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**PARTICIPATION IN THE SEACURE SUMMIT 2026: THE WEST PHILIPPINE
SEA EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY SUMMIT**

Pursuant to RA No. 162, s. 2026, entitled "The West Philippine Sea Education and Advocacy Summit 2026," this Office encourages all concerned schools and personnel to participate in the said summit, which will be held on December 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams Town Hall.

The summit will serve as a national educational platform for young Filipinos, providing participants with meaningful opportunities to engage in informed and evidence-based discussions on the West Philippine Sea, maritime affairs, international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 2016 Arbitral Award, environmental stewardship, media and information literacy, and strategies to counter digital disinformation.

The activity is organized by KAWSA Philippines, in partnership with River Valley Irregulars (RVI). KAWSA Philippines is grassroots, youth-led, non-profit, and non-government organization duly registered under the National Youth Commission Youth Organization Registration Program (NYC-YORP).

The West Philippine Sea Education and Advocacy Summit 2026 is open to all public and private secondary schools in the region, particularly the following:

- a. Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) Officers and Council Members;
- b. Member of student clubs and organizations (e.g., Araling Panlipunan Clubs, UNESCO Clubs, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Science Clubs, and Environmental Clubs);
- c. Campus journalists, school publication editorial board members, school paper advisers, and student writers; and
- d. Faculty advisers, Social Studies educators, and youth formation coordinators.

In this regard, all concerned learners, teachers, and school personnel are encouraged to participate, subject to existing DepEd policies, rules, and regulations governing participation in activities conducted by external partners.

Participation in the summit is free of charge, and there is no limit to the number of participants that may be registered by each school, student

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organization, or school publication. Interested participants may register through the official SeaCure Summit 2026 registration link: bit.ly/seacurewps.

Attached are copies of RA No. 162, s. 2026 and the communication from KAWSA Philippines for information, guidance, and reference.

For information of all concerned.

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AND ADVOCACY SUMMIT 2026**

The KAWSA Philippines, in partnership with River Valley Irregulars (RVI), is organizing the SeaCure Summit 2026: The West Philippine Sea Education & Advocacy Summit open to student leaders (SSLG officers and school club representatives), campus journalists, publication editorial boards, faculty advisers, Social Studies educators, and Youth Formation coordinators from all public and private secondary schools across the region. Concerned parties are encouraged to participate, subject to existing DepEd policies and regulations. This activity is scheduled on December 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM via Microsoft Teams Townhall.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

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October 9, 2026

TO:

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Region IV-A - CALABARZON

SUBJECT: Request for Regional Advisory Issuance and Student Delegation Mobilization for SeaCure: The West Philippine Sea Education & Advocacy Summit 2026

Warm greetings from KAWSA Philippines!

KAWSA Philippines is a grassroots, youth-led, non-profit, and non-governmental organization duly registered under the **National Youth Commission Youth Organization Registration Program (NYC-YORP)**. We are committed to creating programs that promote youth empowerment, civic awareness, leadership development, education, advocacy, and responsible citizenship.

As part of this commitment, KAWSA Philippines, in partnership with River Valley Irregulars (RVI), is organizing the **SeaCure Summit 2026: The West Philippine Sea Education & Advocacy Summit**, a National Youth Summit scheduled for **December 19, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** via **Microsoft Teams Townhall** (Enterprise Digital Capacity).

The summit will serve as a national educational platform for young Filipinos, providing participants with opportunities to engage in fact-based discussions concerning the West Philippine Sea, maritime affairs, international law (UNCLOS and the 2016 Arbitral Award), environmental stewardship, media and information literacy, and digital counter-disinformation.

This national youth initiative is proudly supported by the **Provincial Government of Iloilo, Deputy House Speaker Hon. Ferjenel G. Biron**, and features an official written message of support from **President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines** (copy attached herewith for your reference).

Please be advised that while an official DepEd Central Office / National Memorandum will be issued in due course, our Secretariat is proactively reaching out to your Regional Office to **facilitate early delegate registration, institutional awareness, and student preparation across your division offices and secondary schools.**

In this regard, we respectfully request your good office to issue a **Regional Advisory / Memorandum** encouraging the active participation of the following student sectors across all public and private secondary schools within the region:

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3. Campus Journalists & School Publication Editorial Boards (School Paper Advisers & Student Writers)
4. Faculty Advisers, Social Studies Educators, & Youth Formation Coordinators

There is **no registration fee** and **no limit on the number of student participants** that may register from each school, student club, or publication. Interested participants may register through the official registration link:

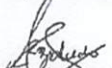
SeaCure Summit 2026 Registration: **bit.ly/seacurewps**

All verified delegates who complete the digital assembly will receive an official E-Certificate of Participation and access to the Pre-Summit Digital Dossier (bit.ly/seacuredossier).

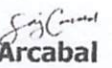
We respectfully **request your assistance in sharing the official invitation** and registration details across your division superintendents, school heads, campus press advisers, and youth formation coordinators. We stand ready to provide complete event proposals, program flows, legal briefs, and organizational credentials upon request.

Thank you for your steadfast dedication to empowering the Filipino youth toward national consciousness and responsible citizenship. We look forward to welcoming your region's student leaders, club members, and campus journalists to SeaCure 2026.

For the youth and the nation,


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MESSAGE

I extend my warmest greetings to **KAWSA Philippines** as you hold the **SeaCure: The West Philippine Sea Education and Advocacy Summit**.

True to the meaning of its name, "kawsa" or "cause," your organization has emerged as a platform where young Filipinos transform conviction into action and civic engagement into meaningful contributions to nation-building. Through your initiatives, you empower communities, cultivate informed citizenship, and encourage greater public participation in shaping our country's future. I welcome your continued efforts to mobilize the youth towards service and leadership, recognizing that lasting progress depends on an engaged and responsible citizenry.

This gathering is especially timely as it coincides with the **10th Anniversary of the 2016 Arbitral Award by the Permanent Court of Arbitration**, which affirmed the Philippines' rights and entitlements under international law. The West Philippine Sea is ours. It is integral to our sovereignty, economic security, marine resources, and the welfare of future generations. By bringing together young leaders, educators, advocates, and other stakeholders, this summit deepens public understanding of maritime issues and strengthens our collective resolve to uphold our national interests.

Your efforts complement this administration's vision of a *Bagong Pilipinas* founded on a shared determination and commitment to advance peace, stability, and prosperity not only within our borders but throughout the region and the world. May this milestone inspire more Filipinos to safeguard our national patrimony and help build a stronger and more resilient nation.

I wish everyone a fruitful and successful event.


FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.

MANILA
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES