

2nd NATIONAL PEACE CONVENTION

A Symposium of Peace Legislation, Peace Education, Cultural and Religious Harmony



March 19, 2024

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Dear Dr. Collano,

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Greetings! We extend our warmest wishes for peace and unity.

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **2nd National Peace Convention** organized by the Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL), an international non-profit organization dedicated to achieving world peace and the cessation of war. This convention, themed "A Symposium of Peace Legislation, Peace Education, and Religious and Cultural Harmony," will be a gathering of minds and hearts to explore pathways to peace through legislation, education, and interfaith understanding, free of charge.

Date & Time: April 20, 2024 (Saturday) | 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM
Venue: Plenary Hall, Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City
Attire: Business Attire of Semi-formal ; Smart casual for students

HWPL, headquartered in Seoul, South Korea, operates globally with 170 branches, including Philippines. Our mission is rooted in practical action for peace. One of our landmark initiatives was the civilian-led Mindanao Peace Agreement, mediated by HWPL Chairman Lee, on January 24, 2014, with representatives of Catholicism and Islam. This historic event emphasized the importance of resolving religious conflicts for lasting peace.

A core program of HWPL is Peace Education which aims to cultivate youths into peace makers, peace ambassadors through education. Peace Education is not just a program; it is a transformative journey empowering young minds to become catalysts for positive change. Additionally, there will be a presentation on the best practices in Peace Education Implementation for Research and Development.

Your presence at this enlightening event would be an invaluable contribution to promoting dialogue, understanding and peace. In line with this, we are humbly requesting to endorse this event to schools under your division. With the target participants of **1000** from the academic sector, may we also request the participation of the following individuals from each institution, including but not limited to:

- Top Management: SDS, ASDS, Division Chiefs, PSDS, EPS, Principal
- Peace Coordinator, Teachers handling Peace Education/Values Education(5)
- Peace Club Officers, if there is (10) or Student Supreme Council Officers (10)

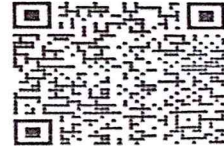
To confirm attendance, kindly register via the provided link [<https://bit.ly/POU011052>] or scan the QR code attached in this letter on or before **March 27** to reserve slots. For inquiries, please feel free to contact Ms. Aleckta Fajardo at +63 945 390 4537 or via email at philippines.hwpl@gmail.com.

We eagerly anticipate your positive response and the opportunity to champion peace and unity together.

We are one in our pursuit of peace.

Very truly yours,

John Rommel Garces
Chief Branch Manager
HWPL, Philippines



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March 26, 2024

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Program Supervisors
CID and SGOD Personnel
OSDS Unit Heads and Personnel
Public and Private School Heads
All Others Concerned

Participation of students in the activity is on voluntary basis only and must secure parents permit and travel insurance.

For information, guidance and participation.

By authority of the Schools Division Superintendent

FERNANDO C. MACARAIG
Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
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EVENT OVERVIEW

Main Title: 2nd National Peace Convention
Theme: A Symposium of Peace Legislation, Peace Education, Religious and Cultural Harmony
Event Date: April 20, 2024 (Saturday)
Location: Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines
Time: 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Program Agenda:

1. Legislating Peace through the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)
2. Raising Peace Messengers through Peace Education
3. Promoting Religious and Cultural Harmony through the Religious Peace Academy

1:30 – 2:00 (30 min)	Arrival of Participants and Registration	
2:00 – 3:00 (1hr 00min)	<p>Topic: Output of Education and Rule of Law in Building Peace and Cessation of War</p> <p>Theme: Legislating Peace through the DPCW and Raising Peace Messengers through Education</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, Al-Haj (Tentative) Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)</p> <p>Special Message: H.E. Sara Z. Duterte-Carpio (Tentative) Vice President, Republic of the Philippines</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plenary Hall 2:00 – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Topic: Peace Media Network Forum and Press Conference</p> <p>Theme: Building Bridges: Harnessing Media for National Peace and Harmony</p> <p>Speaker: Press Secretary Cheloy Garafil (Tentative) Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Melchora Aquino Hall 2:00 – 3:00 PM</p>
3:00 – 4:30 (1hr 30min)	<p>Topic: Seminar on the Holy Scriptures Theme: The Era of Peace and Love through the Book of Revelation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speaker: Chairman Lee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:00 – 4:30 PM Plenary Hall</p>	



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EVENT BACKGROUND

In January 2023, the Volunteer Individuals for Peace (VIP), a local partner of HWPL, hosted the 1st National Peace Convention in the Philippines. This historic event brought together diverse groups, including Lawmakers/Policy-Makers, Academia, Religious and Cultural Leaders, Media Professionals, Youth, and Women, who collectively drafted and adopted several "Peace Manifestos."

The key highlights of the convention included:

- Urging the President to declare January 24 as Peace Day
- Urging the President to support the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)
- Institutionalizing the participation and cooperation of the education sector, members of the religious, interfaith, and intercultural sectors for peace and national unity

Following the convention, HWPL and its partners continued their peace efforts, resulting in significant achievements:

1. Legislation of Peace through the DPCW: HWPL together with the Lawmakers and Policy-makers Sub-group adopted several resolutions supporting the DPCW. These resolutions include (4) Municipal Resolutions, (4) City Resolutions, 1 Provincial Resolution, and most recently, BARMM's regional resolution. The DPCW is now on its way to gaining National Support from the President. Additionally, BARMM passed a resolution institutionalizing January 24 as "Peace Day" in the region, ensuring that the 4.4 million Bangsamoro people commemorate Peace Day annually in alignment with the Bangsamoro Foundation Day.

2. Raising Peace Messengers through Education: HWPL together with the Education Sub-group developed 12 peace education lesson exemplars, currently being contextualized for greater impact. Recent developments include presenting contextualized peace education lessons in Social Studies and Values Education to BARMM's Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education during the 1st Bangsamoro Peace Education Summit Conference (Jan. 29, 2024). The establishment of HWPL Peace Clubs, including the first club at Signal Village National High School, Taguig City, further promotes peace activities. Moreover, 18 peace monuments across the Philippines, inside and outside schools, symbolize the expanding peace movement in the country.

3. Religious and Cultural Harmony: HWPL together with the Religious and Cultural Sub-group launched the Religious Peace Academy, an online platform facilitating the study of different Scriptures for greater understanding, tolerance, peace, and harmony.

Building on these achievements, the 2nd National Peace Convention will highlight the progress made since the 1st convention and further emphasize the importance of peacebuilding efforts in the Philippines and beyond.



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