

**DIVISION ADVISORY No. 016, s. 2026**

March 16, 2026

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE 2026 ASEAN-JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

This is in reference to the Regional Memorandum NEAP-2026-018, announcing the ***Call for Applications for the 2026 ASEAN-Japan Exchange Program for Secondary School Principals to be held on June 7-14, 2026, in Tokyo and Sendai, Japan.*** The exchange program is part of the Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0.

All other details are attached for your reference.

For information and immediate dissemination.



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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
NEAP-2026-018

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE 2026 ASEAN-JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All other Personnel Concerned

1. The Bureau of Curriculum Development – Special Curricular Program Division announces the **Call for Applications for the 2026 ASEAN-Japan Exchange Program for Secondary School Principals**, as stated in DM-LS2026-089. The program will be held on June 7-14, 2026 in Tokyo and Sendai, Japan.
2. The exchange program forms part of the **Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0**, a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative aimed at promoting exchange activities and fostering human resources in Japan and ASEAN countries. Participation will be fully sponsored by the Japan-Manila Foundation, the training provider and partner of this Department in the implementation of the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese.
3. Applications are open to all school heads from schools implementing SPFL-Japanese across the country and who meet the eligibility criteria provided in Enclosure 1.
4. Interested school heads must respond to the application form until March 9, 2026 via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026ASEAN-JapanEPforPrincipals>.
5. For concerns and clarifications, contact Arjay C. Raborar, Education Program Specialist II – NEAP-XII, through email [arjay.raborar001@deped.gov.ph](mailto:arjay.raborar001@deped.gov.ph).
6. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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**CARLITO D. ROCAFORT**  
Director IV

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: DM-LS-2026-089  
Allotment: none  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following Subject:

SCHOLARSHIPS

ACR/HRDD-NEAP/RM- CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 ASEAN-JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY  
SCHOOL PRINCIPALS  
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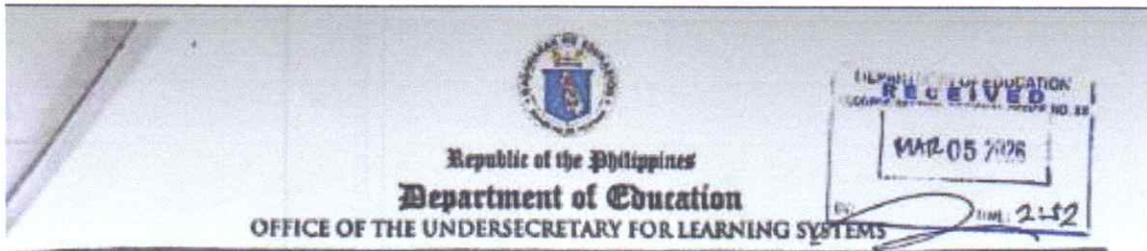
Enclosure 1 to Regional Memorandum NEAP-2026-018

**Eligibility Criteria for the 2026 ASEAN-Japan Exchange Program for  
Secondary School Principals**

1. SPFL-Japanese school heads/principals who are not scheduled to resign, leave their position, or retire (due to mandatory age-related retirement or other reasons) within one year from June 30, 2026.
2. Individuals who are willing to continue teaching and giving lectures about Japan at their schools, utilizing the experiences and knowledge gained through the program. Alternatively, individuals who wish to continue engaging with Japanese schools after returning to their home country.
3. Individuals who fully understand the aims and objectives of the program and are committed to participating in the entire program schedule. Note that extensions or changes to the itinerary for personal reasons, or being accompanied by family members, are not permitted.
4. Individuals who are able to communicate effectively in English.
5. Individuals who are in good physical and mental health and will not experience difficulty participating in the full duration of the program independently.
6. Individuals who can set up a PC and Wi-Fi environment and participate in program briefings using online meeting tools (i.e., Zoom).
7. Individuals who are eager to contribute to the promotion of a better understanding of Japanese culture in their home country upon returning, in collaboration with the Japan Foundation office and/or the Japanese Embassy.
8. Individuals who already possess a valid passport at the time of application or who can obtain a valid passport by the time of application.



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**MEMORANDUM**  
DM-LS-2026-089

**TO :** ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

**ATTENTION :** REGIONAL SPECIAL PROGRAM IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SPFL) SUPERVISORS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** *Carmela Oracion*  
CARMELA C. ORACION  
Assistant Secretary  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Undersecretary for Learning Systems

**SUBJECT :** CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 ASEAN-JAPAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

**DATE :** February 24, 2026

The Department of Education, through the Bureau of Curriculum Development - Special Curricular Programs Division, announces the **call for applications for the 2026 ASEAN-Japan Exchange Program for Secondary School Principals**, scheduled on **June 7-14, 2026** in Tokyo and Sendai, Japan.

The exchange program is under the **Partnership to Co-create a Future with the Next Generation: WA Project 2.0**, a comprehensive people-to-people exchange initiative aimed at promoting exchange activities and fostering human resources in Japan and ASEAN countries. Participation will be sponsored by the Japan Foundation Manila, the training provider and partner of this Department in the implementation of the Special Program in Foreign Language (SPFL)-Japanese.

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For inquiries, all concerned may contact Ms. Janinn Almeyda-Mendoza, Supervising Education Program Specialist and SPFL Lead Focal Person, through email at



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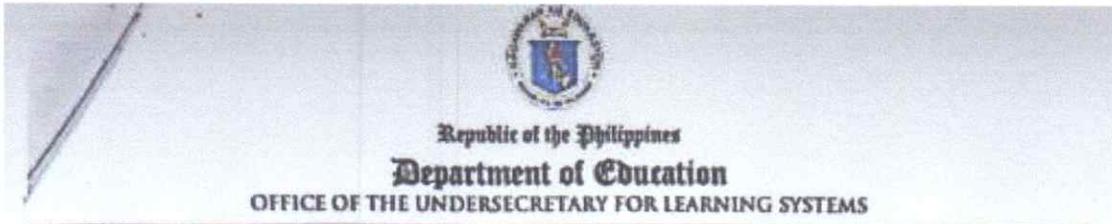
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Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is requested.

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*Appendix A*

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