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**INVITATION TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL LEARNING SESSION AND MULTI-SECTORAL
 DIALOGUE ON "BETTER TODAY FOR KIDS: PROTECTING
 CHILDREN IN THE DIGITAL WORLD"**

Attached is a letter from Katherine P. Diaz de Rivera, Stakeholder Management Executive of PLDT, Inc. in collaboration with ECPAT Philippines through Ana Maria Dionela, Executive Director, inviting DepEd Regional and Division Offices and schools regionwide to join the virtual learning session and multi-sectoral dialogue entitled **Better Today for Kids: Protecting Children in the Digital World** this September 10, 2022, at 01:30-03:30 in the afternoon.

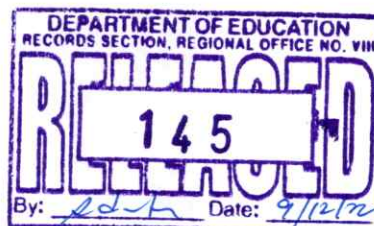
The activity aims to feature Children's Rights and Opportunities for the Youth in the Digital World, Risks and Harms to Children in the Digital World: Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) Prevention, Detection, Reporting, and Handling, and Technology and Multi-sectoral Solutions for Child Protection.

This Office, through the Education Support Services Division (ESSD), encourages participation in the above-mentioned activity as a part of our initiative to combat online abuse among our school children and youth.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV

Regional Director

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DepEd Region VIII

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Dear Dr. Fetalvero,

Greetings from PLDT and Smart!

As technology companies, one of the key aspects to our customer experience and sustainability roadmap is the promotion of digital wellness. Parallel to helping accelerate the country's digital transformation, we at PLDT and Smart recognize our role in fostering multi-sectoral solutions to ensure a safe digital environment for every Filipino, especially amid the proliferation of various cybercrimes and cases of online abuse among children and the youth today.

Hence, we have developed a collaborative platform called **Better Today**. This manifests our commitment to championing cyber security, upholding children's rights, and advocating for mental health awareness in our customer communities.

This September, in celebration of the National Teacher's Month and Cyber Security Awareness Month, we invite you then to join us in **Better Today for Kids: Protecting Children in the Digital World**, a virtual learning session and multi-sectoral dialogue, in collaboration with ECPAT Philippines, a non-government organization fighting against all forms of sexual exploitation of children. Streaming on the Facebook pages of [Better Today PH](#) and [ECPAT Philippines](#) this **September 10, 2022, from 1:30-3:30pm**, the event will feature subject matter experts from PLDT and Smart, ECPAT Philippines, and Google, and cover the following topics:

- Children's Rights and Opportunities for the Youth in the Digital World
- Risks and Harms to Children in the Digital World: Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) Prevention, Detection, Reporting, and Handling
- Technology and Multi-sectoral Solutions for Child Protection

As an important stakeholder for child protection, we hope you could **join us virtually** to learn and be equipped on combating OSAEC and promoting online safety and responsible digital citizenship.

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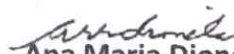
To **confirm your participation** or if you have any questions about the event, you may reach **Ms. Irene T. Esquibel** at itesquibel@pldt.com.ph / 09088211067. **We hope to receive confirmation of your attendance on or before September 9, 2022.**

To facilitate ease in disseminating the information to your target attendees, attached is the invite which you may post in your social media page. Please also follow our Better Today Facebook for updates and to participate during the learning session.

Thank you and we hope you join us in advocating for a #BetterToday and in building safe spaces for our Filipino children – online and offline.

Sincerely,


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