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To : All Regional Directors  
Regional Secretary, ARMM  
All Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND SURVEY OF EXPERIENCES  
OF TEACHER-POLL WORKERS

1. Social Weather Stations (SWS), with funding support from The Asia Foundation and the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), and in partnership with the Department of Education, will conduct focus group discussions (FGDs) and a survey of the experiences of the teacher-poll workers. The project runs from January 29 to August 31, 2007.
2. In order to understand how civil society poll watchers and teacher-poll workers can work together to improve the credibility of elections, it is important to understand the experiences and training needs of the poll workers. The FGDs will provide inputs to a training manual for the teachers in the upcoming May 2007 election. Moreover, the survey which will be undertaken after the May 2007 elections will help assess the electoral process.
3. In this regard, DepEd field offices are directed to accommodate the SWS staff who will visit your area by actively participating during the FGDs and also taking part in the survey. Also, please allow your teachers and school officials to take part in the FGDs and the survey. We would also appreciate it if your other school personnel could also assist the SWS in facilitating for the smooth implementation of the aforementioned activities.
4. Should you need further information and clarifications, please get in touch with Ms. Tatine Faylona, The Asia Foundation Program Officer, at (632) 851-1466 ext. 135 or through e-mail at [tatine@asiafound.org](mailto:tatine@asiafound.org); Ms. Michelle Domingo, The Asia Foundation Assistant Program Officer, at (632) 851-1466 ext. 137 or through e-mail at [mdomingo@asiafound.org](mailto:mdomingo@asiafound.org); Ms. Linda Luz Guerrero, SWS Program Director, (02) 924-4465 or (02) 924-4458 or through e-mail at [guerrero@sws.org.ph](mailto:guerrero@sws.org.ph); or Ms. Germelita Caron at (02) 924-4465 or (02) 924-4458; and Ms. Jeanette Ureta, SWS Program Manager, at (02) 924-4465 or (02) 924-4458 or cellphone no. 09178141957 or through e-mail at [jeanette.ureta@sws.org.ph](mailto:jeanette.ureta@sws.org.ph).
5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this DepEd Memorandum is desired.

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