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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 228, s. 2009

IMPLEMENTATION OF DEPED eXCELS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
FOR CY 2009 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEAMEO INNOTECH

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The DepED eXCELS Scholarship Program for the CY 2009 cycle, comprises a series of a one-month capability-building programs of elementary and secondary school heads and/or school principals to be implemented in partnership with SEAMEO INNOTECH. The current cycle shall run from May to December 2009.

2. The total number of DepED scholarship slots for this project cycle is One Thousand Six Hundred Ten (1,610) to be allocated among sixteen (16) regions with One Hundred (100) scholarship slots per region, and ten scholarship slots (10) for ARMM. The implementation will be according to the following schedule and clusters:

Batch	Regions	Dates	No. of School Head Learners
1	III, IV-A, and NCR	May 25 to June 19, 2009	300
2	IX, X, XI, XII, ARMM, and CARAGA	July 13 to August 7, 2009	510
3	IV-B, VI, VII, VIII, and CAR	August 17 to September 18, 2009	500
4	I, II, and V	October 26 to November 20, 2009	300
Total			1,610

3. The program for CY 2009 shall focus on **Instructional and Curricular Excellence in School Leadership and Management**. It will be conducted through a web-based platform called the INNOTECH Flexible Learning Management System (iFLEX). The participants in the course hereinafter called

"Flexible Learners", need not be physically taken away from the workplace for their whole duration of the program. Instead, SEAMEO INNOTECH shall provide the flexible learner a set of self-instructional modules, required readings, manuals and other multimedia/online learning resources for study within the one-month period. A mandatory three-hour online chat session every week for four (4) weeks will be organized which will be required of the Flexible Learner. During the online sessions, the Flexible Learners are expected to interact, dialogue, and discuss with fellow learners and an assigned Flexible Learning Tutor. The Flexible Learning Tutor, an expert in the field of instructional and curricular leadership and management, shall hold online learning sessions and facilitate the Flexible Learners' studies. The Flexible Learning Tutors will be from different SEAMEO member countries, hence it is expected that the working language during the online sessions will be English.

4. The Flexible Learners shall be required to submit course requirements which would include two (2) module assignments, a reflection paper for the whole course, and an action plan that may be integrated in the school improvement plan.

5. All DepED scholars, as Flexible Learners, who successfully comply with the DepED eXCELS program requirements, will be awarded an international certificate of competence by SEAMEO INNOTECH. They will also receive a certificate for advance credits for three (3) academic units leading to a Masters or Doctoral Degree to be granted by the participating teacher education institution or university, subject to each institution's admission rules. Enclosed in the list of partner institutions that may grant academic credits under the current project cycle.

6. All regional directors are requested to nominate one hundred (100) DepED scholars for the eXCELS Scholarship Program. The following qualifications are required of all nominees:

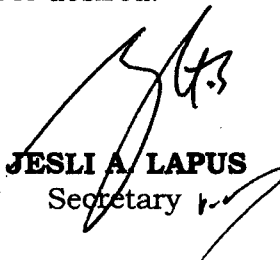
- Must be an appointed (new or senior) school head or officer-in-charge of an elementary and secondary school, preferably emerging principals who have occupy the position for two or three years or less;
- Must be a computer literate;
- Must have access to a computer with Internet connection in the school or a nearby Internet café or a similar facility; and
- Must complete the application for scholarship form and had submitted it to the DepED Regional Office (see enclosed Application for Scholarship Form).

7. After a careful selection of the nominees based on qualifications and the results of the self-assessment (see enclosed guide to selecting DepED eXCELS nominees), the official list of nominees are to be sent directly to SEAMEO INNOTECH (fax nos. (02) 928-7913 or (02) 928-7692). Further details may be sought from the SEAMEO INNOTECH Flexible Learning Solutions Units (FLSU) at tel. nos. (02) 924-7681 to 84 locals 195 and 154.

8. Other learners who participated in the DepED eXCELS CY 2008 will also join the current cycle of DepED eXCELS (CY 2009) as provided in the Project design and rollout plan. The Project Steering Committee and the Regional Directors concerned would formulate a mechanism for providing maximal opportunity for the learners to satisfactorily complete the program.

9. In order to ensure fulfillment of the project's goals, a Project Steering Committee is hereby constituted consisting of: Undersecretary Vilma L. Labrador as Chair with Dr. Lorna Dino, NEAP Director, and Dr. Erlinda C. Pefianco, SEAMEO INNOTECH Director, as members. Other representatives of DepED units may be invited to participate in the PSC deliberations as deemed appropriate.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

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As stated

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 472, s. 2007

Allotment: 1- - (D.O. 50-97)

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DepED eXCELS Application for Scholarship Form

Dear DepED eXCELS Nominee,

Please fill out the form below and answer the self-assessment items. After completing this form, please submit it to your Division Office.

Thank you.

Name	:	_____
Designation	:	_____
Name of school	:	_____
School Address	:	_____
Office Phone No	:	_____
Mobile No	:	_____
Home No	:	_____
Email Address	:	_____

Please answer the questions below by encircling the appropriate response.

Questions		Response	
1.	Are you a school head or officer-in-charge of an elementary or secondary school?	Yes	No
2.	Have you been a school head/OIC for less than four years?	Yes	No
3.	Can you use the computer for encoding or other basic applications?	Yes	No
4.	Do you have Internet access in school, at home or at least can easily go to a nearby Internet café?	Yes	None or Internet access will require arduous effort
5.	Do you have a valid email address?	Yes	No
6.	Can you communicate (read, comprehend, write, speak) very well (master level) in English?	Yes	No
7.	Given your other time and work commitments can you commit to actively participating in online chats/classes? (These will be held three hours, once a week for one month.)	Yes	No
8.	Are you willing to complete all the course requirements and therefore take full responsibility for using this scholarship? (This includes participation in a 1-day face-to-face Orientation, a 1-day face-to-face Revalida, contribution to on-line discussion forums, and preparation of 2 written course assignments, a reflection paper and an End-of Course Action Plan)	Yes	No

Signature

Date

LIST OF NOMINATED SCHOOL HEADS for DepED eXCELS II, BATCH _____ (Write Batch No.)
REGION _____ (Write Region No.)

IMPORTANT: Please write legibly if you will handwrite entries on this form. Please photocopy the sheets as necessary. If you will reencode this form, please make sure that you follow its format. Please ensure that you have nominated 100 names including 10 reserve candidates. Once accomplished, this should be faxed to SEAMEO INNOTECH at (02) 9287913.

No.	Name of School Head	Designation	Name of School	School Address	Contact Details
					School #: Home #: Cel. #: Fax #: Email Address:
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