



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

August 10, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2026 - 407

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public School District Supervisors
Public School Heads
Public School Teachers
All Others Concerned

Subject: **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 20TH NATIONAL VEGETABLE CONGRESS 2026**

1. This is in reference to the 1st Indorsement dated July 29, 2026 signed by Maria Ines C. Asuncion, Director IV, the herein copy of the letter from the Vegetable Industry Council of Southern Mindanao (VICSMIN), in collaboration with the Department of agriculture (DA) and other vegetable industry stakeholders, inviting the Department of Education to participate in the **20th National Vegetable Congress 2026** with the theme **"Agricultural Innovation: Gateway Towards a sustainable and Profitable Vegetable Industry,"** to be held on August 18-20, 2026 at the Enderun Tent, Azuela Cove, R. Castillo St., Davao City.
2. Participation in the activity should only be voluntary and prior arrangement of the concerned school heads and teachers shall be made in compliance with DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 re: "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" ensuring that no classes shall be disrupted and no DepEd funds shall be used.
3. Relevant details and information are provided in the enclosures.
4. Attendance/participation is on official time only.
5. For information and wide dissemination.

MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

DepEd Schools Division Superintendent
RECORDS SECTION

76-087-0173
DATE: 12 AUG 2026 TIME: 1:00 PM
BY: [Signature]

Enclosed: As stated.
SGOD/jsa



Address: Roxas Street cor. Lopez Jaena Street, Zone II, Digos City 8002
Telephone No: (082)553-8396 | (082)553-8376 | (082)553-9170
| (082)553-8375



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
DAVAO REGION



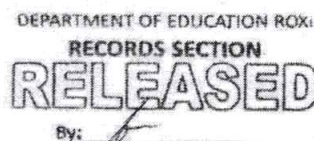
0826070173

1st Indorsement
July 29, 2026

Respectfully referred to **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**, the herein copy of the letter dated June 18, 2026 from the Vegetable Industry Council of Southern Mindanao (VICSMIN), in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture (DA), and other vegetable industry stakeholders, inviting the Department of Education to participate in the **20th National Vegetable Congress 2026** with the theme **"Agricultural Innovation: Gateway Towards a Sustainable and Profitable Vegetable Industry,"** to be held on August 18-20, 2026 at the Enderun Tent, Azuela Cove, R. Castillo Street, Davao City, for your consideration.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION
Director IV

Encl.: As stated
ROE/SBFP/jtp



Digitally signed by
Records Section
Date: 2026.08.06 08:18:07 +0800

Vegetable Industry Council
in Mindanao, Inc.

20TH NATIONAL VEGETABLE CONGRESS 2026

THEME: "AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION: GATEWAY TOWARDS A
SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE VEGETABLE INDUSTRY"



AUGUST 18-20, 2026

at

ENDERUNTENT AT AZUELACOVE
R. CASTILLO ST., DAVAO CITY



June 18, 2026

ALLAN G. FARNAZO

Regional Director

Department of Education (DepEd) • RO XI

F. Torres St., Davao City

Email: region11@deped.gov.ph

RECORDED - JUCA11V • ROX

RECORDED - N

24 JUN 2026

Lf

11

Dear Dir. FARNAZO:

Warm greetings!

The **Vegetable Industry Council of Southern Mindanao (VICSMIN)** in collaboration of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and other Vegetable stakeholders partners is honored to invite the **Department of Education (DepEd)** to participate in the **20th National Vegetable Congress 2026** with the theme **"Agricultural Innovation: Gateway towards a sustainable and profitable vegetable Industry"**, which will be held on **August 18-20, 2026** at the **Enderun Tent at Azuela Cove, Davao City, Davao Region**.

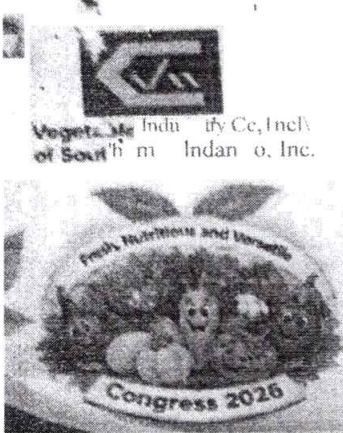
The National Vegetable Congress serves as a premier platform for knowledge exchange, technology sharing, and policy dialogue aimed at strengthening the Philippine vegetable industry. The event will gather vegetable industry stakeholders from across the country, including farmers, researchers, agribusiness leaders, policymakers, development partners, and representatives from both public and private sectors.

The congress will highlight innovations in vegetable production, climate-resilient farming technologies, value chain development, market opportunities, and strategies to enhance food security and farmer competitiveness.

Among the major activities of the congress are the following:

- Technical plenary sessions featuring leading experts in the vegetable industry
- Exhibits showcasing innovative agricultural technologies and vegetable products
- Business matching and networking activities
- Policy discussions on programs supporting vegetable industry development
- Regional showcases of vegetable industry best practices

In this regard, we respectfully request the Department of Education to encourage the participation of three (3) designated personnel from each School Division Office, particularly those directly involved in the implementation of the Gulayan sa Paaralan Program and School-Based Feeding Program. Their attendance and active participation will contribute significantly to strengthen the 11119 school gardening



20TH NATIONAL VEGETABLE CONGRESS 2026

THEME: "AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION: GATEWAY TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE VEGETABLE INDUSTRY"



AUGUST 18-20, 2026

at

ENDERUN TENT AT AZUELA COVE
R. CASTILLO ST., DAVAO CITY



initiatives, promoting food and nutrition security, and sharing best practices in the implementation of these programs.

The registration fee is Php 6,500.00 per participant, which covers participation in the three-day Congress, three (3) lunches, five (5) snack breaks, a Congress kit, farm tours, and other Congress materials.

Please note that accommodation expenses are not included in the registration fee and shall be arranged and shouldered individually by the participants. All related expenses shall be charged against the funds of the participants' respective offices/regions, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The participation of your office and teachers will greatly contribute to strengthening collaboration among stakeholders and advancing the development of the vegetable sector across the country.

For further details regarding the program and participation arrangements, please contact the Congress Secretariat via email atsrmin_9@gm_gil.com or through our contact number: 09951773220.

We look forward to the continued support and active participation of the Department of Education (DepEd) in making the 20th National Vegetable Congress 2026 a successful and meaningful gathering for the Philippine vegetable industry.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

GEN O. CAJES

VICSMIN President

Regional Agrirulture and Fishery Council (RAFC) XI,
Committee Chairman (Fruits & Vegetables)

20th National Vegetables Conference
August 18-20, 2026
Enderun Tent, Azuela Cove
Davao City, Davao Region.

PROGRAM (as of June 18, 2026)

DAY ZERO		ACTIVITY
August 17, 2026	Monday	
PM		
3:00- 5:00		Arrival and Registration of Participants
DAY ONE		
August 18, 2026	Tuesday	
AM		
8:00-10:00		Arrival and Registration of Participants
10:00 - 10:30		Ribbon Cutting, Opening of Exhibits, Exhibit Tour, and Photo Opportunity
10:30 - 10:45		Invocation
		Philippine National Anthem
		Acknowledgement of Participants and Introduction of the Guest of Honor
		Introduction
10:45 - 11:30		Welcome Remarks
11:30 - 12:00		Rationale of The Event
		Lunch Break GOLD sponsors presentation
PM		
1:00 - 1:30		Status of The Philippine Vegetable Industry
1:30-2:00		Open Forum
2:00-2:30		Photo Opportunity
2:30-2:50		Republic Act 11293: Philippine Innovation Act
2:50-3:10		Climate Smart High Precision Farming Technology
3:10- 3:40		Open Forum
3:40-3:50		Health Break
3:50-4:05		PLATINUM COMPANY A
4:05-4:25		Farm Mechanization
4:25-4:45		Young Farmers Challenge vegetable innovation/ farm Mechanization
4:45-5:00		OPEN FORUM
Mo., Nari,		Meeting with the Philippine National Vegetable Board (member)
8:00AM-5:00PM		A Farmers-to-Business (F2B) matching will be provided where farmers can discuss business with buyers in the exhibit area
DAY TWO		
August 19, 2026	Wednesday	
AM		
8:00-8:10		Synthesis
8:10 - 8:30		Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) Cultivating Opportunities: Fund for Vegetable Farmers
8:30 - 8:50		PCIC: Empowering Farmers and Providing Safety Nets Through Crop Insurance
8:50- 9:10		Enhancing Vegetable Quality through Good Agricultural Practices
9:10 - 9:40		OPEN FORUM
9:40- 9:55		Health Break
9:55-10:15		"Importance of Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition in Sustainable Vegetable Production"
10:15 - 10:35		"Recent Advances in the Management of Vegetable Pests and Diseases in the Philippines"
10:35 - 10:55		TESDA's Programs for Agriculture and Innovation for Farmers and the Youth (NC II Qualifications for Agriculture)

10:55-11:25	OPEN FORUM
11:25-11:40	PLATINUM COMPANY B
11:40-1:15	EXHIBITS and LUNCH BREAK
PM	
1:15 - 1:35	MinDA's role in boosting Local Farming , Agri-infrastructure and Climate Smart technology
1:35-1:55	National Vegetable Board Plans for Innovation
1:55-2:15	Aori tourism: Bukid Amara
2:15-2:45	OPEN FORUM
2:45-3:00	Health Break
3:00- 3:30	Overview of the Field Tour
3:30-4:00	Presentation of Resolution (Generic for vegetable Industry)
4:00-5:00	Oathtaking of ...-JVB Council/ Closing Ceremony/ Turnover of Key (next or J... nizer)
8:00AM-5:00PM	A Farmers-to-Business (F2B) matching will be provided where farmers can discuss business with buyers in the exhibit area
DAY THREE	
August 20, 2026 (Thursday)	
Whole Day	
7:00- 8:00	Assembly Time
8:00- 5:00	Farm Tour (2 Groups) Tugbok District - DARCES - Manambulan Tugbok District - Bukid Amara Macatabo Carmen, Ba2ulo District (Packed lunch)

Emcee: Celso Vergara (% Malou I)

ble 1 Jus C.MJnc
of S.Outh n MInd.anto. tnc

20TH NATIONAL VEGETABLE CONGRESS 2026

THEME: "AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION: GATEWAY TOWARDS A
SUSTAINABLE AND PROFITABLE VEGETABLE INDUSTRY"

AUGUST 18-20, 2026



ENDERUN TENT AT AZUELA COVE
R. CASTILLO STREET, DAVAO CITY



NOTICE OF CHANGE VENUE

Dear Participants, Speakers, Exhibitors, Partners, and Stakeholders:

Greetings!

Please be informed that the venue for ~~the~~ National Vegetable Congress 2026, scheduled on August 18-20, 2026, has been changed.

Previous Venue:

Davao Convention Center
F. Torres Street, Davao City

New Venue:

Enderun Tent at Azuela Cove
R. Castillo Street, Davao City

This change has been made to better accommodate the anticipated number of participants and to provide a more conducive venue for the conduct of plenary sessions, exhibits, networking activities, and other congress-related events.

All other details of the Congress, including the dates, program, registration arrangements, and scheduled activities, shall remain unchanged.

We kindly request all participants, speakers, exhibitors, and partners to take note of this venue change and make the necessary adjustments to their travel and logistical arrangements.

For inquiries and further information, please contact the undersigned at (Mobile Number: 0932-339-3247; Email: gacajes66@gmail.com) or Ms. Summer Sakurai (mobile number: 09951773220; email: vicsmin9@gmail.com). Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the NVC Secretariat (Summer Sakurai) and MSYS at (vegeable.sponsorexhibitor.indiv@gmail.com).

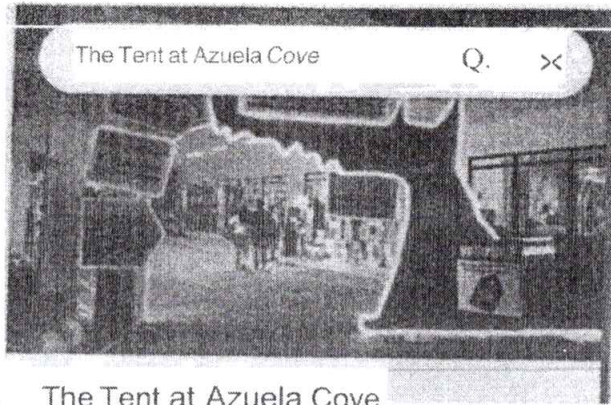
Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to your active participation in the 20th National Vegetable Congress 2026.

Issued this 1st day of June 2026.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

MR. GENOVIVO CAJES
President, VICSMIN



The Tent at Azuela Cove

Q. X

The Tent at Azuela Cove

4.0 ★★★★★
Event venue

Overview

Reviews

About

Directions Save Nearby Send to phone Share

4J2V+OP5, R. Castillo St, Davao City, Davao del Sur

Open 24 hours

azuelacove.ph

(082) 237 8888

Claim this business

Your trips history

Add a label

Restaurants Hotels 12 Things to do
- Davao St Josep, The

Hotel Tropika Davao

Regal Hotel & Casino

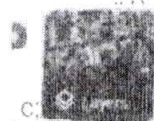
caang Mahafili (Ollwy el)

Go Hotels
Larang - Davao

Sonic Sales And
Distribution 11, cor) ora led

A (r OJ. 1 b 1 1 1 e Retr

Granland



9 Transit P Parking 8 Pharmacies naATMs

Hotel Tropika Davao

Azuela Cove

The Tent at Azuela Cove

S b v + 1 2 q

Title Cu tori- Group, or
Corr . . . y Warehouse

Google Maps

