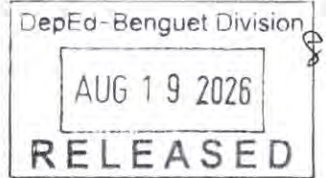




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Cordillera Administrative Region  
**Schools Division of Benguet**



19 August 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 318 s. 2026

**PARTICIPATION TO THE “RIZAL SA DAPAYAN: A NATIONAL HEROES DAY  
CULTURAL CONVERSATION AND SEMINAR”**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors/District In-Charges  
School Heads of Identified Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the commemoration of the National Heroes Day, the Schools Division of Benguet, in collaboration with the Lilikha Artist Village, will host the “RIZAL SA DAPAYAN on August 31, 2026, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lilikha Artist Village, Assumption Road, Baguio City.” This one-day cultural seminar and conversation seeks to revisit Filipino heroes not as distant monuments or names memorized for examinations, but as people whose questions, aspirations, courage, and unfinished work remain relevant to the present.
2. The one-day activity specifically aims to:
  - a) present Rizal’s historical recovery of the precolonial and wider Malay past as part of his effort to restore Filipino dignity and national consciousness;
  - b) introduce the dap-ay and the adapted *Dapayan* as a respectful model of communal dialogue and intergenerational learning;
  - c) relate *kapwa*, *kabayanihan*, and *ginhawa* to youth identity, citizenship, creativity, and responsibility toward the community; and
  - d) offer *Araling Panlipunan* and Social Science teachers culturally grounded ideas and discussion prompts that may enrich classroom learning.
3. Participants to this one-day gathering are selected teachers in *Araling Panlipunan* from the different secondary schools of the 14 districts and three possible senior high school student representatives from La Trinidad, the list is attached as Enclosure 1. Teacher-participants are entitled to a one-day service credit while non-teaching personnel-participants may be granted compensatory overtime credits (COC) subject to existing issuances.

4. While admission is free, the participants' food, transportation and other incidental expenses shall be charged to their respective local fund/school maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) in accordance with existing auditing rules and regulations.
5. This memorandum shall serve as the authority to travel on official business for the identified participants. It is reiterated, however, that their attendance to this activity shall not affect their engaged-time-on-task for instruction before and after this one-day undertaking.
6. For further queries, please contact the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) through email: [benguetcid@gmail.com](mailto:benguetcid@gmail.com).
7. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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**CARMEL F. MERIS**

OIC-Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

**List of Participants**

**RIZAL SA DAPAYAN: A NATIONAL HEROES DAY CONVERSATION**

August 31, 2026 @Lilikha Artist Village, Assumption Road, Baguio City

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Position</b> | <b>School/Office</b>    | <b>District</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Macarthy B. Malanes       | EPS             | SDO-CID                 |                 |
| 2. Gina Lyn O. Cocoy         | HT III          | Camp 30 NHS             | Atok            |
| 3. Chenny Fay B. Saltin      | T-I             | Atok NHS                | Atok            |
| 4. Nesalyn A. Papco-o        | T-V             | Franklyn Guy Haight NHS | Atok            |
| 5. Maribeth C. Dompayag      | T-VI            | Ampusongan NHS          | Bakun           |
| 6. Gemma D. Longao           | T-V             | Bakun NHS               | Bakun           |
| 7. Lelaiza S. Sama           | T-I             | Ambuklao NHS            | Bokod           |
| 8. Judith Kiwalan            | T-II            | Daklan NHS              | Bokod           |
| 9. Brigitte O. Bintudan      | T-III           | Bokod NHS               | Bokod           |
| 10. Berlyn E. Olas           | T-II            | Bokod NHS               | Bokod           |
| 11. Ranelyn B. Calabias      | T-I             | Bangao NHS              | Buguias         |
| 12. Zyra d. Manicawa         | T-IV            | Bad-ayan IS             | Buguias         |
| 13. Peter Jr. Misaen         | T-I             | Lam-ayan IS             | Buguias         |
| 14. Emily D. Libod           | T-VI            | Loo NHS                 | Buguias         |
| 15. Flordelyn Estocapio      | T-VI            | Loo NHS                 | Buguias         |
| 16. Arnel P. Bugatan         | T-III           | Sinipsip NHS            | Buguias         |
| 17. Sorex B. Liwan           | T-IV            | Sinipsip NHS            | Buguias         |
| 18. Geraldine C. Daketan     | T-III           | Alejo MPMNHS            | Itogon I        |
| 19. Gina A. Anno             | T-III           | Binga NHS               | Itogon I        |
| 20. Rhealinda A. Morenzo     | T-III           | Trazon Fianza MNHS      | Itogon I        |
| 21. Resty John S. Sarsagat   | T-III           | Tocmo IS                | Itogon I        |
| 22. Jonalyn Damorkis         | T-VI            | Ampucao NHS             | Itogon II       |
| 23. Carmen S. Sotero         | T-V             | Laurencio Fianza MNHS   | Itogon II       |
| 24. Dominga Celestino        | T-III           | Manganese IS            | Itogon II       |
| 25. Lilian Tanaza            | T-I             | Adaoay NHS              | Kabayan         |
| 26. Arniel Ramos M. Pes-oyen | T-VI            | Gadang IS               | Kapangan        |
| 27. Cheryl D. Ablasi         | T-I             | GBDAIS                  | Kapangan        |
| 28. Juliet M. Luma-ang       | T-VI            | Kapangan Central NHS    | Kapangan        |
| 29. Manilyn Salbino          | T-I             | Kapangan Central NHS    | Kapangan        |
| 30. Chalina G. Palangyo      | T-II            | Kapangan CNHS           | Kapangan        |
| 31. Joan S. Ansibey          | T-I             | Lubo IS                 | Kibungan        |



### List of Participants

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| <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Position</b> | <b>School/Office</b>    | <b>District</b> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 32. Charmaine Ruth U. Sukil-ap | T-III           | Alno NHS                | La Trinidad     |
| 33. Lilian Takimpay            | T-I             | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 34. Fermin T. Tanas            | T-I             | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 35. Benmar D. Atonen           | T-I             | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 36. May Joy E. Tenias          | T-II            | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 37. Daisylyn Patdu             | T-III           | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 38. Jacqueline S. Tomey        | T-II            | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 39. Vinia Lucas                | T-I             | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 40. Luzviminda Lamsis          | T-III           | Bineng NHS              | La Trinidad     |
| 41. Cherry L. Lumidao          | T-II            | Cordillera RSHS         | La Trinidad     |
| 42. Joan W. Matis              | T-III           | Cordillera RSHS         | La Trinidad     |
| 43. Reginald F. Dontogan       | T-V             | La Trinidad NHS         | La Trinidad     |
| 44. Caroline Aowes             | T-III           | Puguis NHS              | La Trinidad     |
| 45. Melody A. Pagtoc           | T-IV            | Balili NHS              | Mankayan        |
| 46. Lily L. Landisan           | T-VI            | Cabiten NHS             | Mankayan        |
| 47. Vilma L. Bastingo          | T-VI            | Lepanto NHS             | Mankayan        |
| 48. Jenilyn O. Matias          | T-VI            | Lepanto NHS             | Mankayan        |
| 49. Vicenta C. Danigos         | SP II           | Lepanto NHS             | Mankayan        |
| 50. Grace P. Diano             | MT I            | Mankayan NHS            | Mankayan        |
| 51. Evangeline S. Bestoca      | T-I             | Mankayan NHS            | Mankayan        |
| 52. Jeffrey M. Pidlao          | T-III           | Mankayan NHS            | Mankayan        |
| 53. Mary Jane A. Gacita        | T-II            | Mankayan NHS            | Mankayan        |
| 54. Ryan P. Milo               | T-III           | Evelio Javier MNHS      | Tuba            |
| 55. Rosemarie Dontogan         | T-III           | TSHI                    | Tublay          |
| 56. Irede L. Matchoc           | T-II            | TSHI                    | Tublay          |
| 57. Eddielyn P. Kiwal          | T-I             | TSHI                    | Tublay          |
| 58. Matilda B. Cadao           | T-V             | TSHI                    | Tublay          |
| 59. Ana Leah L. Dackias        | T-III           | TSHI                    | Tublay          |
| 60. Rhenally G. Abangley       | T-IV            | Sinipsip NHS            | Buguias         |
| 61. Wilma M. Coilan            | T-VI            | Gadang IS               | Kapangan        |
| 62. Student Representative     |                 | Cordillera Regional SHS | La Trinidad     |
| 63. Student Representative     |                 | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |
| 64. Student Representative     |                 | Benguet NHS             | La Trinidad     |

**PROGRAM FLOW**

| <b>Time</b>         | <b>Session</b>                             | <b>Focus</b>                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00-9:20 a.m.      | Welcome and Opening                        | National Heroes Day context, welcome from SDO Benguet and Ililikha, purpose of the gathering, and the meaning of Dapayan.      |
| 9:20-9:50 a.m.      | Historical and Cultural Framing            | Rizal, youth, precolonial memory, kapwa, kabayanihan, and ginhawa.                                                             |
| 9:50-11:20 a.m.     | Principal Conversation with Kidlat Tahimik | Cultural awakening, colonial pruning, indio-genius, ancestral knowledge, Rizal, creativity, and the future of young Filipinos. |
| 11:20 a.m.-12:00 nn | Dapayan Dialogue I                         | Moderated questions and reflections from learners and educators.                                                               |
| 12:00-1:00 p.m.     | Lunch / Informal Exchange                  | Time for participants to know one another and share learnings, experiences, and stories.                                       |
| 1:00-1:30 p.m.      | Cultural Walk / Story of Place             | A guided walk to appreciate the stories, ideas, and creative practices embodied in Ililikha Artist Village, if held on site.   |
| 1:30-2:30 p.m.      | Dapayan Dialogue II                        | Deeper conversation on cultural rootedness, education, creativity, and responsibility.                                         |
| 2:30-3:20 p.m.      | Youth and Educator Reflections             | Short spoken reflections, written responses, sketches, or a shared response wall.                                              |
| 3:20-4:00 p.m.      | Synthesis and Closing                      | Return to Paggunita, Pag-ugat, Pakikipagkapwa, Kabayanihan, and Ginhawa; closing messages from the partners.                   |