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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 472 **s. 2026**

PARTICIPATION TO THE 2026 EDUCATION LEADERS' CONGRESS

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Public Schools District In-Charge
Secondary and Integrated School Head

1. The Schools Division Office of Ozamiz City recognizes the importance of strengthening partnerships among education stakeholders in expanding opportunities for learners, families, and communities. In support of this advocacy, the Division encourages the participation of concerned school leaders in the Education Leaders' Congress 2026 with the theme: "Expanding Pathways, Maximizing Opportunities: Advancing Lifelong Learning, Skills Development, and Community Engagement."

2. The activity is a joint initiative of Our Lady of Triumph Institute of Technology, Inc. (OLT) and Misamis Institute of Technology, Inc. (MIT) and will be conducted on October 2, 2026 at the OLT Lobby, OLT Campus, Bañadero Highway, Ozamiz City.

3. The Congress aims to provide school leaders with relevant information and opportunities concerning lifelong learning pathways, technical-vocational education and training (TVET), skills development, government education assistance programs, community engagement initiatives, and public-private partnerships that support learners and families.

4. The sessions shall feature resource persons from partner agencies, including the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), who will discuss available programs, skills development opportunities, inclusive development initiatives, and mechanisms that may benefit learners, families, and communities.

5. In view of the foregoing, all public elementary and secondary school heads are encouraged to participate in the scheduled session appropriate to their school level. Participation shall be subject to existing DepEd policies, rules, and regulations, and should ensure that essential school operations are not disrupted.

6. Participants shall secure the necessary Authority to Travel prior to attending the activity, in accordance with existing policies and procedures.

7. Attached is a copy of communication containing the details of the activity for reference.

8. This Office directs the immediate dissemination of this Memorandum.

DIONESIO L. LIWAGON, JR., CESO VI
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
OIC, Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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THRU: **DR. LUISANDER C. LUY, CESE**
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division of Ozamiz City
Department of Education

Subject: **REQUEST FOR ENDORSEMENT AND APPROVAL OF THE EDUCATION LEADERS' CONGRESS 2026**

Dear **Superintendent Liwagon:**

Greetings of peace and goodwill!

As institutions committed to education, skills development, and community empowerment, Our Lady of Triumph Institute of Technology, Inc. (OLT) and Misamis Institute of Technology, Inc. (MIT) respectfully seek the approval and endorsement of the Schools Division Office of Ozamiz City for the conduct of the **EDUCATION LEADERS' CONGRESS 2026**, with the theme **"Expanding Pathways, Maximizing Opportunities: Advancing Lifelong Learning, Skills Development, and Community Engagement,"** on **2 October 2026 at the OLT Lobby, OLT Campus, Bañadero Highway, Ozamiz City**.

This joint undertaking builds upon the continuing involvement of OLT and MIT in education and community development. Both institutions are accredited Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the City of Ozamiz and the Province of Misamis Occidental, while OLT is an accredited Tourism Training Center of the Department of Tourism (DOT). OLT and MIT are likewise partner-implementers with the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) of Project BIDLISIW: Basic Sector Inclusive Development through Livelihood, Skills Integration, Innovation, and Workforce Advancement, an initiative that seeks to bring livelihood, skills development, innovation, workforce opportunities, and basic-sector engagement closer to communities.

Against this backdrop, the Education Leaders' Congress 2026 is envisioned as a strategic platform for school leaders to explore and better understand the various education, training, government assistance, skills-development, and community-based opportunities that may be made accessible to learners, families, and communities. It seeks to strengthen the role of education leaders as important conduits of information and opportunities while fostering stronger collaboration among basic education, higher education, technical-vocational education and training, government agencies, civil society, and communities.

To provide authoritative and first-hand information, resource persons from the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) are being invited to speak during the Congress. TESDA will be invited to discuss Diploma Programs, technical-vocational education and training (TVET), skills certification, upskilling and reskilling, and other lifelong learning and workforce-development opportunities. NAPC, meanwhile, will be invited to discuss basic-sector engagement, inclusive development, poverty-reduction initiatives, and opportunities for community participation and collaboration, including relevant engagements under Project BIDLISIW.

The Congress will likewise emphasize the importance of maximizing existing government mechanisms that support learners' access to and continuity in education, including those studying or intending to study in private educational institutions. Discussions will include government education assistance mechanisms such as the Educational Service Contracting (ESC) Program, implemented in partnership with the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE), and the Senior High School Voucher Program, as concrete manifestations of public-private partnership, complementarity, and collaboration in expanding educational access and learner choice.

To further underscore the importance of education and skills development as foundations of inclusive growth, **OLT and MIT are also inviting ATTY. HENRY S. OAMINAL, Governor of the Province of Misamis Occidental,** to serve as **Keynote Speaker** during the afternoon session. His participation will provide an important opportunity to share the Provincial Government's vision on education, human capital and workforce development, youth empowerment, and stronger collaboration among government, educational institutions, and communities in expanding opportunities for the people of Misamis Occidental.

To ensure meaningful participation and discussions relevant to the respective roles of school leaders, the Congress will be conducted in two (2) sessions:

FIRST SESSION – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
8:30 AM – 12:00 NN | Lunch and Fellowship: 12:00 NN – 1:00 PM

The morning session will bring together Elementary School Principals within the Schools Division of Ozamiz City and will focus on lifelong learning, basic-sector and community engagement, family and community empowerment, government education assistance mechanisms, livelihood and skills-development opportunities, and programs that may benefit learners, parents, out-of-school youth, unemployed or underemployed individuals, and other sectors within their respective communities. OLT and MIT will provide lunch.

SECOND SESSION – SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Dinner and Fellowship: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The afternoon session will bring together Secondary School Principals within the Schools Division of Ozamiz City and will feature the proposed Keynote Address of Governor Henry S. Oaminal, together with discussions on post-secondary education and training pathways, TESDA Diploma Programs, TVET, career and skills development, upskilling and reskilling opportunities, the Senior High School Voucher Program, and other government-supported education mechanisms relevant to graduating learners, alumni, their families, and communities. OLT and MIT will provide dinner.

Through these discussions, the Congress seeks to reinforce the important role of school principals not only as instructional and administrative leaders but also as community education leaders who can connect learners and families with available government programs, education and training pathways, livelihood and skills-development opportunities, and other interventions that support lifelong learning and inclusive development.

In view of the foregoing, OLT and MIT respectfully request your approval and official endorsement of the Education Leaders' Congress 2026 to all Elementary and Secondary School Principals within the Schools Division of Ozamiz City. We likewise respectfully request that the concerned school principals be encouraged and authorized to participate in their respective scheduled sessions, subject to existing Department of Education policies, rules, and regulations, and without disruption of essential school operations.

We believe that bringing together our education leaders, local government leadership, and representatives of key government agencies will foster cross-sectoral dialogue, information sharing, public-private collaboration, and stronger institutional linkages. More importantly, it will help ensure that available education, training, skills-development, livelihood, and community opportunities are effectively communicated and brought closer to the learners, families, and communities who may benefit from them.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration, approval, and endorsement of this joint undertaking. Your invaluable support will help bring together our education leaders in advancing our shared aspiration to expand learning pathways, maximize opportunities, and make education, skills development, and community-based programs more accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of the people of Ozamiz City.

Should you require further information or clarification regarding the proposed activity, the undersigned may be reached through **0917 310 1177** or **0918 962 5011**.

Thank you very much for your continued support and partnership in advancing education, lifelong learning, skills development, and inclusive community development. We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Respectfully yours,

ENGR. GALILEO A. MAGLASANG
President, MIT

LUCILE A. MAGLASANG
President, OLT

Geographical Private Sector Representative for the Province of Misamis Occidental, Regional Development Council (RDC-X) of Northern Mindanao

"Expanding Pathways, Maximizing Opportunities: Advancing Lifelong Learning, Skills Development, and Community Engagement"

2 October 2026 | OLT Lobby, OLT Campus, Bañadero Highway, Ozamiz City

A Joint Initiative of Our Lady of Triumph Institute of Technology, Inc. (OLT) and Misamis Institute of Technology, Inc. (MIT)

PART I — ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Focus: Schools as Gateways to Lifelong Learning, Family Empowerment, and Community Development

Time	Program/Activity	Person/Agency
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration and Arrival of Participants	OLT–MIT Secretariat
8:30 – 8:35 AM	Opening Prayer and Philippine National Anthem	AVP
8:35 – 8:45 AM	Welcome Remarks	OLT/MIT
8:45 – 9:00 AM	**Message of Support: Strengthening Partnerships for Education and Community Development**	DepEd – Schools Division of Ozamiz City
9:00 – 9:15 AM	**Setting the Context: Expanding the Role of Schools in Lifelong Learning and Community Empowerment**	OLT/MIT
9:15 – 10:00 AM	**Session 1: Lifelong Learning and Skills Development Opportunities for Families and Communities** – TESDA Diploma Programs, TVET, skills training, upskilling and reskilling, and other lifelong learning opportunities	**TESDA Resource Person**
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Health Break / Networking	OLT & MIT
10:15 – 11:00 AM	**Session 2: Strengthening Basic-Sector Engagement and Inclusive Community Development** – basic-sector participation, poverty-reduction initiatives, community empowerment, and government programs	**NAPC Resource Person**
11:00 – 11:20 AM	**Project BIDLISIW: Bringing Livelihood, Skills, Innovation, and Workforce Opportunities Closer to Communities**	NAPC / OLT–MIT
11:20 – 11:45 AM	**Education Leaders' Dialogue and Open Forum:** *Connecting Families and Communities to Education, Skills, Livelihood, and Government Opportunities*	TESDA, NAPC, DepEd, OLT & MIT
11:45 – 11:55 AM	Presentation of Certificates and Tokens	OLT & MIT
11:55 AM – 12:00 NN	Closing Message / Photo Opportunity	OLT/MIT
12:00 – 1:00 PM	**Lunch and Fellowship**	**Provided by OLT & MIT**

PART II — SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

1:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Focus: Expanding Pathways from Basic Education to Higher Education, Skills Development, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Lifelong Learning

Time	Program/Activity	Person/Agency
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Registration and Arrival of Participants	OLT–MIT Secretariat
1:30 – 1:35 PM	Opening Prayer and Philippine National Anthem	AVP
1:35 – 1:45 PM	Welcome Remarks and Overview of the Congress	OLT/MIT
1:45 – 1:55 PM	**Message of Support: Strengthening Public-Private Collaboration in Expanding Educational Opportunities**	DepEd – Schools Division of Ozamiz City
1:55 – 2:00 PM	Introduction of the Keynote Speaker	OLT/MIT
2:00 – 2:30 PM	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** *"Expanding Pathways, Maximizing Opportunities: Education, Skills, and Human Capital Development for an Inclusive and Progressive Misamis Occidental"*	**ATTY. HENRY S. OAMINAL** Governor, Province of Misamis Occidental
2:30 – 2:40 PM	Presentation of Plaque/Token of Appreciation and Photo Opportunity	OLT & MIT
2:40 – 3:20 PM	**Session 1: Beyond the Traditional College Pathway—TESDA Diploma Programs, TVET, Skills Certification, and Lifelong Learning Opportunities**	**TESDA Resource Person**
3:20 – 3:35 PM	Health Break / Networking	OLT & MIT
3:35 – 4:10 PM	**Session 2: Basic-Sector Engagement and Inclusive Development—Connecting Learners, Families, and Communities to Opportunities**	**NAPC Resource Person**
4:10 – 4:25 PM	**Project BIDLISIW: Connecting Education, Livelihood, Skills Integration, Innovation, and Workforce Advancement**	NAPC / OLT–MIT
4:25 – 4:40 PM	**Maximizing Government Education Assistance and Public-Private Complementarity** – ESC/FAPE, SHS Voucher Program, and other mechanisms supporting learner access and educational choice	OLT/MIT / Invited Resource Person
4:40 – 4:55 PM	**Education Leaders' Dialogue and Open Forum:** *Building Pathways from School to Higher Education, Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Lifelong Learning*	TESDA, NAPC, DepEd, OLT & MIT
4:55 – 5:00 PM	Closing Message / Presentation of Certificates	OLT & MIT
5:00 – 6:00 PM	**Dinner and Fellowship**	**Provided by OLT & MIT**