



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION III  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY


3 July 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 270 , s. 2026

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

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Unit Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the letter dated July 1, 2026 from the National Security Council (NSC) through the National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS), this Office enjoins all public elementary and secondary schools and personnel of the Schools Division Office of Angeles City to participate in the **Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on Monday, 06 July 2026**, in commemoration of the **10th Anniversary of the 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award**.
2. The simultaneous observance aims to highlight the significance of the landmark 2016 Arbitral Award, reinforce the Government's commitment to upholding the rule of law, and promote greater awareness and appreciation among learners and personnel of the country's sovereignty, sovereign rights, jurisdiction, and lawful maritime entitlements.
3. All schools and offices shall conduct the regular Monday Flag Raising Ceremony and incorporate the following during the program:
  - 3.1 Reading or dissemination of the NTF-WPS Statement provided by the National Security Council;
  - 3.2 Playback of the official commemorative Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP), once received from the Department of Education Central Office; and
  - 3.3 Brief remarks, where appropriate, emphasizing patriotism, responsible citizenship, and adherence to the rule of law.
4. School Heads shall ensure the orderly conduct of the activity and encourage the participation of all teaching and non-teaching personnel, as well as learners, consistent with existing DepEd policies and schedules.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

  
**ENGR. EDGARD C. DOMINGO PhD CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: As stated  
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**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 SL OBAN JR**  
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Director General, NSC, and  
Chairperson, NTF-WPS*



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