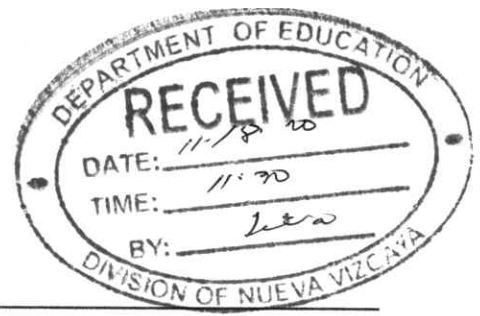




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ASIA PACIFIC FUTURES NETWORK VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2020

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Asia Pacific Futures Network (APFN) will conduct the **Asia Pacific Futures Network Virtual Conference 2020** on **November 19–21, 2020** via **Zoom** with the theme *Regenerating Asia 2050: Using Futures Literacy to Transform, Governance, Culture, and Economy*. The conference is chaired and hosted by the Philippine Futures Thinking Society (PhilFutures), and Department of Education (DepEd) is one of its knowledge partners.
2. Founded in 2016, APFN is a network of futures focused institutions and practitioners in the Asia Pacific Region. PhilFutures, on the other hand, is a professional futures organization in the Philippines established in 2020, which seeks to advance and democratize futures thinking through impact foresight education, research, training, and advocacy.
3. The APFN conferences gather key futurists and practitioners around the world to:
 - a. Explore how Asian perspectives and traditions, critically understood, inform Futures Studies;
 - b. Spread foresight from government focus to civil society, small businesses, and corporate sectors;
 - c. Strengthen existing informal networks;
 - d. Build a stronger link with other future-focused networks and international organizations around the world; and,
 - e. Explore emerging issues that might likely challenge current trajectories of the Asia-Pacific region.

The APFN Virtual Conference 2020 seeks to explore and accentuate:

- a. Case studies and presentations that demonstrate how futures literacy has influenced decision-making, planning, leadership and policy processes i.e., government, corporate, civic, non-government, communities, etc.;
- b. Perspectives, provocations, viewpoints, and visions of a regenerative Asia or a regenerative society in a post-pandemic or post-normal world;
- c. Sharing of new futures thinking concepts, tools, methods, processes, and innovations in foresight through virtual action-learning workshops, games, and talk sessions;
- d. State of the Future in Asia – preferred, emerging and alternative future worlds;
- e. Collaboration, networking, and stimulate learning and exchanges between and among futurists, practitioners, policy-makers, decision-makers, planners, academics, and participants who are new to the field of futures literacy and strategic foresight.

4. As one of the knowledge partners, DepEd is organizing a **Zoom Into the Futures session** of the conference on **November 19, 2020, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**, to evoke thought and spark discourse on alternative imaginings, preferred, and emergent visions of the futures of basic education in Asia, and in turn, preparing for a futures-ready basic education. The said session would also serve as platform for DepEd to launch its *Education Futures Programme*, the agency's response to the need for futures thinking in education, for readiness to confront the rapid changes, challenges, and opportunities of the future.

5. Interested participants may register through <https://apfn-hiraya.com/register-now/>. A conference registration fee of **One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pesos (Php1,250)** will be collected by the APFN per participant for the three-day conference.

6. Regional Directors are encouraged to identify appropriate representation among teachers and school leaders in their respective jurisdiction to attend the said conference on official business, provided that the time-on-task policy of the Department is complied with. Their registration fees shall be charged to the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and/or other DepEd local funds, pursuant to DBM Circular No. 563 dated April 22, 2016 and **subject to availability of funds** and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Private elementary and secondary schools are also encouraged to consider participation in the conference.

8. The following enclosures provide further details to this memorandum:

- Enclosure No. 1 – Concept Note of the conference
- Enclosure No. 2 – Indicative Conference Program
- Enclosure No. 3 – DepEd Session Brief

9. For more information, visit the conference website at <https://apfn-hiraya.com/>.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

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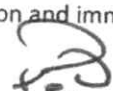




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To: All Assistant Schools Division Superintendents

For your information and immediate dissemination.


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Regional Director 

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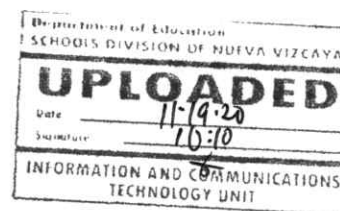
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Zoom into the Future: Preparing for a futures-ready basic education
6th Asia-Pacific Futures Network Virtual Conference
November 19, 2020, 11:00 AM (PH time)

SESSION BRIEF

Modern technological breakthroughs and innovations are continuously changing the way we live. These changes bring uncertainty on what the future will look like—what ideas, knowledge and skills people will need to keep up in this fast-paced world. The standard of education quality is being challenged, and with the global pandemic that struck our world, education is rapidly accelerating its transition towards the future.

Basic education plays a key role in equipping our children and youth with the knowledge, skills, and attributes that will prepare them for tomorrow. Education systems must therefore be oriented towards this direction. Education must evolve to adapt to the challenges of the future while taking into consideration its humanistic aspects—the elements that differentiate humans from artificial intelligence (AI) and robots.

Amid widening income disparities, promoting equity and supporting disadvantaged children and youth through reimagining basic education, improving access and quality, and strengthening education systems could help them achieve better academic outcomes, and in turn, help reduce income inequality in the future.

As an official knowledge partner in the 6th Asia-Pacific Futures Network Virtual Conference, the Department of Education (DepEd) of the Philippines is hosting a breakout session to evoke thought and spark discourse on alternative imaginings, preferred, and emergent visions of the futures of basic education in Asia, and in turn, preparing for a futures-ready basic education.

The session would like to feature the following topics:

- Teach the future: The basics of foresight education;
- Aligning Education with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
- Showcase the experience of Singapore as an education system oriented towards the future; and,
- Creating one kind world where every learner has quality learning opportunities;
- Teachers' role in preparing futures-ready learners.

The said session would also serve as platform for DepEd to launch its *Education Futures Programme*, the agency's response to the need for futures thinking in education, for readiness to confront the rapid changes, challenges and opportunities of the future.

Indicative Program Flow

Time	Topic	Presenter
11:00 AM – 11:05 AM	Introduction and Overview by the Moderator	Undersecretary Nepomuceno A. Malaluan , Department of Education, Philippines
11:05 AM – 12:20 PM	Presentations/Talks <i>Teach the Future: The Basics of Foresight Education</i>	Peter Bishop , Teach the Future, USA
	<i>Aligning Education with the UN SDGs</i>	Fernando Reimers , Harvard Graduate School of