



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

No. 596 s. 2025

**EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
YAMAMURA GAKUEN HIGH SCHOOL, SAITAMA JAPAN**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Secondary School Heads
Teachers, Parents, and Students Concerned
All Others Concerned

1. In support of the Department of Education's thrust to promote global competence among Filipino learners, the Schools Division Office of Muntinlupa City, in partnership with **Yamamura Gakuen High School, Japan**, will implement the **Education Beyond Borders Program**. This initiative aims to nurture cultural understanding, collaborative learning, and international-mindedness through both structured and experiential learning exchanges.
2. This partnership provides Muntinlupa learners with meaningful opportunities to engage with their Japanese counterparts in academic exploration, cultural immersion, and collaborative projects aligned with 21st-century skills.
3. A total of **15 selected students** from **three public secondary schools** in Muntinlupa City will participate in the program, alongside partner learners from Yamamura Gakuen High School
4. The program has two major components:

A. Structured Learning Exchange

This component involves **virtual and/or synchronous academic collaboration**, where Filipino and Japanese students will engage in guided discussions and knowledge-sharing in the areas of:



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- **Science Research** – sharing methods, outputs, and innovations
- **Robotics** – demonstrating prototypes, coding techniques, and design concepts
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** – practicing communication, fluency, and academic language

Activities shall include:

- Small-group or paired exchanges
- Joint presentations
- Collaborative outputs
- Online forums and moderated sessions facilitated by teachers from both countries

B. Experiential Learning Exchange

This component provides **in-person cross-cultural learning** where participating students from both countries shall:

1. **Visit and attend classes together** in the same host school
2. **Participate in cultural, academic, and community activities**
3. **Stay with foster parents** who will host them during the immersion period
4. Experience daily school life, local customs, and Japanese or Filipino family culture

The immersion aims to strengthen global citizenship, promote respect for diversity, and deepen students' appreciation of international educational practices.

5. Participating secondary schools shall:
 - a. Identify qualified student participants following Division-issued criteria.
 - b. Designate a **School Program Coordinator**.
 - c. Prepare students for both virtual and in-person engagements.
 - d. Coordinate with the Division Office for all requirements and documentation.
 - e. Ensure parental consent, medical clearance, and orientation of learners and parents.




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6. The Curriculum Implementation Division, through its designated coordinator, shall:
- Provide program oversight and ensure alignment with DepEd policies;
 - Coordinate with Yamamura Gakuen High School for schedules and activities;
 - Facilitate orientations, meetings, and documentation;
 - Ensure safety protocols and welfare standards are upheld.
7. Participating schools shall submit:
- Narrative reports,
 - Photo documentation,
 - Reflections of students and teachers, and
 - Summary of outputs from both structured and experiential learning exchanges.

The Division shall consolidate reports to be forwarded to the Regional Office and partner institution.

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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Encl: As stated

Reference: none

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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