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INVITATION TO JOIN RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The NAKEM Conferences Consortium and the University of Hawaii Ilokano Program, in collaboration with Agusan del Sur College of Agriculture and Technology, are inviting teachers who are engaged in transdisciplinary studies in human and social sciences, in language and culture, in the hard sciences and in General Education to present a paper during the **19th NAKEM Conference at Agusan del Sur College of Agriculture and Technology, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur on July 17 to 19, 2024.**

A registration fee amounting to Php 3,500.00 shall be collected from the participants for the three-day conference for conference kits, lunch, and snacks. The registration fee must be paid directly to NAKEM Conference Philippines on or before May 15, 2024. All participants must submit their confirmation of participation by filling out the downloadable registration form available at:

- NAKEM Conferences Philippines: nakemphilippines@gmail.com
- University of Hawaii Ilokano Program:
<https://manoa.hawaii.edu/ilokano/Nakem-Conferences.html>
- NAKEM Consortium: nakemconferences@gmail.com
- ASSCAT: nakem2024@asscat.edu.ph

This Office requests Schools Division Offices to disseminate the said invitation to all schools. Participation of interested teachers is **personal and on a voluntary basis** and shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith".

Attached is the invitation for the said activity.

For inquiries, please coordinate with the Secretariat through email at nakemconference@gmail.com or nakem2024@asscat.edu.ph:

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HON. ESTELA L. CARIÑO
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Department of Education – Region CAR
Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet

Dear Hon. Cariño:

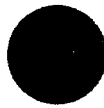
The NAKEM Conferences Consortium and the University of Hawaii Ilokano Program, in collaboration with our host institution, Agusan del Sur College of Agriculture and Technology in Bunawan, Agusan del Sur, would like to invite members of your faculty who are engaged in trans-disciplinary studies in the human and social sciences, in language and culture, in the hard sciences, and in General Education to present a paper at this conference. The academic gathering will be held at the campus of ASSCAT, our host institution from July 17 to 19.

For the first time, we are linking up arms with ASSCAT, a member of the NAKEM Conferences Philippines, the organization that has been a partner of NAKEM International in organizing and convening the first 18 annual NAKEM Conferences and three mid-year conferences and language and culture summits. This will be the first time that NAKEM is held outside Luzon, an event that is not only historical in our effort to partner and collaborate with language, culture, and education advocates of Mindanao, but also trailblazing as we revisit and reiterate our commitment to the respect for our plural lives.

The NAKEM Conferences would also like to use this opportunity to seek your endorsement for the 19th NAKEM Conference by issuing CHED Regional Advisory for the purpose so that public and private higher education institutions will be encouraged to join. The NAKEM Conferences Philippines, a cohort of various academic institutions, local government units, and civic organizations, is a member of the NAKEM Consortium that includes five other NAKEM groups found in various places in the world.

For the last 19 years since the founding of NAKEM Conferences in 2006 at the 100th year of the arrival of the people of the Philippines to Hawaii to work in the plantations, the group has been in the forefront in the struggle for language justice, cultural democracy, and emancipatory education. NAKEM, also known as the *National Alliance for Knowledge, Empowerment, and Meaning*, has grown as a consortium.

The conference theme, “Reframing Indigeneity and Affirming Belonging, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity,” reiterates our common commitment to belonging, inclusion, diversity, and equity. It



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also proposes a 'post-decolonial' reading of the 'postcolonial' perspective of the indigenous, civic nationalism, multilingualism, multiculturalism, language justice, cultural democracy, and liberatory education. The conference specifically aims to:

- Reframe the current theories and approaches in the study of the indigenous.
- Propose a philosophical and practical understanding of the intricate connection of belonging, inclusion, diversity, and equity as these are linked to the issue of indigeneity.
- Identify the problem of exclusion, hegemony, and homogeneity in an otherwise diverse place or community.
- Propose plans of action to pursue belonging, inclusion, diversity, and equity.
- Evaluate innovative linguistic, cultural, and educational strategies that advocate for language justice, cultural democracy, and emancipatory education.
- Explain the various approaches to freely permit the return of the indigenous.


The registration fee for the three-day conference is PhP 3,500. The fee includes direct costs of attending the conference, including conference kits, lunch, and snacks for three days. The registration fee must be paid directly to NAKEM Conference Philippines through its bank account, although other forms of remitting the registration fee will be accepted. The registration deadline is on May 15, 2024. For logistical reasons, all participants must submit, by email only, the confirmation of their participation by filling out the downloadable registration form available at:


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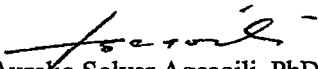
For more information about the conference, please direct your faculty to email us at:

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Very truly yours,


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