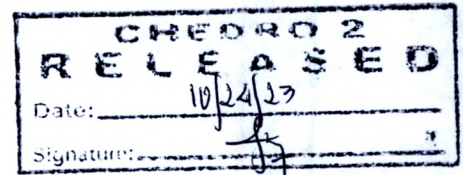




Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Region 02



**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM ORDER**  
No. 329, series of 2023

**FOR :** ALL PRESIDENTS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE/ HEADS OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) OFFERING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (ITE) PROGRAMS IN REGION 02

**SUBJECT :** CHED INVITATION TO THE CONDUCT OF TEST OF PRACTICAL COMPETENCY IN INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (TOPCIT) EXAMINATIONS THIS NOVEMBER 21-22, 2023 FOR PHILIPPINE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs).

**DATE :** OCTOBER 23, 2023

Attached is a copy of the letter-invitation from **DR. CHERRIE MELANIE ANCHETA-DIEGO, CESO III**, Director IV, Office of Programs and Standards Development (OPSD) Commission on Higher Education, regarding the conduct of the **9<sup>th</sup> Test of Practical Competency in Information and Communications Technology (TOPCIT) Examination** this **November 21-22, 2023** for Philippine Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

The purpose of TOPCIT is to help colleges and universities determine the ICT competency level of their students and provide appropriate intervention. Good standing in TOPCIT serves as an additional credential for ICT graduates seeking for employment and the performance of students in TOPCIT can help policy makers in the Philippines in improving curricular standards for ICT Education

In view of this, the OPSD is requesting assistance for the submission of list of Higher Education Institutions in the region that are interested in participating in this examination. For interested HEIs, please accomplish this link <https://tinyurl.com/9thTOPCITExamSurvey> not later than **October 27, 2023**.

For queries and concern, please contact M. Rey Tuddao of CHED RO2 at CP #: 09663798038.

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**ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO**  
OIC-Director IV

Encl: as stated

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October 13, 2023

**ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO**

OIC Director  
CHED Regional Office II  
Regional Development Center Carig,  
Tuguegarao City, Cagayan

Dear **Atty. Domingo**:

We are pleased to inform you that the Commission is set to conduct the Test of Practical Competency in Information and Communications Technology ("TOPCIT") Examinations this November for Philippine higher education institutions (HEIs).

The TOPCIT is a performance-evaluation-centered test designed to diagnose and assess the competencies in ICT and software development as benchmarked with industry standards.

In view of this, we would like to request your Office to invite and identify the participating HEIs to the 9<sup>th</sup> TOPCIT examinations which will be conducted on November 21-22, 2023. Interested HEIs within your jurisdiction is requested to accomplish this link <https://tinyurl.com/9thTOPCITExamSurvey> on or before October 27, 2023. Participating IT education students should be already in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year level in the program.

Furthermore, please note that the TOPCIT examination does not charge any fee and a TOPCIT certificate indicating examination results will be given to the takers after the evaluation and assessment process. For queries and concern, please contact Ms. Dedeth Talingdan at telephone number 8441-1228 or email at [tpite.secretariat@yahoo.com](mailto:tpite.secretariat@yahoo.com).


Thank you for your continued support in advancing IT education in the country and we look forward to your positive response in this important undertaking.

Very truly yours,

**DR. CHERRIE MELANIE ANCHETA-DIEGO, CESO III**

Director IV, Office of Programs and Standards  
Development (OPSD)

For the Director IV:

 10/13/2023

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October 13, 2023