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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**  
Legal Affairs Service  
Climate Change Service  
Policy and Planning Service

**The Bureau Directors**  
Forest Management Bureau  
Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau

**The Regional Executive Director**  
Region I

FROM : **The Director**  
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATION TO ATTEND  
THE HYBRID MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON BASIC  
EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 18 November 2022

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The Committee on Basic Education and Culture, House of representatives will hold its Hybrid Meeting on **23 November 2022 (Tuesday), 10 AM at the Ramon V. Mitra Jr. Building, Conference Room Nos. 1&2, House of Representatives, and simultaneously via Zoom** for the Deliberation on House Resolution No. 501, RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BONUAN BUQUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE WORLD'S BEST SCHOOL PRIZES IN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION by Rep. Roman T. Romulo.

In this regard, we are requesting **your comments and recommendations** on the above-mentioned resolution to prepare for the hybrid meeting. Kindly submit them through email at [denrlegislative@yahoo.com](mailto:denrlegislative@yahoo.com) on or before **22 November 2022, 5 PM.**

Attached herewith are the invitation, agenda, and copy of the resolution for your reference.

For immediate action, please.

  
**ROMIROSE B. PADIN**



Republic of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Committee on Basic Education and Culture**

17 November 2022

**HON. MARIA ANTONIA Y. LOYZAGA**

Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Secretary **Loyzaga**:

May we invite you and your key management personnel to the 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Committee on Basic Education and Culture, which will be held on 23 November 2022 (Wednesday), 10:00 a.m., at Conference Room Nos. 1 & 2, Ramon V. Mitra Jr. Building, House of Representatives, Quezon City. The meeting will be conducted through a hybrid set-up wherein a maximum of forty-one (41) participants can be accommodated inside the conference room, while the other participants may participate via the Zoom virtual conference facility with the following access details:

Meeting ID: 884 3007 7384

Passcode: CBEC#1123

In this regard, the other key personnel of your department may also participate in the hybrid meeting via the Zoom virtual conference facility.

Our agenda will include deliberations on a **RESOLUTION FOR BONUAN BUQUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**. May we also request for your official position on the abovementioned resolution.

Considering that an antigen testing is required to all participants who will be physically present in the conference room, all guests are advised to come to the venue an hour before the start of the meeting. Please submit in advance the list of personnel who will be physically present in the conference room.

Attached are copies of the agenda and resolution for deliberation.

For confirmation of attendance, our contact persons are as follows: (1) Nemesio "Dodong" Malatamban III (09267071538; [basiceduculture@yahoo.com](mailto:basiceduculture@yahoo.com)), and (2) Isagani "Dudz" Amoncio (09988120389).

Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

**ROMAN T. ROMULO**  
Chairperson

For the Chairperson:

  
**NEMESIO O. MALATAMBAN III**  
Committee Secretary



Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION AND CULTURE  
(Hybrid Meeting via Face-to-Face and Zoom Virtual Facility)

23 November 2022 / 10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 1 & 2, Ramon V. Mitra Jr. Building  
House of Representatives

## A G E N D A

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. REMARKS BY HON. ROMAN T. ROMULO, CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE
- IV. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2022
- V. DELIBERATION ON A RESOLUTION FOR BONUAN BUQUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
  - 1) House Resolution No. 501 – RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BONUAN BUQUIG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE WORLD'S BEST SCHOOL PRIZES IN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, *by Rep. Romulo*  
  
*Resource Persons: Department of Education (DepEd), DepEd Schools Division of Pangasinan, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture (DA), National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC)*
- VI. CONSIDERATION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF HOUSE BILL NO. 3144 TO THE EARLIER APPROVED SUBSTITUTE BILL OF HOUSE BILLS NUMBERED 931 AND 1097, OR THE "PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS SYSTEM ACT"
  - 1) House Bill No. 3144 - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE HIGH SCHOOL FOR DESIGN AND ARTS SYSTEM, *by Reps. Dimaporo (S.A.) and Dimaporo (M.K.)*
- VII. DELIBERATION ON THE SUBSTITUTE BILL OF THE TEACHING CAREER PROGRESSION ACT
  - 1) Substitute Bill of House Bills Numbered 1580 and 3554 – AN ACT CREATING HIGHER LEVEL TEACHING POSITIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, *by Reps. Romualdez (Y.M.), Acidre and Recto*  
  
*Resource Persons: Representatives from DepEd, Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Finance (DOF), Civil Service Commission (CSC), Alliance of Concerned Teachers (Act), Teachers Dignity Coalition (TDC), Manila Public School Teachers Association, Inc. (MPSTA), Philippine Elementary School Principals Association (PESPA), Philippine Association of Schools Superintendents (PASS)*

## VIII. DELIBERATION ON BILLS ON PUBLIC LIBRARIES

### A. ON THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES

- 1) House Bill No. 1527 – AN ACT INSTITUTING THE CHARTER OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DEFINING ITS OBJECTIVES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE ACT NOS. 222, 1849, 1935, 2572, 3477, EXECUTIVE ORDER 94, AND REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 3873, AND 10087, *by Rep. Romulo*

### B. ON AMENDING R.A. 7743, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS

- 1) House Bill No. 1798 – AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTER THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Reps. Villafuerte (L.R.), Villafuerte (M.L.), Horibata and Enciso*
- 2) House Bill No. 4559 – AN ACT ESTABLISHING DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND READING CENTERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Vargas*
- 3) House Bill No. 5056 – AN STRENGTHENING THE PHILIPPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, AMENDING THE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Tambunting*
- 4) House Bill No. 5348 – AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Rodriguez (R.)*
- 5) House Bill No. 5777 – AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7743, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL, CITY, AND MUNICIPAL LIBRARIES AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Villanueva*

### C. ON PUBLIC ONLINE LIBRARY

- 1) House Bill No. 1582 – AN ACT DIGITIZING ALL BOOKS NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ONLINE LIBRARY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Reps. Romualdez (Y.M.) and Acidre*
- 2) House Bill No. 2359 – AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF E-LIBRARIES IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, *by Rep. Lacson*
- 3) House Bill No. 4988 – AN ACT CREATING AN ONLINE LIBRARY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, *by Rep. Bordado*
- 4) House Bill No. 5120 – AN ACT DIGITIZING ALL BOOKS NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ONLINE LIBRARY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Bordado*

- 5) House Bill No. 5134 – AN ACT DIGITIZING ALL BOOKS NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE ONLINE LIBRARY, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Delos Santos*
- 6) House Bill No. 5209 – AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PHILIPPINE E-LIBRARIES FACILITIES IN EVERY CONGRESSIONAL, CITY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AND BARANGAY READING CENTERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, *by Rep. Adiong*

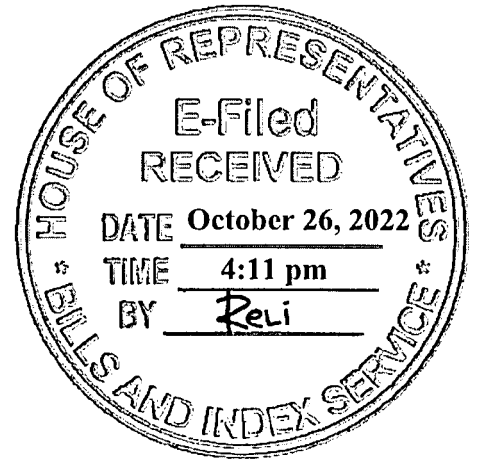
*Resource Persons: Representatives from National Library of the Philippines (NLP), National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), DepEd, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), DBM, DOF, Civil Service Commission (CSC), Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), League of Provinces of the Philippines (LPP), League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP), League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), Liga ng mga Barangay, National Book Development Board (NBDB), Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPHIL), Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI), ACT Teachers, TDC, National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP), Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), Federation of Associations of Private Schools and Administrators (FAPSA), Education Network (E-Net) Philippines*

IX. OTHER MATTERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session



House Resolution No. 501

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**Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo**

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**RESOLUTION  
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE BONUAN BUQUIG  
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE WORLD'S BEST  
SCHOOL PRIZES IN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, Bonuan Buquig National High School is a public secondary school in Dagupan City, Pangasinan;

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Dagupan City was submerged for several days due to Typhoon Pepeng.<sup>1</sup> The city government dredged its rivers and other waterways to alleviate the flooding. However, this brought on the destruction of mangroves allowing marine life to be vulnerable to direct sunlight. The disturbance in the ecosystem resulted in the disappearance of fish and other shellfish which were the main livelihood of the community;

**WHEREAS**, this series of events had affected even the education of the students, especially in high school, because the students would rather help their parents earn money through various odd jobs instead of going to school;

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<sup>1</sup> ABS CBN News, *(UPDATE) 31 Villages in Dagupan Under Water*, October 9, 2009, Updated October 10, 2009, <https://news.abs-cbn.com/nation/regions/10/09/09/31-villages-dagupan-under-water> accessed October 24, 2022

**WHEREAS**, the teachers of Bonuan Buquig National High School gathered its students and other volunteers to plant thousands of mangrove propagules each year to restore the habitat of its aquatic life. This shall allow the sea creatures to continue thriving in the rivers, ponds, and sea. Moreover, this endeavor would revive the livelihood in the community and the students would not need to skip classes to augment the income of the family;

**WHEREAS**, to realize the objective of Bonuan Buquig National High School to restore the ecosystem in its rivers, ponds, and sea, the program has also included constant clean-up of its coastal line;

**WHEREAS**, T4 Education, an international organization that helps schools and educators to navigate the “new normal” by equipping them with tools, events and initiatives to improve education, created an award platform called the World’s Best School Prizes;

**WHEREAS**, the World’s Best School Prizes recognizes and celebrates the innovative and leading practices of the schools that have a real impact on the community under five categories namely, Community Collaboration, Environmental Action, Innovation, Overcoming Adversity, and Supporting Healthy Lives;

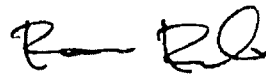
**WHEREAS**, the winning schools of the World’s Best School Prizes under each category will receive \$50,000;

**WHEREAS**, the project of Bonuan Buquig National High School in planting the mangroves to reverse the negative impact of the typhoon was proclaimed the first winner of the World’s Best School Prizes under the category of Environmental Action;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, for the House of Representatives to commend and congratulate **Bonuan Buquig National High School** for its successful mangrove planting that stabilized not only the ecosystem but also revived the livelihood of the community, and for winning the first World's Best School Prizes under the category of Environmental Action.

*Adopted.*



**ROMAN T. ROMULO**  
Lone District, Pasig City