



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
Schools Division of Bohol

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 410 s, 2026

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

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs of CID & SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/Acting PSDSs
Heads of Elementary and Secondary Schools
All others concerned

In line with the upcoming **10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award on July 12, 2026**, the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) is organizing a whole-of-society commemoration through a series of national activities this July.

As a prelude to these milestone events, a **Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony** will be conducted across all schools in the division to highlight the historic significance of the 2016 Arbitral Award and emphasize the government's unwavering commitment to upholding the rule of law.

The active participation of the education sector aims to:

- Foster greater awareness and deep appreciation among learners and educators regarding the country's sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and lawful maritime entitlements.
- Encourage active citizenship, patriotism, and national pride among the Filipino youth.

All schools within this division are hereby directed to observe the following:

- The Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony will be held on **June 6, 2026**, at the respective school grounds during the morning assembly.
- School Heads shall ensure that the attached letter from the head of NTF-WPS is properly disseminated to the students and teaching staff during or immediately after the flag ceremony.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly desired.

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Secretary

Department of Education

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Dear Secretary Angara,

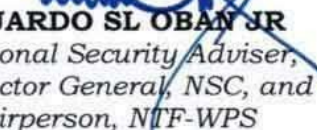
In line with the upcoming 10th anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award on 12 July 2026, the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) is organizing a whole-of-society commemoration of this landmark legal milestone through a series of activities this July. One of its highlight activities is the **Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on 06 July 2026**, which seeks to maximize the regular flag-raising ceremony every first Monday of the month by highlighting the significance of the 2016 Arbitral Award and the Government's commitment to upholding the rule of law.

In this regard, may we respectfully **request the issuance of a Directive to all regional and field offices, attached agencies, bureaus, and operating units of the Department of Education enjoining their participation in the Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony.** The participation of the education sector will help foster greater awareness and appreciation among learners and educators of the country's sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and lawful maritime entitlements, while encouraging active citizenship among the youth.

Attached herewith is the NTF-WPS Statement for reference and dissemination during the ceremony. An official commemorative audio-visual presentation (AVP) shall likewise be transmitted to your good Office in due course. For coordination purposes, you may contact Ms. Ina Deuna at 0917 514 2351.

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to commemorating this important milestone with the Department of Education.

Very truly yours,


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Director General, NSC, and
Chairperson, NTF-WPS*



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