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2nd Management Committee Meeting Emphasizes Efficiency and Digital Transformation



Regional Director Maria Ines C. Asuncion, Assistant Regional Director Dr. Pedro T. Escobarte Jr., with the Schools Division Superintendents

The Department of Education (DepEd) convened its 2nd Management Committee (MANCOM) Meeting on March 5, 2025, at the Gold Hall, Teacher Development Center, Butuan City. The meeting was presided over by Regional Director Maria Ines C. Asuncion, CESO IV, and co-presided by Assistant Regional Director Pedro T. Escobarte, CESO IV. It gathered the 12 Schools Division Superintendents, 12 Assistant Schools Division Superintendents, Regional Functional Division Chiefs, Unit Heads, and other program owners to discuss critical educational matters and strategic initiatives.

Director Asuncion underscored the importance of prudent spending for project implementation. She mandated all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) to create or upgrade their electronic systems by automating internal and external communications, particularly document tracking and routing or the “click and send” system, to enhance efficiency in preparation for PRIME-HRM Level IV accreditation.

During the Functional Division updates, the Human Resource Office presented the status of filled positions and current vacancies, with each SDO likewise providing updates on personnel requirements in their respective areas.

Further, Director Asuncion proposed expanding the Election Task Force across regional and division offices, implementing a flexible work arrangement for volunteers, and providing honoraria. *(To page 3)*



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She also encouraged each SDO to document the success stories of learners and teachers while offering contextual insights into principal assignments and potential reassignments to other SDOs.

In response to the challenge set forth by the DepEd Secretary on the need for a centralized data collection system, Director Asuncion directed SDOs to collaborate with their counterparts in other regions and strengthen coordination with their respective Information and Communication Technology Units (ICTUs).



Additionally, projections on the potential impact of Artificial Intelligence in education over the next decade were explored, with corresponding write-ups due by March 15, 2025. She also instructed the body to prepare an analysis of the results of the Early Language, Literacy, and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA).

The meeting also discussed details of the upcoming regional athletic meet. Responding to the concerns regarding teachers turning into vloggers and content creators, RD Asuncion reminded the body of the existing laws and policies on child safety, anti-bullying, safe spaces, and child protection, stressing that all teachers must adhere to child protection laws at all times.

Key agreements include:

1. *Presenting the latest budget utilization updates in every MANCOM meeting.*
2. *Expediting system upgrades for automated interoffice communications.*
3. *Organizing training sessions on utilizing the eNGAS and eBudget System, targeted for full implementation by April 30, 2025.*
4. *Achieving 100% utilization of the School MOOE Web-Based Monitoring System.*
5. *Utilizing the Continuing Fund CY 2024 by June 2025.*
6. *Conceptualizing a centralized data management system.*
7. *Addressing complaints regarding loan processes.*
8. *Revisiting the schedules of student-athletes participating in international assessments.*



Assistant Regional Director
Dr. Pedro T. Escobarte Jr.

DepEd Caraga remains steadfast in its commitment to digital transformation, efficient governance, and data-driven decision-making to improve education delivery in the region. (P.A.U)

Strengthening Community Ties in RTF-ELCAC Outreach Mission

The Department of Education (DepEd) Caraga Regional Office reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive education and community development by participating in the interagency, outreach program organized by the Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) at Simowao Elementary School of Living Tradition, on May 6.

Representing Regional Director Maria Ines C. Asuncion, CESO IV, the DepEd Caraga delegation included FTAD Chief Dr. Alejandro P. Macadatar, Dentist III Dr. Analiza Lerio, Education Program Supervisors Elizabeth M. Ysulan and Jimwell Diva, and Regional Information Officer Pedro A. Tecson. They joined 12 other regional offices of national government agencies in an initiative aimed at bringing essential goods and services to communities in need.



RO personnel: FTAD Chief Alejandro P. Macadatar, Supervisors Elizabeth Ysulan, and Jimwell Diva.



Schools Division Superintendent of Surigao del Sur Lorenzo O. Macasocol distributes school supplies, health kits, and other essentials.

The interagency outreach program featured the participation of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Agriculture (DA), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), PhilHealth, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). (To page 5)

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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Laila Danaque.

The Schools Division Office (SDO) of Surigao del Sur, under the leadership of Schools Division Superintendent Lorenzo O. Macasocol, alongside Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Laila Danaque, Curriculum Implementation Division Chief Carl Correos, and other division officials, contributed books, stuffed toys, packs of beads, multivitamins, and backpacks containing notebooks, pencils, crayons, and other learning materials.

Further reinforcing its advocacy for safety and well-being, the DepEd Caraga Regional Office donated fire extinguishers, hygiene kits, hard hats, and other safety materials to the community.

The activity was supported by key local government officials, including Surigao del Sur Governor Alexander T. Pimentel, Liangga Mayor Novelita M. Sarmen, Kagawad Allen Cambronero, and barangay officials, who expressed their gratitude for the multi-sectoral efforts in uplifting the lives of the community members.

These agencies provided essential items such as school supplies, hygiene kits, vitamins, slippers, office supplies, books, fire extinguishers, whistles, hard hats, and information, education, and communication (IEC) materials that benefited the 103 learners of the said school. In addition to donations, various services were extended to teachers and parents, including legal advice from DILG, police clearance processing by PNP, and free haircuts from AFP. The NCIP, TESDA, DA, PhilHealth, and NEDA also offered free consultations to stakeholders at the venue.



Distribution of fire extinguishers, hard hats, and other supplies facilitated by FTAD Chief Dr. Alejandro P. Macadatar.

DepEd Caraga remains steadfast in its mission to support communities by extending educational resources and engaging in meaningful collaborations that promote sustainable development and peace in the region. (P.A.U)

Caraga's Brightest Young Science Minds Gear Up for NSTF 2025 with Cutting-Edge Innovations



Student-researchers presenting their innovations.

Their research projects are Arduino-based ventilators and breathing machines for medical use; motorcycle side stand alarms, oil-powered smart stoves, remote-controlled search and rescue robots with mini-bots, and a machine learning-based forecast of key agricultural commodities in the region and the Philippines.

These groundbreaking researchers align with various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), aiming to address real-world challenges through science and technology. Some projects are currently undergoing patent applications, while others are being coordinated with key agencies for potential societal impact.

The cliniquing session, spearheaded by the Curriculum and Learning Management Division, was facilitated by Kevin Hope Z. Salvaña, Education Program Supervisor in Science. This initiative provided the young researchers with expert insights and strategic enhancements to strengthen their presentations for the national competition.

Caraga Region is making waves in scientific innovation as five outstanding research projects from the Department of Education (DepEd) Caraga Region qualified for the prestigious National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF) 2024-2025.

Student-researchers and their coaches from Magallanes National High School, Surigao del Norte National High School, Tagbina National High School, Jacinto P. Elpa National High School, convened at the Silver Hall, Teacher Development Center, DepEd Caraga Regional Office on March 6-7, 2025. The gathering provided an intensive platform to refine and enhance their research and poster presentations in preparation for the national stage.



A student-researcher demonstrates the robotic system.

The NSTF 2024-2025 is set to take place in the National Capital Region from March 24-27, 2025. Armed with innovation and scientific excellence, Caraga's young researchers are ready to leave a lasting impact on the national stage, bringing pride and distinction to the region. (Kevin Hope Z. Salvana)

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