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**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

May 4, 2023

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**No. **401**, s. 2023**2023 REGIONAL FESTIVAL OF TALENTS (RFOT)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference with DepEd Memorandum No. 023, s. 2023, re: 2023 National Festival of Talents (NFOT), the Department of Education, Regional Office VIII, through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD), announces the conduct of the 2023 Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT) with the theme *“Reinforcing 21st Century Learning and Fostering Creative Industries through Talents and Skills Exhibition”* to be hosted by the Samar Division on June 8-10, 2023.
2. This activity aims to:
  - a. provide opportunities for learners from public and private elementary and secondary schools, as well as those from the Alternative Learning System (ALS), Indigenous People Education (IPED), Special Needs Education Program (SNEd), and Madrasah Education Program (MEP) to demonstrate their best products, services, and performances as authentic pieces of evidence of their learning across academic areas, key stages, inclusion, and special curricular programs;
  - b. give a clear view on the MATATAG agenda which reflects the significant association of the teaching and learning process during the activity; and
  - c. instill in the minds of the learner-participants and teacher-coaches an atmosphere of sound competitions, camaraderie, and sportsmanship.
3. The CLMD Chief, Regional Event Focal Persons for the Regional Festival of Talents (RFOT), and the host division shall hold a planning conference on May 9, 2023 at Samar Division Conference Hall, Samar.
4. The specific guidelines for each skill exhibition, Technical Working Group (TWG), billeting schools, exhibition venues, including the activity matrix shall be issued in a separate Memorandum.
5. All participating divisions are required to submit the pre-registration of participants per event category on or before May 29, 2023 at [clmd.region8@deped.gov.ph](mailto:clmd.region8@deped.gov.ph). There shall only be one Travel Order per division duly approved by the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS). However, in case of replacement of participants, there shall also be an official endorsement from the authorized signatory.



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6. The provisions of DO 034, s.2022 titled School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023, particularly on the prevention of disruption of classes, and strict observance of the COVID-19 minimum public health and safety protocols shall be strictly observed.

7. The participants to this activity who travel or render services on days that fall on weekends and holidays can avail of the Service Credits, CTO or COC equivalent to eight (8) hours of service per day whichever is applicable per DepEd Order No. 67, s.1988 and CSC Memo Circular No. 09, s. 1988.

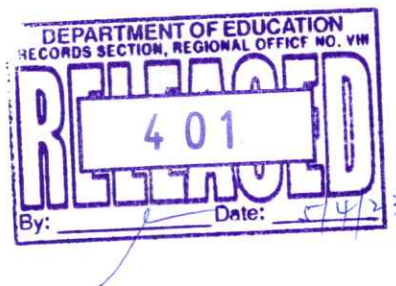
8. There will be no registration fee. However, the schools divisions shall provide their own food for their delegation. Travelling and other incidental expenses incurred by the division delegation shall be charged against their local funds or other eligible source/s of funds maybe utilized. On the other hand, expenditures for meals accommodation, materials, honorarium and transportation fee of the regional delegation and board of judges shall be charged to the DepEd RO8 Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
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Enclosure: None  
Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 023, s. 2023  
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