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For more information and inquiries please see attached Advisory no. 103, s. 2018 and a letter to this effect.

RANDOLPH B. TORTOLA
Schools Division superintendent

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Advisory No. 103, s. 2018

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**“Rights-Based Education and Sustainable Development Goals
for Persons with Visual Impairment”**

16-18 October 2018

NOVOTEL Hotels and Resorts

Gen. Aguinaldo Ave., Araneta Center 0810, Quezon City



**EAST ASIA
REGIONAL
CONFERENCE**

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24 July 2018

RANDOLPH B. TORTOLA

Schools Division Superintendent

Misamis Oriental

Attention: **SALLY AGUILAR**

Division SPED Supervisor

Dear Sir ,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to participate in the East Asia Region International Conference of the International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) to be held at Novotel Hotel in Quezon City from 16th to 18th October 2018.

The Conference is organized by the Resources for the Blind, Inc, National Council for Disability Affairs and the Early Childhood Care and Development Council, in collaboration with the Student Inclusion Division of the Department of Education Central Office.

The overall theme of the Conference is **“Rights-based Education and Sustainable Development Goals for Person with Visual Impairment”**. The Conference will be a venue for educators and other participants to discuss the current situation, explore the challenges and advancements connected to the educational rights of persons with visual impairment in relation to human rights standards. The ICEVI seeks to share experiences and highlight best practices in promoting and protecting the rights of persons with visual impairment. They will focus on how to improve access to quality education by removing the obstacles that lead to discrimination and inequality. Thus, discussions will also include practical suggestions on how to eliminate such discrimination and to empower students, educators and parents towards equality in the society.

The Conference will be divided into substantive sessions and working groups, providing opportunity to focus on specific areas. The main conclusions of the Conference will be reflected and incorporated into the Manila Declaration on the Education of Children with Visual Impairment and Multiple Disability, to be considered and adopted by the participants at the Conference.

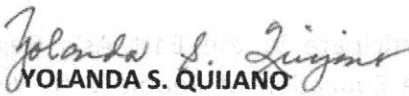
A practical Information note, Registration form and the DepED advisory are attached for your perusal. The Concept note and Draft agenda is posted at the Resources for the Blind, Inc. official website (<http://www.blind.org.ph>).



Please refer to the attached Information note for more details. Should you have further queries about the ICEVI East Asia Conference, please address them to the Secretariat at icevimanila@blind.org.ph. Our contact numbers are (02) 726 3021 or 0923 955 2936.

Looking forward to seeing you at this important event,

Yours sincerely,


YOLANDA S. QUIJANO

Chairperson, Program Committee


AMY O. MOJICA

Chairperson, Host Committee

Attachments:

1. Information note (Tentative Program & Speaker Catalog)
2. Registration form
3. DepEd Advisory

ICEVI East Asia Manila Conference Roster of Speakers

DR. PRAVEENA SUHRAJ-ELY



Dr Praveena Sukhraj-Ely is fast making her mark within the justice system, proving that despite her visual impairment, she continues to rise to new heights. Praveena was born with 10% vision in one eye only. As a young girl, she lost her sight completely and excelled at the Arthur Blaxall School for the blind in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu Natal.

Her determination and tenacity have seen her hold a Bachelor of Social Science degree, with majors in Legal Studies and Political Science. She also obtained an LLB Degree in 2000 and a Master's Degree in Political Science in 2002. She passed the National Bar Examination in 2002 and secured certificates in legislative drafting in 2007. Praveena earned her Doctorate in Public Policy in 2009. She currently heads the Directorate of Persons with Disabilities, which was established in 2014 and is located within the Chief Directorate: Promotion of the Rights of Vulnerable Groups in the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development. Earlier this year, Praveena was also appointed as one of five Principal Officers of the executive committee of the International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI).

MR. ANDREW GRIFFITHS

Andrew Griffiths' work focuses on providing leadership for delivering advocacy objectives and managing Sightsavers' approach to bringing about policy change in the UK, internationally and in our country offices. He manages a small team scattered around the world.



Andrew is currently leading on post-2015 advocacy and is the co-chair of the Beyond 2015 campaign – a coalition of around 1,500 NGOs in over 130 countries that is calling for a strong and legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goals.

MR. KEVIN CAREY



Kevin Carey is chair of the Royal National Institute for Blind People He is also chair of Ofcom and DCMS community radio fund panel and board member of a Social Investment Business. He is a leading thinker on the relationship between government, business and the third sector and regularly features in the charity press. He is founder and director of humanity, an e-Inclusion charity, advisor to the UK government and the EU on digital policy, a former member of the Ofcom content board, a NESTA fellow in accessible broadcast and the holder of a Royal Television Society engineering award; he regularly contributes to Managing Information and Ability Magazine (source: The Guardian)

MR. BEN CLARE



Inclusive Education Officer with more than ten years of experience in teaching Braille, Windows applications with voice output software and working in developing countries. Mr. Clare have substantial experience in working with disability advocacy groups, a sound knowledge of the United Nations Convention On the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and related Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) as well as a keen interest in disability issues.

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PROF. KAY ALICYN FERRELL, PH.D.



Kay Alicyn Ferrell, Ph.D., is Professor in the School of Special Education, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley. Kay is perhaps best known for her book, *Reach Out and Teach: Helping Your Child with Visual Impairment Learn and Grow*, revised in 2011. She wrote the first *Reach Out and Teach* back in the 1980s, before early intervention and preschool services were widespread; the recent revision updates readers on current laws and the most recent research.

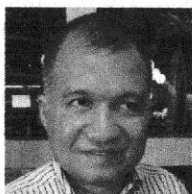
She earned a degree in teaching blind and visually impaired students from Teachers College, Columbia University, then went on to work for the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind and the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped. Kay has been honored with several awards and feels privileged to have worked with families over the years. Her own family includes her husband, Richard, a retired library technician, and a daughter, Galina, a civil engineer. She enjoys being a grandmother to ten-year-old Benjamin, whom she considers the best part of life!

DR. BHUSHAN PUNANI



Dr. Bhushan Punani serves as Executive Director at Shah Investors Home Ltd. Dr. Punani serves as also the Executive Director of Blind People's Association (BPA). He has won numerous national and international awards for his outstanding contributions in social sector. He is involved in advisory and executive roles with various government and non-government entities working for disability rehabilitation and policy making. He is also serving as a Director on the board of Wagh Bakri Tea Group. Dr. Punani is an outstanding administrator with Doctorate from Gujarat University and MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad.

MR. MONTHIAN BUNTAN



Mr. Monthian Buntan has served as a Senator of the Upper House of the Royal Thai Parliament since 2008. He is also an elected member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. After his tenure as a university lecturer for eight years, Senator Monthian left his teaching career to become a full time social activist in 2002. He has held a number of positions within the organized blind movement in Thailand, currently serving in the senior advisory council of Thailand Association of the Blind. Mr. Buntan contributed to the development of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which is the first thematic international human rights law for persons with disabilities and the first international human rights treaty of the twenty-first century.

Mr. Buntan strives to make information and communication technologies accessible to all, including people who are blind.