



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF MUNTINLUPA CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

MEMORANDUM

No. 280, s. 2026

PARTNERSHIP WITH PHILIPPINE CHINESE EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent

Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division

Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Division

Elementary and Secondary Public-School Heads/OICs

All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 463, s. 2026, titled, Partnership with Philippine Chinese Education Research Center, Inc., for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph 1.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum are desired.


VIOLETA M. GONZALES CESO VI
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated

Reference: Regional Advisory No. 463 s. 2026

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

Under: SPFL

MCDS- Partnership with Philippine Chinese Education Research Center, Inc.

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June 18, 2026

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 463, s. 2026

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Division Partnership Focal Persons
All Others Concerned

**PARTNERSHIP WITH PHILIPPINE CHINESE EDUCATION
RESEARCH CENTER, INC.**

1. The Department of Education National Capital Region and Philippine Chinese Education Research Center, Inc. have formalized their collaboration through a Memorandum of Agreement dubbed as *China In Your Classroom Quiz Bee Competition*, is a program providing participating high school students from public schools in the National Capital Region, the opportunities to understand more the culture, history, arts and current events of the People's Republic of China.
2. Partnership duration is for two (2) years. Attached is a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement, for reference.
3. In view of the foregoing, the cooperation and support of all concerned is hereby requested.
4. For information and immediate dissemination.

JOCELYN DR ANDAYA

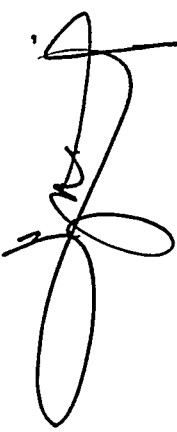
Regional Director, NCR
Concurrent Officer-In-Charge, Office of the
Assistant Secretary for Operations

Encl.:
As stated

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement made and entered into this **JUN 17 2026** day of _____
at **CITY OF MANILA**, Philippines, by and between:

 The **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-National Capital Region (DepEd NCR)**, a Regional Office of the Department of Education, established and existing pursuant to the laws of the Philippines, with office address at Misamis St., Sto. Cristo, Quezon City, represented by its Regional Director, **Dr. JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**, herein referred to as "**DepEd NCR**";

-and-

 The **PHILIPPINE CHINESE EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTER, INC.**, a non-stock, non-profit, educational institution organized, registered and existing under Philippine laws with principal business address at 4/F Alliance Building, 410 Quintin Paredes Street, Binondo, Manila, represented by its President, **JAMES TAN WANG**, hereinafter referred to as "**PCERC**";

WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, PCERC was established on May 24, 1991 with the aim to promote reforms in Chinese language teaching in the Philippines and to promote cultural exchanges and integration between the Chinese Filipino and Filipino community;

WHEREAS, the partnership between DepEd NCR and PCERC started in 1997 but it was only in September 2021 that the parties formally forged a partnership contract by entering into a memorandum of agreement which expired in May 2026;

WHEREAS, the partnership covered a program known as "*China In Your Classroom Quiz Bee Competition*," that has been providing participating high school students from public schools in the National Capital Region, the opportunities to understand more the culture, history, arts, and current events of the People's Republic of China;

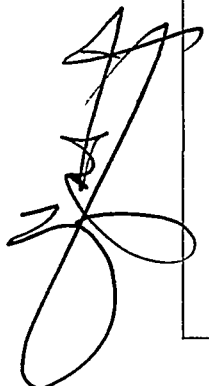
 **WHEREAS, DepEd NCR** is convinced that the program will provide learners with opportunities that will make them both locally and internationally competitive in curricular activities relative to Asian Studies, Culture, Arts, and History through which and learning exchanges, the learners' understanding and appreciation of other people's culture will be developed;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the parties' shared vision and in adherence to the goals and objectives of the program, the parties hereunto agree to renew its partnership under the following terms:

I. PROGRAM SCOPE AND BENEFICIARY

The Program covers the following activities to be implemented:
For SY 2026-2027

Target Time Period	Activity	Description	Estimated Cost
1 st Term Sept.2026	Local Chinese School Exchange Program	30 Public Students will stay in a Chinese Filipino school from 8am to 4pm for one day and learn basic Mandarin language and experience Chinese culture like calligraphy, wushu, etc.	₱ 100,000.00
2 nd -3 rd Terms Before Oct.,2026 (Knock-out) Dec. 2026 (Preliminary) April, 2027 (Semi-Final & Final Rounds) May, 2027 (Travel to China)	14 th China in Your Classroom Quiz Bee Competition	All questions in the knock-out, preliminary, semi-final and final rounds will revolve around the topics on Chinese history, culture, geography, contemporary and Filipino-Chinese relationship, etc.	₱ 1,500,000.00



3rd Term Entries to be submitted on April, 2027; Awarding on June, 2027	"Tiktok" Competition Category A- Chinese Filipino Schools; Category B- Public Schools	3-5 minute video Theme to be announced later	P 300,000.00
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For SY 2027-2028



1st Term Sept.2027	"You and Me, One Heart, One Family"	Students from Chinese Filipino & public schools will be engaged in parlor games after a short cultural presentation from both parties	P 400,000.00
2nd - 3rd Terms Before Oct.,2027 (Knock-out) Dec. 2027 (Preliminary) April, 2028 (Semi-Final & Final Rounds) May, 2028 (Travel to China)	15 th China in Your Classroom Quiz Bee Competition	All questions in the knock-out, preliminary, semi-final and final rounds will revolve around the topics on Chinese history, culture, geography, contemporary and Filipino- Chinese relationship, etc.	P 1,500,000.00

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3 rd Term April, 2028	On the Spot Poster Making Competition	To be participated by students of both Chinese Filipino and public schools. Theme to be announced later.	₱ 300,000.00
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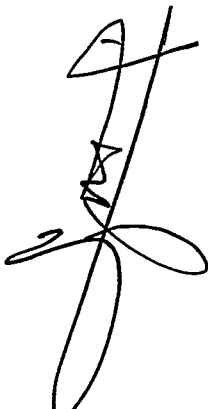
II. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Common Responsibilities

1. Develop and explore collaboration on possible support and work plan for the implementation of the Activities based on each institutional capacities in implementing and sustaining the program.
2. Achieve the common objectives and its collaborative efforts particularly in education, culture, and the arts likewise in strengthening the relationship between Philippines and China.
3. Promote cultural exchanges and integration between Chinese Filipino community and the Filipino community;
4. Track or monitor the progress of activities on enhancing knowledge sharing, technology transfer, research collaboration and skills development between Filipinos and Chinese;
5. Promote peace and goodwill between the peoples of two nations;
6. Designate staff or focal person who will coordinate, supervise, document and monitor the implementation of the identified activities.
7. The parties shall ensure non-disruption of classes during the implementation of any of the activities herein in compliance to DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005, and strictly comply with DepEd Order No. 08, s. 2013, DepEd Order No. 28, s. 2001 as amended by DepEd Order No. 39, s. 2009 on non-commercialization of the Department of Education.

B. Responsibilities of PCERC

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1. Take charge of all the expenses in the implementation of the activities, subject of this MOA, without any cost on the part of DepEd-NCR.

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2. Arrange the program support funds for the programs and activities within the context of the approved work application plan.
 3. Conduct coordinative meetings with DepEd-NCR and concerned schools for the development and finalization of PCERC-related programs and activities.
 4. Provide technical assistance and support based on the agreed work-plan of PCERC, Inc. and DepEd-NCR in the conduct of related activities.
 5. Prepare electronic certificates for participants and partners for the conducted PCERC, Inc.-related activities.
 6. Develop, produce and distribute learning materials within the context of education, research, culture, history and the arts that is subject for review and evaluation.
 7. Participate in monitoring and evaluation activities that may be conducted.
 8. Ensure the safety and security of all participants to any of the activities. In case of any accident or untoward incident that may cause damage or injury to any participating student or DepEd NCR personnel during any activity under this MOA, provide all necessary assistance.

C. Responsibilities of DepEd-NCR

1. Through its designated Focal Person, disseminate information and coordinate with participating schools relative to the implementation of the program in NCR.
2. Identify, mobilize and provide the list of schools where the various related activities by the Philippine Chinese Education Research, Inc. (PCERC) may be conducted on the agreed schedule.
3. Assist in the registration and post activity evaluation as basis for issuance of e-certificates;
4. Facilitate the release of communication letters to all concerned schools.
5. Arrange for the venue and provide organizational support for the conduct of related activities/events by the Philippine Chinese Education Research, Inc. (PCERC);
6. Provide recommendations and assistance for the effective implementation of the PCERC programs and strategies in schools; and
7. Conduct monitoring and evaluation activities as deemed necessary.

III. TERM AND TERMINATION

This agreement shall be effective for a period of **two (2) years** from the date of its execution, covering two school years (SY 2026-2027 and SY 2027-2028) and may be renewed subject to mutual agreement and assessment of the Parties.

Either party may terminate this Agreement by serving the other Party a two (2) month prior written notice.

IV. CAPACITY AND AUTHORIZATION

Each of the parties to this Agreement hereby represents and warrants to the other that it is duly authorized and empowered to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and that such action does not conflict with or violate any provision of law, regulation, policy, contract, deed of trust or other instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound and that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of it enforceable in accordance with its terms.

V. LIABILITY, INDEMNITY, AND SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

In case of breach of this Agreement, or violation of any law, the Party responsible thereto shall be solely liable and shall indemnify the Parties affected by the breach. Any provision of this Agreement which is held invalid or unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without in rendering unenforceable the remaining provisions hereof, and any such invalidity or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provisions in any other jurisdiction.

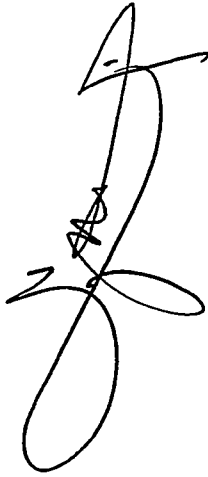
VI. BREACH OF CONTRACT

The violation or omission of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be ground for the termination of this Agreement, without prejudice to other remedies available to the aggrieved party. No waiver of any breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any prior, concurrent, or subsequent breach of any other provision of this Agreement, unless expressly stated.

VII. AMENDMENTS

This Agreement may not be released, discharged, supplemented, interpreted, amended, varied or modified in any manner except in

writing signed by a duly authorized officer or representative of each of the parties hereto.



VIII. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE

The Parties shall exert their best efforts to properly resolve any differences or disagreements with respect to any issue that may arise in connection with this Agreement. It shall be settled through amicable means, such as but not limited to, mutual consultation and negotiation, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9285, otherwise known as the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004.

In case of failure to settle amicably, the Parties, without herein waiving the benefit of immunity from suit, if any, shall, whenever permitted, submit the dispute to the appropriate courts of Pasig City, to the exclusion of all other venues.



IX. DATA PRIVACY

1. Any data and information gathered, obtained, used, or processed in relation to the MOA, which are covered by the "Data Privacy Act of 2012" and the governing rules and regulations should accordingly be protected and treated by both PARTIES with confidentiality and privacy, during and even after the termination of the MOA.
2. Both Parties shall ensure strict compliance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 its Implementing Rules and Regulations, other relevant laws and other issuances of the National Privacy Commission.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

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1. All Parties shall comply with Republic Act No. 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines.
 2. Nothing in this Agreement shall constitute a partnership among the parties, constitute one party the agent of the other parties and vice versa. Except as set out in this Agreement, no party shall have express or implied authority to bind or represent any other party for any purpose whatsoever unless expressly agreed in writing by the party concerned.
 3. The parties shall not assign their responsibilities to any third party without prior written notice to the other parties.
 4. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties and supersedes all previous agreements and all previous undertakings, representations, warranties, and conditions made or

given by or on behalf of the parties to the others, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, whether oral or written, express or implied.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Memorandum of Agreement as of the date first above written at.

DEPED-NCR

BY:

JOCELYN DR ANDAYA
Regional Director



PCERC

By:

JAMES T. WANG
President



SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

RITA E. RIDDLE
Chief, ESSD

Concurrent Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Assistant Regional Director



LIZABETH A. WANG
Executive Director



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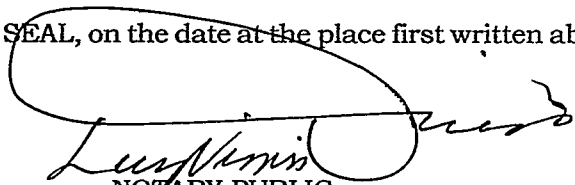
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CITY OF MANILA) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in **CITY OF MANILA** personally appeared the following:

Name	Government Issued ID (Details)	Date and Place Issued
Dr. JOCELYN DR ANDAYA		
JAMES TAN WANG	Philippine Passport No. P4806334B	Issued at DFA NCR West On February 13, 2020

Known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement, signed by the PARTIES and their witnesses, and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free voluntary act and deed and that of the offices they represent respectively. This Memorandum of Agreement consists of nine (9) pages including this page in which this acknowledgment is written, signed by the parties in their witnesses each and every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL, on the date at the place first written above.


NOTARY PUBLIC

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