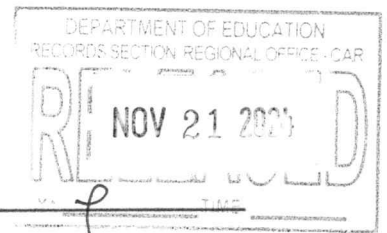




Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION



November 20, 2024

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 838-2024

**DISSEMINATION OF MEMORANDUM ON THE SCALING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DEPED OFFICES AND SCHOOLS**

To: Assistant Regional Director  
Schools Division Superintendents  
School Heads, Public and Private Schools  
All Others Concerned



1. Enclosed is a MEMORANDUM from ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONGTONGAN, *Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary*, dated November 19, 2024, regarding scaling down of Christmas Celebrations in DepEd offices and schools.
2. In reference thereof, DepEd offices and schools are encouraged to scale down Christmas Celebrations from extravagant celebrations to a focused and simple yet meaningful activities, in consideration of the millions of Filipinos affected by the recent calamities.
3. For more details, kindly contact the **Administrative Services Division** at Tel. No. **422-1318 or 422-1804** or through email at [car.admin@deped.gov.ph](mailto:car.admin@deped.gov.ph).
4. For dissemination, information, and compliance.

  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**ALL SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : *[Signature]* **Atty. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**  
*Undersecretary and Chief of Staff*  
*Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary*

SUBJECT : **SCALING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DEPED OFFICES AND SCHOOLS**

DATE : 19 November 2024

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This is in reference to the official statement from the Office of the Executive Secretary on November 19, 2024, encouraging all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during Christmas season. This call is "in solidarity with the millions of our countrymen who continue to grieve over lives, homes and livelihoods lost during the six typhoons that pummeled us in a span of less than a month."

In this regard, all DepEd offices and schools are instructed to scale down their Christmas celebrations, and may utilize the resulting savings as donations for calamity-hit communities. Regional and Division Offices shall ensure compliance with the Presidential Directive, and initiate donation drives for affected areas.

For dissemination and strict compliance.