoting civic values and patriotism.

3. In adherence to Equal Opportunity Policy (EOP), inclusive and fair treatment are accorded to all participants regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion and ethnicity.



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4. This office directs immediate dissemination and compliance to this memorandum.


ROY ANGELO E. GAZO
Schools Division Superintendent

Reference: DepEd Memorandum
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MEMORANDUM

TO : Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PARONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

SUBJECT : Participation in the Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony
in Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 2016
South China Sea Arbitral Award

DATE : July 2, 2026

In line with the whole-of-society commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award on July 12, 2026, all Department of Education (DepEd) regional offices (ROs), schools division offices (SDOs), and public elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to participate in the **Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on July 6, 2026**.

The activity, organized by the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea, aims to highlight the significance of the landmark 2016 Arbitral Award and reaffirm the Government's commitment to upholding the rule of law, sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and lawful maritime entitlements.

Participation in the Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony is intended to foster greater awareness and appreciation among learners, teaching and nonteaching personnel, and education stakeholders of the importance of the 2016 Arbitral Award and the country's sovereign rights, while encouraging responsible citizenship and informed civic engagement.

The ROs and SDOs are encouraged to provide appropriate support to schools within their respective jurisdictions to facilitate participation in the observance.
