



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
SGOD-2023-0137

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Program Supervisor, CID
Chief, Education Program Supervisor, SGOD
Education Program Supervisors, CID
Education Program Supervisor, SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Public School Heads, Integrated, Elementary, Secondary Schools
Private Schools
Division Section Heads
All others concerned

Subject: **INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE, GENES, CULTURE, HISTORY, AND COMMUNITY HERITAGE**

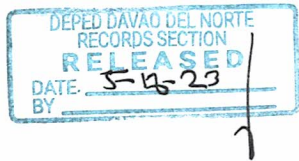
Date: May 17, 2023

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- Attached is memorandum HRDD-2023-104 dated May 16, 2023 and Letter of Invitation of Dr. Richard G. Daenos, Oceanic and Southeast Asian Navigators Philippines President, relative to the **Invitation to International Conference on Language, Genes, Culture, History, and Community Heritage** on June 4-12, 2023 in Southern Philippines. There will be three venues for this activity:
 - Tagum City Cultural and Historical Center Conference, Tagum City on June 5, 2023
 - DMSF Conference Hall, Davao City on June 7, 2023
 - Evacuation Hall, T'Boli Municipality, South Cotabato on June 9, 2023.
 - Other important details are stipulated in the attachments.
 - Participation to the said activity shall be voluntary and subject to the policy on “No Disruption of Classes” per DepEd order No. 9, s. 2005 titled “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.” Moreover, adherence to DepEd Order No. 30, s. 2021 on the Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Allocation and Utilization of the Human Resource Development Fund for Teachers and School Leaders shall also be strictly observed.
 - In participating in the different activities, the **Equal Opportunities Principle (EOP)** shall be observed at all times where all individuals are fully recognized regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity, and political affiliations.



5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

REYNALDO B. MELLORIDA, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent



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DAVAO REGION

Office of the Regional Director

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
HRDD-2023-0104

To : Schools Division Superintendents

Subject: INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
LANGUAGE, GENES, CULTURE, HISTORY, AND
COMMUNITY HERITAGE

Date : May 16, 2023

The **Oceanic and Southeast Asian Navigators (OCSEAN) Philippines**, will be hosting the International Conference on Language, Genes, Culture, History, and Community Heritage on June 4-12, 2023 in Southern Philippines. There will be three venues for this activity:

1. Tagum City Cultural and Historical Center Conference, Tagum City on June 5, 2023
2. DMSF Conference Hall, Davao City on June 7, 2023
3. Evacuation Hall, T'Boli Municipality, South Cotabato on June 9, 2023.

Anent to this, be reminded that the participation of DepEd Personnel is voluntary, subject to no disruption of classes policy. Hence, adherence to D.O. 9, s. 2005 on Instituting measures to increase engaged Time-on-Task, and D.O. 030, s. 2021, on the Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the Allocation and Utilization of the Human Resource Development Fund for Teachers and School Leaders shall be strictly observed.

For details, refer to the enclosures.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ROXI
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By: [Signature] 19N4
Date: May 17, 2023

Enclosed: As Stated.

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ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

By the Authority of the Regional Director

REBONFAMIL R. BAGUIO
Director III

[Signature]
MAY 2023





Oceanic and Southeast Asian Navigators, Philippines

Thelma Center Pioneer Avenue
City of Tagum, Davao del Norte
Region XI (8100)
Philippines

May 3, 2023

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Regional Director, DepEd – Region XI
F. Torres St., Davao City, Philippines

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By: *[Signature]*
Date: *5/10/23* Time: *5:21 PM*

Dear Regional Director **ALLAN G. FARNAZO**,

Together with local partners, we are organizing an International Conference on Language, Genes, Culture, History, and Community Heritage from June 4 to 12, 2023 to be held in southern Philippines. The aim is to advance our understanding on human origins, history, and diversity in the Asia-Pacific region using high density data from archaeology, anthropology, linguistics, and genomics. There will be 3 venues for this conference, namely:

1. Tagum City Cultural and Historical Center Conference, Tagum City on June 5, 2023
2. DMSF Conference Hall, Davao City on June 7, 2023 and
3. Evacuation Hall, Tboli Municipality, South Cotabato on June 9, 2023.

This will be hosted by Oceanic Southeast Asian Navigators (OCSEAN) Philippines Inc, Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc., and local government units of Tagum City and Tboli municipality with support from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

We welcome teachers, professors, researchers, students, cultural workers, community organizers, government and industry personnel and leaders, NGO workers and leaders, media personnel, and various professionals to attend the international conference. Participants can opt to attend certain sections of the conference in person or online via zoom with the following registration fees:

Date	Location	Onsite	Online via zoom
June 5, 2023	Tagum City	PHP 1,500	PHP 1,000
June 7, 2023	Davao City	PHP 1,500	PHP 1,000
June 9, 2023	Municipality of Tboli	PHP 1,500	n.a.

Registration is via filling up the online form:
<https://forms.gle/MoPSUqnwHhBGBsk6>

Attached to this letter are list of leading local and international experts as speakers to the conference, the conference program, and the conference poster. For more information, see <https://www.ocsean.ph/news/the-2023-ocsean-philippines-international-conference-now-open-for-registration>

With this, we hope that your kind office would issue an endorsement/advisory to encourage educators and/or researchers to attend the conference.

Very truly yours, *[Signature]*

Dr. Richard G. Daenos
President, OCSEAN Philippines
email: secretariat@ocsean.ph



Oceanic and Southeast Asian Navigators, Philippines

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List of Speakers classified under various Fields of Expertise:

Archeology

Dr. Hugo Reyes Centeno, University of Kentucky, USA
Dr. Riczar Fuentes, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
Dr. Alfred Pawlik, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
Dr. John Peterson, University of San Carlos, Philippines
Dr. Tanya Uldin, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

Community Heritage, Culture, and the Arts

Dr. Fernando Almeda, Jr., St. Paul University Surigao, Surigao City, Philippines
Dr. Ivan Henares, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines
Mr. Nestor Horfilla, Tagum Tourism, Arts and Culture, Philippines
Dr. Felipe de Leon Jr., Former Chair of National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Philippines
Mr. Reden Ulo, NCCA Commissioner for Cultural Communities and Traditional Arts, Philippines
Dr. Arvin Villalon, NCCA Commissioner for the Arts, Philippines

Cultural Anthropology, Sociology, and History

Dr. Mucha-Shim Quiling Arquiza, LGU Sulu, Philippines
Dr. Leslie Bauzon, St. Paul University Surigao, Surigao City, Philippines
Dr. Nimfa Bracamonte, MSU-Iligan Institute of Tehnology, Philippines
Dr. Adrian Albano, Ifugao State University, Philippines
Dr. Cynthia Zayas, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines

Linguistics

Dr. Ni Luh Ketut Mas Indrawati, Udayana University, Indonesia
Dr. George Saad, Palacky University, Czech Republic
Dr. Idu Ayu Made Puspani, Udayana University, Indonesia
Mr. I Komang Sumaryan Putra, Udayana University, Indonesia
Dr. I Gusti Ayu Gde Sosiowati, Udayana University, Indonesia

Molecular Biology and Population Genetics

Dr. Mattias Jakobsson, Uppsala University, Sweden
Dr. Wibhu Kutanan, Naresuan University, Thailand
Dr. Monika Karmin, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia
Dr. Maximilian Larena, Uppsala University, Sweden
Ms. Ivany Argueta Mejia, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Dr. Jean Trejaut, Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taiwan



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Conference Program Outline

- June 04 - Arrival of Participants (from Davao Airport to Tagum City, Exclusive for OCSEAN Members)
- June 05 - Conference Day (Opening Lectures, Heritage, Linguistics, Open to Registered Participants)
- June 06 - Cultural Exposure and Trip to Davao City Exclusive for OCSEAN Members)
- June 07 - Conference Day (Anthropology and Population Genetics, Open to Registered Participants)
- June 08 - Cultural Exposure and Trip to Tboli, Exclusive for OCSEAN Members
- June 09 - Conference/Workshop (Indigenous Culture and Community Heritage, Open to Registered Participants)
- June 10 - Community Exposure (Exclusive for OCSEAN Members only)

June 5, 2023 – Tagum City

Location: Tagum City, Davao del Norte
Host: Local Government Unit of Tagum City
Section Head: Lucio Jamero Jr.

Invocation and Welcoming Remarks

08:00 - 08:10 Invocation

08:10 - 08:25 Welcoming Remarks
Oceanic Philippines conference organizers

Session 1: Language, Genes, & Culture: Unveiling Connections Session Moderator: Richard Daenos, *Oceanic Philippines*

08:25 – 08:50 A Question of Identity: Continuity and Change
Felipe de Leon, National Commission for Culture and Arts, Philippines

08:50 – 09:15 Reconnecting with Our Roots:
Latest Advances in Genetics in Probing the Human Past
Mattias Jakobsson, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

09:15 – 09:40 Uncovering Cultural Treasures:
Language Documentation as a Tool for Heritage Conservation
George Saad, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic

09:40 – 10:00 Panel Discussion

10:00 – 10:30 Break

Session 2: Exploring Human Origins and History through Archeology Session Moderator: Riczar Fuentes, *Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines*

10:30 – 10:55 Prehistory of the Philippines and Island Southeast Asia
Alfred Pawlik, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

10:55 – 11:20 Body modification and surgery in early ISEA seafarer communities –
Human skeletal remains of Ilin Island, Mindoro Occidental, Philippines
Tanya Uldin, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

11:20 – 11:45 Micronesian Entanglements: at the edges of western
and local community perspectives toward co-producing regional histories
John Peterson, University of San Carlos, Philippines

11:45 – 12:05 Panel Discussion

12:05 – 01:30 Lunch Break

Session 3: Cultural Insights through Language Study

Session Moderator: I Gusti Ayu Gde Sosiawati, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia

01:30 – 02:00 The Balinese Lexicon Related to Segehah Rituals
Ni Luh Kenut Mas Indrawati, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia

02:00 – 02:20 Balinese Lexicons on Memende Gamelan in Klungkung Regency Bali
Ida Ayu Made Puspani, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia

02:20 – 02:40 The Dynamics of Balinese Rituals: An Anthropological Linguistics Comparative Study
I Komang Sumaryana Putra, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia

02:40 – 03:00 Panel Discussion

03:00 – 03:30 Break

Session 4: Intangible and Tangible Cultural Heritage

Session Moderator: Carlo Ebeo, NCCA Subcommission for Cultural Dissemination, Philippines

03:30 – 03:40 Title to be announced
Ivan Henares, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines

03:40 – 04:00 Title to be announced
Arvin Villalon, NCCA Subcommission for the Arts, Philippines

04:00 – 04:20 The History, Experience and Challenges of the Surigaonon Heritage Center:
A Philippine NGO in Community Heritage Work, 1986-2023.
Fernando Almeida, Surgao Heritage Center, Philippines

04:20 – 04:40 Title to be announced
Nestor Harfilla, Tagum Tourism, Arts and Culture, Philippines

04:40 – 05:10 Panel Discussion

June 7, 2023 – Davao City

Location: Davao City, Philippines

Host: Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc

Section Head: Genevieve Tupas

Invocation and Welcoming Remarks

08:00 - 08:10 Invocation

08:10 - 08:25 Welcoming Remarks
Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc

Session 5: Archeology Unravelling Local History

Session Moderator: Alfred Pawlik, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

08:50 – 09:10 Mindanao at the Crossroads: Toward Resolving the Austronesian Problem
Hugo Reyes-Centeno, University of Kentucky, USA

09:10 – 09:30 Title to be announced
Riczar Fuentes, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

09:30 – 09:50 The Surigao Archeological and Ethnohistorical Project
Alfred Bauzon, University of the Philippines Diliman, Philippines

09:50 – 10:40 Panel Discussion and break

Session 6: Local Narratives & Local History

Session Moderator: Hugo Reyes-Centeno, University of Kentucky, USA

10:40 – 11:00 **Water resource in an Indigenous community in Mindanao**
Augusto Gatmaytan, Ateneo de Davao University, Philippines

11:00 – 11:20 **Ta Batuk Bissala Palantup na Bangsa? Inquiries on Language in the Imagination of Sama ethnic-nation in Sulu Archipelago and Nusamtara**
Mucha-Shim Quiling, LGU Sulu, Philippines

11:20 – 11:40 **From Tradition to Transition: The Sama Group's History and Development Interventions in Iligan City**
Nimfa Bracamonte, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, Philippines

11:40 – 12:00 **Panel Discussion**

12:00 – 01:30 **Lunch Break**

Session 7: Paternal and Maternal Genetic History

Session Moderator: Maureen de Guzman, Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc, Philippines

01:30 – 01:50 **Tracing the Paternal Lineage of Asia-Pacific population**
Monika Karmin, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia

01:50 – 02:10 **Maternal history and diversity of Austronesian-speaking and related populations**
Jean Trejaut, Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

02:10 – 02:30 **The Genetics of the Siraya people of Taiwan**
Jin-Yuan Huang, Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan

02:30 – 02:50 **Panel Discussion**

02:50 – 03:20 **Break**

Session 8: Population Genetics and Metagenomics

Session Moderator: Genevieve Tupas, Davao Medical School Foundation, Inc, Philippines

03:20 – 03:45 **Genetic Origins and Legacy of Prehispanic Filipinos**
Maximilian Larena, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden

03:45 – 04:20 **Insights into the Genetic Origins and Diversity of Populations in Southeast Asia**
Wibhu Kutanan, Naresuan University, Phitsanulok, Thailand

04:20 – 04:40 **Exploring the Latest Advances in Ancient Metagenomics**
Ivany Argueta Mejia, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

04:40 – 05:00 **Panel Discussion**

June 9, 2023 – Municipality of Tboli

Location: Tboli, South Cotabato Philippines

Host: Municipality of Tboli

Section Head: Mizpah Sunshine Perong Ming

Invocation and Welcoming Remarks

08:00 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:10 **Invocation and Welcoming Ritual**

09:10 - 0:20 **Welcoming Remarks**
Keo Dayle Tuan, Mayor of Municipality of Tboli

09:20 - 09:30 Tboli Cultural Performance

09:30 - 10:00 Break

Session 9: Sustaining Heritage for Future Generations

Session Moderator: Maria Sheila Labos, Ocean Philippines, Inc.

- 10:00 – 10:30 **World History at Play in the Philippines:**
Recommendations for bridging the global and the local
John Peterson, University of San Carlos, Philippines
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Bridging the Past and Present:**
Harnessing Virtual Anthropology for Heritage Conservation
Hugo Reyes-Centeno, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Our Language Our Identity:**
The Power of Language Documentation for Cultural Conservation
George Saad, Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic
- 11:30 – 12:00 Panel Discussion
- 12:00 – 01:30 Lunch

Session 10: Threads of Connection

Session Moderator: Carlo Ebeo, NCCA Subcommission on Cultural Dissemination, Philippines

- 01:30 – 02:30 **The Magic of Bali:**
Unraveling the Cultural Riches and Traditions of the Island of the Gods
I Gusti Ayu Gde Sosiawati, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia
Ni Luh Ketut Mas Indrawati, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia
Ida Ayu Made Puspani, Udayana University, Bali, Indonesia
- 02:30 – 03:30 **Rice as a Way of Life:**
Exploring Rice Rituals and Cultural Practices in Local Communities
Felix Adami, Ivatan Indigenous Cultural Community, Batanes
Adrian Albano, Kalanguya Indigenous Cultural Community, Ifugao
Almushar Astarani, Sama Ubian Indigenous Cultural Community, Tawi-Tawi
Marvin Astoveza, Dumagat Indigenous Cultural Community, Quezon
Raymond Jubasan, Mamanwa Indigenous Cultural Community, Surigao del Norte
Pepito Sumayan, Maranao Indigenous Cultural Community, Lanao del Norte
Rudy Reveche, Hiligaynon Indigenous Cultural Community, Negros Occidental
Gauden Sireg, Subanon Indigenous Cultural Community, Zamboanga del Sur
Celito Terando, Tagakaolo Indigenous Cultural Community, Sarangani
- 03:30 – 03:00 **Genetic Connections:**
The Ancestry of Mindanao Ethnolinguistic Groups
Maximilian Larena, Uppsala University, Sweden
- 04:00 – 04:30 **Synthesis**
Kwan Huh, The Intangible Cultural Center for Asia-Pacific, South Korea
Reden Ulo, NCCA Subcommission on Cultural Communities and Traditional Arts, Philippines
- 04:30 – 06:00 Break
- 07:00 – 09:00 **Cultural Night**
Marbel Youth Choir
Rosie Sula and LGU Tboli Cultural Performers

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June 4-10, 2023

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