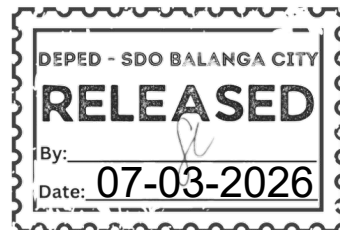




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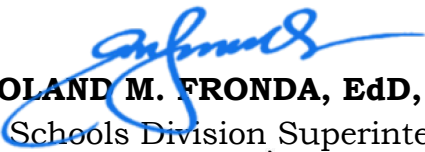
DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 331, s. 2026

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

TO: Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Units/Section Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the letter dated July 1, 2026 from the National Security Council (NSC) regarding the Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony in commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award, this Office hereby enjoins all public elementary and secondary schools and Division personnel to participate in the said activity on July 6, 2026 during the regular Monday Flag Raising Ceremony.
2. Attached is the National Security Council letter for reference. The official Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP) and NTF-WPS Press Statement may be accessed through the following Google Drive link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cxlRJK46iQ35riLnkGPOKLW2RmXatkfg?usp=share_link
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are directed.


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

Encl.: As stated

Reference:

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
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01 July 2026

JOSE EDGARDO M. ANGARA

Secretary

Department of Education

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Dear Secretary Angara,

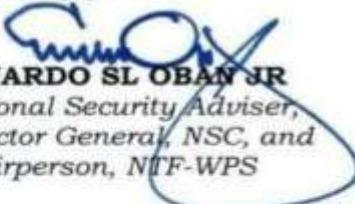
In line with the upcoming 10th anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award on 12 July 2026, the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) is organizing a whole-of-society commemoration of this landmark legal milestone through a series of activities this July. One of its highlight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


EDUARDO S. OBAN JR.
*National Security Adviser,
Director General, NSC, and
Chairperson, NTF-WPS*



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