

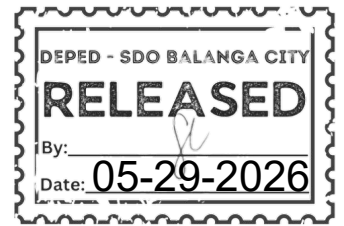


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Region III – Central Luzon
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CITY OF BALANGA

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

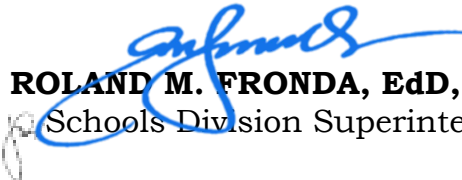
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GLOBAL PEACE LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE (GPLE), JAPAN 2026

To: Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This Office disseminates Regional Memorandum No. 160, s. 2026 titled “Global Peace Leadership Exchange (GPLE), Japan 2026” issued by Dr. Tolentino G. Aquino, Regional Director, relative to the conduct of the international leadership and cultural exchange program in Japan.
2. Attached herewith are the communication letter and other pertinent documents signed by Dr. Aldena A. Alferez, GPLE 2026 Program Coordinator, and Dr. Aldrin Nituma, President of the Global Peace Foundation Philippines, for guidance, reference, and further information.
3. Attendance of interested participants in this international activity shall be subject to existing DepEd policies, rules, and regulations.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance to the Memorandum is desired.


ROLAND M. FRONDA, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
GLOBAL PEACE LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE (GPLE)
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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 160, s. 2026

GLOBAL PEACE LEADERSHIP EXCHANGE (GPLE), JAPAN 2026

To : Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs of Functional Divisions

1. In consonance with its partnership in the continuous professional development of teachers and education leaders, this Office hereby announces the invitation of the Global Peace Foundation Philippines (GPPF) in the conduct of its **Global Peace Leadership Exchange (GPLE), Japan 2026: International Learning Program on Disaster Resiliency in Educational Institutions and Communities** to be held on **October 8-14, 2026**, in Japan.
2. This professional development program is specifically designed for teachers, leaders, and policy makers who seek to strengthen institutional preparedness, leadership response, and community-based disaster resilience, drawing from Japan's globally recognized practices.
3. The Global Peace Leadership Exchange Japan 2026 is a fusion of academic and institutional learning, community engagement and field learning, leadership-focused discussions on disaster preparedness, recovery, and resilience in education.
4. Attendance of interested participants in this international activity will be on "official time"; hence, attendance is authorized, but no government travel expenses or registration fees will be funded.
5. The complete program details, activities, learning objectives, cost inclusions, and the schedule can be accessed to the official "Event Briefer" through this link: [GPLE – JAPAN – PACKET](#).
6. Dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.



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Regional Director

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May 18, 2026

REGION III

Department of Education
Regional Office
Republic of the Philippines

DepEd Region 3:

Warm greetings from the Global Peace Foundation Philippines (GPF Philippines).

We are pleased to formally invite you to participate in the Global Peace Leadership Exchange (GPLE) Japan 2026, an **international learning program on Disaster Resiliency in Educational Institutions and Communities**, to be held in Japan on **October 8-14, 2026**.

This program is designed for education leaders, school administrators, academic heads, faculty members, and policymakers who seek to strengthen institutional preparedness, leadership response, and community-based disaster resilience, drawing from Japan's globally recognized practices.

The GPLE Japan 2026 combines:

- Academic and institutional learning
- Community engagement and field learning
- Leadership-focused discussions on disaster preparedness, recovery, and resilience in education

For complete program details, activities, learning objectives, cost inclusions, and schedule, kindly refer to the official **EVENT BRIEFER** through this link: [GPLE - JAPAN - PACKET](#)

Also attached alongside the invitation letter is the shortened (light-weight in file density) version of the packet for your reference and easier access.

Accessing the Event Briefer link will also serve as the official means to reserve your slot, subject to availability and compliance with the program's confirmation and payment requirements.

Slots will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis upon completion of the reservation process. Important Dates (For Reference):

- Reservation Fee Deadline: on or before July 1, 2026
- Balance Payment Deadline: 60 days before departure (August 7, 2026) Detailed payment terms and conditions are outlined in the Event Briefer.

We believe your participation will significantly contribute to the exchange of best practices and the advancement of disaster-resilient leadership and education systems in the Philippines. Should you require an official endorsement, institutional coordination, or further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us thru gplephil@gmail.com or at +63 917 126 9585.

Thank you, and we look forward to welcoming you to this meaningful international leadership exchange.

For Global Peace,

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ALDREN A. ALFEREZ, DM
GPLE 2026 Program Coordinator

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ALDRIN NITUMA, DPA (CAR)
President, Global Peace Foundation Philippines



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Leadership Dialogues

Values-based leadership through structured exchange

Community Immersion

Hands-on learning in Japanese communities

Network Building

Cross-border partnerships for lasting impact

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Global Peace Leadership Exchange (GPLE) is a flagship international learning and cultural immersion program of the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) Philippines. Designed to strengthen values-based leadership, promote cross-cultural understanding, and develop global networks for peace, resilience, and sustainable development, GPLE 2026 brings Filipino education leaders and community practitioners to Japan to engage with its world-class Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) systems – gaining practical knowledge directly applicable to Philippine schools and communities.

WHY JOIN? RATIONALE & TARGET PARTICIPANTS

WHY JAPAN?

The Philippines ranks among the most disaster-prone nations globally, facing frequent typhoons, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic hazards. Strengthening disaster resiliency in schools and communities is critical to protecting lives and sustaining learning.

Japan's decades of experience managing earthquakes, tsunamis, and typhoons have resulted in highly institutionalized, education-centered, and community-driven disaster resiliency practices that are recognized worldwide as a model for other nations.

Japan Offers:

- School-based disaster preparedness and safety education integrated into curricula
- Community-level response systems, evacuation planning, and drills
- Early warning mechanisms and robust inter-agency coordination
- Education-centered, people-first approaches to disaster resilience
- Post-disaster community recovery models rooted in collective civic values

40–50 Filipino participants actively engaged in education, community development, or disaster risk reduction:

- School administrators, principals, and education supervisors
- Teachers and curriculum developers
- Local government officials (DRRM, education, social services)
- NGO and community leaders in disaster response
- Youth and civic leaders in preparedness initiatives
- Civil society representatives

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To strengthen disaster resiliency in Philippine educational institutions and communities by equipping Filipino leaders with practical knowledge, policies, and community-based models through an international learning exchange in Japan.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Disaster-Resilient Education Systems	Learn how Japanese schools integrate disaster preparedness into curriculum, infrastructure, and daily school practice.
Community-Based Disaster Preparedness	Understand Japan's community-led disaster response, evacuation systems, and volunteer networks that protect lives.
Leadership & Governance in DRR	Examine coordination mechanisms among schools, local governments, and national agencies in disaster risk reduction.
Culture of Preparedness & Resilience	Explore how values, discipline, and collective responsibility contribute to Japan's culture of disaster readiness.
Philippine Application	Develop actionable plans to adapt and implement Japanese best practices in Philippine schools and communities.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

This exchange program directly advances four UN Sustainable Development Goals aligned with disaster resilience, education, and partnerships:

SDG 4 QUALITY EDUCATION	SDG 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES	SDG 13 CLIMATE ACTION	SDG 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR GOALS
<p>SDG 4 – Quality Education This program strengthens Filipino educators and school leaders to embed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) into curricula, safety planning, and institutional governance — advancing inclusive, quality, and resilient education systems aligned with SDG 4 targets.</p>	<p>SDG 11 – Sustainable Cities & Communities Participants learn Japan's community-level disaster preparedness: evacuation planning, early warning systems, and neighborhood response networks — building knowledge to develop safer, more inclusive, and resilient communities in the Philippines.</p>	<p>SDG 13 – Climate Action The Philippines faces escalating climate risks — typhoons, floods, sea-level rise. This exchange equips leaders with adaptive strategies and evidence-based frameworks to strengthen climate resilience in schools and communities, directly advancing SDG 13 priorities.</p>	<p>SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals GPLE cultivates a Philippines–Japan Disaster Resiliency Learning Network — a lasting cross-border partnership between educators, local governments, and civil society, embodying SDG 17's call for global solidarity and knowledge-sharing for sustainable development.</p>

7-DAY PROGRAM STRUCTURE | OCTOBER 8–14, 2026

DAY 1 Oct 8 Arrival & Check-In	DAY 2 Oct 9 Orientation & Univ. Visit	DAY 3 Oct 10 Community Engagement 1	DAY 4 Oct 11 Community Engagement 2	DAY 5 Oct 12 Community Engagement 3	DAY 6 Oct 13 Cultural Exp. & Closing	DAY 7 Oct 14 Departure
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PROPOSED HOST:

Tohoku University – International Research Institute of Disaster Science (IRIDeS), Japan
Subject to final coordination and confirmation.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Education Outcomes	Community Outcomes	Network Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filipino leaders equipped to institutionalize DRR in school curricula and governance Schools with stronger safety standards, emergency protocols, and student leadership Education systems designed for learning continuity during and after disasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved capacity to design school- and community-based DRR programs Stronger coordination models among education institutions, LGUs, and communities Participants able to lead community evacuation planning and drills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of a Philippines–Japan Disaster Resiliency Learning Network Development of concrete DRR action plans for Philippine application Cross-border partnerships for ongoing knowledge exchange and collaboration

PROGRAM PACKAGE & INVESTMENT

<p>STANDARD PACKAGE COST</p> <h1 style="margin: 0;">USD 2,000</h1> <p style="font-size: small;">per participant</p>	<p>➔ NOT INCLUDED: International Airfare</p> <p>Participants or their institutions shall arrange their own flights to Japan. <i>Note: USD pricing is fixed for this program cycle. Local currency equivalents may vary due to exchange rate fluctuations.</i></p>
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WHAT'S INCLUDED

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accommodation: 6 nights, twin-sharing, standard hotel ✓ Program Fees: Resource speakers, facilitators, site visits & materials ✓ Cultural Immersion: Educational visits and cultural immersion activities ✓ Certificate: Certificate of Participation upon program completion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local Transportation: All program-related transfers within Japan ✓ Meals: Breakfast, lunch & selected group dinners on official days ✓ Documentation: Program management, coordination & official documents ✗ International Airfare: NOT included – arranged by participants / institutions
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KEY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

01	Disaster-Resilient Education	Visits to disaster-prepared schools and universities · Sessions on school safety standards and emergency protocols · Integration of DRR into curriculum and student leadership programs
02	Community Disaster Preparedness	Engagement with neighborhood disaster preparedness associations · Learning from community evacuation planning and drills · Exposure to volunteer and citizen response systems
03	Government & Institutional Coordination	Briefings with local government and disaster management offices · Understanding policy frameworks and inter-agency coordination · Case studies on disaster response and recovery management
04	Culture, Values & Resilience	Discussions on discipline, shared responsibility, and civic culture · Learning how preparedness is normalized in daily Japanese life · Cultural immersion highlighting resilience and collective action
05	Philippine Action Planning	Reflection and synthesis workshops · Development of school-based or community-based DRR action plans · Formation of a Disaster-Resilient Education and Community Network for post-program collaboration

PROMOTIONAL DISCOUNTS

<p>EARLY BIRD</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">10% OFF</h2> <p>USD 1,800 / person</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Apply on or before August 1, 2026. First 20 confirmed participants only.</p>	<p>GROUP</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">8% OFF</h2> <p>USD 1,840 / person</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">3 or more participants from the same institution or organization.</p>	<p>GPF PARTNER</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">5% OFF</h2> <p>USD 1,900 / person</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">GPF alumni or recognized partner institutions of GPF.</p>
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➔ **Maximum combined discount: up to 15% | Single room upgrade, extended stays & cultural add-on tours available upon request.**

KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

<p>17 July 1, 2026 Reservation fee of USD 400 due to confirm slot</p>	<p>17 August 8, 2026 Full balance due — 60 days before departure</p>
<p>17 August 1, 2026 Early Bird deadline — USD 1,800 rate, first 20 participants</p>	<p>17 October 8–14, 2026 Program dates — Japan immersion begins</p>

HOW TO CONFIRM YOUR SLOT

1

STEP 1: Pay the non-refundable reservation fee of USD 400 on or before July 1, 2026
to confirm your participation. Only payments to the official GPF account will be accepted.

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STEP 2: Email proof of payment to gplephil@gmail.com
to officially secure your slot. GPF will send a confirmation and official receipt upon receipt.

3

STEP 3: Pay the remaining balance on or before August 8, 2026 (60 days before departure)
Full payment is required to finalize logistics, program documents, and issuance of official materials.

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS

Bank Name	BPI (Bank of the Philippine Islands)
Account Name	Global Peace Festival Foundation Phil., Inc.
Account Number	0273 3667 17
Email Proof To	gplephil@gmail.com

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

60+ DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

70% REFUND*(less reservation fee)*

30–59 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE

40% REFUND

LESS THAN 30 DAYS

NO REFUND

IMPORTANT NOTES

International Transfers	Participants may need to cover applicable bank transfer fees when sending payments from abroad.	Program Documents	Official program materials, schedule, and logistical details will be provided upon full payment confirmation.
Participant Substitution	Substitution of a registered participant may be allowed up to 30 days before departure, subject to GPF approval.	Visa & Travel	Participants are responsible for securing their own travel documents, visas, and travel insurance.
Confirmation & Receipt	Upon receipt of full payment, GPF will send an official confirmation and receipt to secure your slot.	Health & Safety	All participants are advised to secure appropriate health coverage and check travel advisories before departure.

Join Us in Building a More Disaster-Resilient Philippines

The GPLE Japan program is a strategic platform for Filipino leaders to learn from one of the world's most advanced disaster preparedness systems — empowering communities, strengthening resilience, and fostering values-based leadership that contributes to safer, more resilient Philippine schools and communities.

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