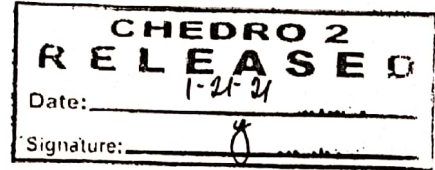




Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Region 02



**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
No. 008, series of 2021

**FOR :** PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER  
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN REGION 2

**SUBJECT :** PARTICIPATION TO THE ONLINE CELEBRATION OF DAY OF  
PEACE WITH THE THEME "ROLE OF PEACE EDUCATION IN  
BUILDING A PEACEFUL WORLD" ON JANUARY 24, 2021 AT  
3:00 P.M.

**DATE :** January 21, 2021

Attached is a copy of the invitation from Director Soo Oh, Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) Philippines to the first online celebration of the **upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the January 24 HWPL Day of Peace** with the theme "**Role of Peace Education in Building a Peaceful World**" hosted by HWPL Philippines on **January 24, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.**

HWPL is an international Non-Government Organization (NGO) duly registered with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and United Nations Department of Global Communications which has forged a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Commission on Higher Education in 2018 for the promotion of peace in higher education. The three (3) main initiatives of HWPL are:

1. Establishment of international law for peace based on the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)
2. Inter-faith/inter-religious dialogues for harmony, and;
3. Peace education for spreading the culture of peace

Interested participants from the Higher Education Institutions in the region have to confirm their attendance until January 22, 2021 through the registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/HWPLPeaceDayZoomReg> to join via ZOOM.

Please refer to the attachment for more information regarding the event. For further inquiry, you may contact the organizers through email at [philippines.hwpl@gmail.com](mailto:philippines.hwpl@gmail.com).

Wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
**JULIETA M. PARAS, Ed.D., CESE**  
Director IV

Encl: as stated

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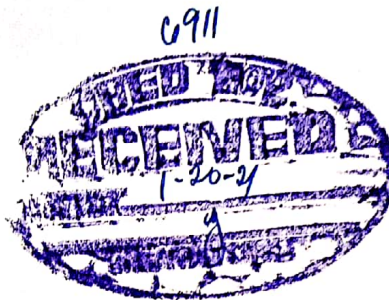
# 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of JANUARY 24 HWPL PEACE DAY



## An Invitation

January 20, 2021

**DR. JULIETA M. PARAS**  
Regional Director  
Commission on Higher Education Region 2



Dear Dr. Paras,

Greetings! I would like to take this opportunity to invite you in the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the January 24 HWPL Day of Peace. May we also request for an endorsement to all HEIs under your regional office. We would greatly appreciate if you can participate in this historic event.

HWPL Philippines will host the first online celebration of **January 24 HWPL Day of Peace** with a theme of *"Role of Peace Education in Building a Peaceful World"*. HWPL campaign for world peace and cessation of war has been advancing through the support of peace-loving individuals from different sectors of society. With this, we are continuously promoting the 10 articles and 38 clauses of the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), peace education, interfaith dialogue, youth and women empowerment, and voice of press as a means to achieve sustainable peace.

**Date and time:** Sunday, 24 Jan. 2021 / 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Method:** ZOOM Online Meeting Application and live streaming

**Participating Countries:** Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, Hong Kong, Australia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Malaysia, Pakistan, Cambodia

**Expected ZOOM participants:** 3,000

**Expected live stream audience:** 10,000

**Expected media coverage:** 100 media outlet

Respectfully yours,

**SOO OH**  
Director  
HWPL Philippines

## BACKGROUND

**HWPL** is an international organization headquartered in Seoul Republic of Korea in association with United Nations Economic and Social Council and United Nations Department of Global Communications. HWPL have 3 main initiatives:

- 1) Establishment of international law for peace based on the DPCW;
- 2) Inter-faith/inter-religious dialogues for harmony, and;
- 3) Peace education for spreading the culture of peace.

### **January 24<sup>th</sup> HWPL Day of Peace in Philippines**

For this noble work above, Chairman Man Hee Lee, the founder of HWPL, travelled the world 31 times from 2013 to 2019 reaching out current and former heads of states, political and religious leaders, youth and women representatives, and people from education sector.

He visited the Philippines more than 8 times and contribute to the peace building efforts in Mindanao starting with the January 24, 2014 Mindanao Peace Agreement between Gov. Esmael Mangudadatu and Archbishop Fernando Capalla. This symbolizes the beginning of spreading HWPL's peace initiatives throughout Mindanao, and eventually, the entire Philippines.

In January 2015 the 1st commemoration of this peace agreement, January 24th was declared by the Province of Maguindanao as HWPL Day of Peace and established the 1st HWPL peace monument in the Buñuan, Maguindanao, Philippines.

Continuously spreading HWPL's peace initiative in Mindanao, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), through the leadership of Chairman Al-Haj Murad Ebrahim who is now the Chief Minister of BARMM, established the 2nd HWPL peace monument in Camp Darapanan and also declared January 24th as HWPL Day of Peace.

Since then, January 24 became a significant day for the global family of peace of HWPL. Meanwhile, the local government of Davao City, Cotabato City, and Kapalong Davao del Norte released a resolution expressing their strong support for HWPL's Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW)

Furthermore, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on December 3, 2018 proclaiming January 24 as International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education for bringing global peace and sustainable development.

# 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the JANUARY 24 HWPL PEACE DAY



## CONCEPT NOTE

### ■ OVERVIEW

#### **7th Anniversary of the January 24 HWPL Peace Day**

Chairman Man Hee Lee, the founder of HWPL, travelled the world 31 times from 2013 to 2019 reaching out current and former heads of states, political and religious leaders, youth and women representatives, and people from the field of education. He visited the Philippines more than 8 times and contributed to the peace building efforts in Mindanao starting with the January 24, 2014 Mindanao Peace Agreement between Gov. Esmael Mangudadatu and Archbishop Fernando Capalla. This symbolizes the beginning of spreading HWPL's peace initiatives throughout Mindanao, and eventually, across the entire country of the Philippines.

In January 2015, to commemorate the 1st anniversary of this peace agreement, January 24th was declared by the Province of Maguindanao as the HWPL Day of Peace and the 1st HWPL peace monument was established in Buluan, Maguindanao, Philippines.

In order to continuously spread HWPL's peace initiatives across Mindanao, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), through the leadership of Chairman Al-Haj Murad Ebrahim who is now the Chief Minister of BARMM, established the 2nd HWPL peace monument in Camp Darapanan and confirmed January 24th as the HWPL Day of Peace. Since then, January 24th became a significant day for the global family of peace of HWPL.

A milestone in peace education was achieved when a partnership between HWPL and the Commission on Higher Education was forged on January 23, 2018 through Dr. Ronald L. Adamat. Immediately after that year, CHED Memorandum Order no. 1 series of 2019 was issued mandating all Higher Educational Institutions to integrate peace education in their respective curricula.

In addition, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on December 3, 2018 proclaiming January 24th as the International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education in bringing global peace and sustainable development.

## **PURPOSE**

HWPL is carrying out various activities and educations to raise awareness of peace in cooperation with the government, the educational sector, the youth, and women's organizations in order to leave the world of sustainable peace as a legacy for future generations. Among them, the Peace Agreement in Mindanao, Philippines that was made on January 24, 2014 is of great value in promoting the spirit of peace as it is the historic moment of bringing together the hearts of all citizens who wanted peace and ending nearly 50 years of conflict in the area. Therefore, through an event celebrating the 7th anniversary of this groundbreaking achievement, we aim to raise awareness around the world of the Day of Peace that is celebrated every year on January 24th. It will be an opportunity to renew the hope and spirit of peace among people around the world who are currently experiencing various violence and conflicts, especially since the onset of COVID 19. At this event, we will share success stories of peaceful dispute resolution through the process of restoring peace in Mindanao. Following this, examples of spreading the culture of peace in various countries will be shared through keynote speeches and collective pledges will be made by participants. We will focus on spreading the culture of peace through HWPL peace education in each country.

## **HOST**

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- 2) Inter-faith/inter-religious dialogues for harmony
- 3) Peace education for spreading the culture of peace

## **METHOD**

ZOOM Cloud Meetings

## **SCOPE**

*HWPL 12 branches all around the globe*

Korea, Philippines, Indonesia, Nepal, Australia, India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Malaysia, Pakistan, Cambodia, and more.

Expected ZOOM participants: 3,000

Expected live stream audience: 10,000

Expected media coverage: 100 media outlets

## **DATE AND TIME**

24 Jan. 2021 (Sunday) / 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM (GMT +8)

## **CONCLUSION**

The event will remind everyone of the importance and necessity of peace education through the enrichment and supplementation of the HWPL Peace Education Curriculum and pilot education materials. After the event, HWPL will hold more HWPL Peace Educator Training Programs for the participating schools. Through the event, HWPL will establish a global platform for Peace Educators, targeting the implementation of peace education in the educational system not only in the Philippines but across the globe.

## ■ EVENT PROGRAM

Opening Video	History of 'HWPL Peace Day'
Congratulatory Message	Give by key figures
VIP Introduction	
Opening Message	
Introduction of HWPL	John Rommel Garces Secretary General HWPL Philippines
Keynote Speeches	<p>1) Hon. Esmael Mangudadatu Representative Province of Maguindanao 2nd District, Philippines</p> <p>2) Hon. Ahod Ebrahim Chief Minister Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)</p> <p>3) Dr. Ronald Adamat Commissioner Commission on Higher Education, Philippines</p> <p>4) Mr. Shaileshkumar Narsinhbhai Prajapati Principal Gogadhani school, India</p> <p>5) Ms. Firoza Moradi Teacher Mukhtar Private School, Afghanistan</p>
HWPL Achievement Report & Recognition	
Announcement	HWPL 2021 Activities
Pledge of Commitment for Peace	The pledge of all participants to realize the work of peace under the 2021 HWPL plan
Closing Remarks	
Closing Song	We are One
Commemorative Photo	