



Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Education

REGION IV- A CALABARZON

CITY SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE CITY OF TAYABAS

10 April 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 250 s. 2026

### **CONDUCT OF BALIK-TURO: A HERO'S JOURNEY HOME-FROM GLOBAL FIELDS TO LOCAL CLASSROOMS IN DEPED REGIONAL OFFICES**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools  
Heads, Unit/Section  
All Others Concerned

1. With reference to the **Unnumbered Memorandum** dated April 8, 2026, titled **Conduct of BALIK-TURO: A Hero's Journey Home-From Global Fields to Local Classrooms in DepEd Regional Offices**, this Office hereby disseminates the same for the information of all concerned.
2. All other details are provided in the attached Memorandum.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby directed.

  
**CELEDONIO B. BALDERAS JR.**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Unnumbered Memorandum dated April 8, 2026

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under the following subjects:

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FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

FROM : **ATTY. F/TIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
*Undersecretary and Chief of Staff*

**WILFREDO E. CABRAL**  
*Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational  
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SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF BALIK-TURO: A HERO'S JOURNEY HOME —  
FROM GLOBAL FIELDS TO LOCAL CLASSROOMS IN DEPED  
REGIONAL OFFICES**

DATE : April 8, 2026

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The Department of Education (DepEd) and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) jointly spearheads the “**Sa Pinas, Ikaw ang Ma’am at Sir**” (SPIMS) Program, government reintegration initiative that supports the transition of returning Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), particularly licensed teachers, to DepEd schools as Teacher I.

Through SPIMS, DepEd harnesses the global experience, professional expertise, and commitment of returning Filipino teachers to strengthen the country’s teaching workforce. At the same time, the program contributes to the broader government reintegration framework by providing meaningful employment opportunities for OFWs who choose to return home and continue serving the Filipino people.

The program ultimately aligns with the government’s vision of Bagong Pilipinas, which recognizes the contributions of OFWs and supports their reintegration into national development. By enabling returning Filipino educators to continue their profession in Philippine public schools, the government affirms that their global experiences are valuable assets in strengthening the country’s education system and shaping the next generation of Filipino learners.

In line with these objectives, the Department conducted “**BALIK TURO: A Hero’s Journey Home — From Global Fields to Local Classrooms**”, a segment of the **Bayanihan para sa Balikbayang Manggagawa: National Reintegration Network (BBM-NRN) Fair** last April 7, 2026. The event highlighted the inspiring journeys of

SPIMS beneficiaries who have transitioned from teaching abroad to serving learners in DepEd schools.

To support and sustain the national reintegration efforts, **all Regional Offices shall conduct the BALIK TURO activity** with the following details:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>BALIK TURO Kick-Off</b>	April 13, 2026	Region VIII (Tacloban)
<b>BALIK TURO (Conducted by Region)</b>	April 13-16, 2026	<i>By Region</i>

The funds for the conduct of the activity shall be downloaded to the Regional Offices in the amount of PhP 100,000.00.

For concerns and questions, your Office may coordinate with **Ms. Alexie Nicole Correa** of the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs and External Partnerships via email at [alexie.correa@deped.gov.ph](mailto:alexie.correa@deped.gov.ph) or through Viber at 09278924344.

For your compliance.