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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
No. 2018-163

September 26, 2018

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PUNONG BARANGAYS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR DILG
REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION TO EAST ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment (IECVI) is a global association of individuals and organizations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all visually impaired children and youth so that they may achieve their full potential.

In this regard, IECVI East Asia Pacific Region in partnership with the Resources for the Blind, Inc.(RBI), National Council on Disability Affairs, (NCDA) and other international and local agencies and non-government organizations will hold a three-day ICEVI East Asia Regional Conference on October 16-18, 2018 with the theme, "Rights-Based Education and Sustainable Development Goals for Persons with Visual Impairment". The conference aims to discuss issues on education of children with visual impairment as their fundamental human right and to ensure that Global Campaign 2030 will contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asian region which has the largest number of persons with visual impairment in the world.

Relative thereto, all concerned local government unit functionaries and educators are enjoined to support and participate in the conference. The payment for registration fee, travelling, accommodation and other incidental expenses may be charged against local funds provided that it is within the purview of their respective Capability Development Agenda (DILG Memorandum Circular 2010-139 dated December 2, 2010) subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For confirmation and inquiries, please contact Mr. Marlo Lucas of ICEVI at telephone nos. 726-3021 to 24 or email ICEVI-EA-Manila@blind.org.ph.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


EDUARDO M. AÑO Jr.
Officer-In-Charge, DILG



*"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



12 September 2018

HONORABLE EDUARDO M. AÑO

Officer –In – Charge

Department of Interior and Local Government

DILG - NAPOLCOM Center, EDSA cor Quezon Ave.

Quezon City

ATTN: MR. ZALDY I. MASANGKAY

Chief

Local Administrative Development Division

Sir:

Greetings!

The International Council for the Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) East-Asia Pacific Region in partnership with the Resources for the Blind, Inc. and other international and local agencies and non-government organizations will hold a three-day ICEVI East-Asia Regional Conference. This is scheduled on October 16-18, 2018 at Novotel Hotel, Cubao, Quezon City with the theme: **"Rights-Based Education and Sustainable Development Goals for Persons with Visual Impairment"**. We are expecting more than 350 foreign and local participants to join us in this event.

ICEVI is a global association of individuals and organizations working in the area of visual impairment. Its activities are implemented through seven regions of the world, which includes Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, North America and Caribbean, Pacific and West Asia. The Philippines which is part of the East Asia region is actively working with ICEVI. Organization like RBI which advocates for persons with disabilities in the country is in strong partnership with ICEVI promoting the welfare of persons with visual impairment.

The Conference aims to discuss issue on the education of children with visual impairment as their fundamental human right. It also seeks to ensure that the Global Campaign 2030 addresses the **Sustainable Development Goals in the Asian region**, where it was reported that the largest number of persons with visual impairment in the world are in this region.

It is in this regard that we are requesting for your support by endorsing the conference to the Local Government Units (LGU) through a Memorandum Circular. Furthermore, this Circular should encourage LGUs to support participants from their locality like educators and parents by covering their registration fees and/or transportation. The organizer is offering a discounted rate for

registration in the amount of **P10, 600.00** for local participants with AM/PM snacks and lunch for 3 days. Enclosed for reference purposes are additional information about the conference.

We look forward to joining hands with you in this endeavor. If you have any questions or concerns, your staff can contact Mr. Marlo Lucas at telephone Nos. 726-3021 to 24 or email icevimanila@blind.org.ph. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,



YOLANDA S. QUIJANO

Chairperson, Program Committee



AMY O. MOJICA

Chairperson, Host Committee



**EAST ASIA
REGIONAL
CONFERENCE**

**20
18**

Theme:

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

16-18 October 2018

**NOVOTEL Manila Araneta Center,
Philippines**

Register at

ICEVI-EA-Manila@blind.org.ph

ICEVI

International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) is a global association of individuals and organizations that promotes equal access to appropriate education for all visually impaired children and youth so that they may achieve their full potential. For more information on ICEVI, visit the website at www.icevi.org

East Asia Regional Conference

Keeping in view the global agenda of "Education For All" children, ICEVI East Asia region is attempting to deliberate on the issue of treating education of children with visual impairment as their fundamental human right and ensuring that the global campaign 2030 addresses the Sustainable Development Goals in the vast Asia region, which is reported to have the largest number of visually impaired persons of the world.

Theme

Rights-based Education and Sustainable Goals for Persons with Visual Impairment

The conference theme will be discussed in the light of global perspectives on education for all, Sustainable Development Goals, Legislations, curricular strategies, human resource development, technology and higher education and the plenary sessions will focus on the following main topics.

- **UNCRPD and the Incheon Strategies in the Light of SDGs in the ASEAN Perspective**
 - **Inclusion, Assistance and Support Services: Progress and Prospects Human Resource and Development Program for Competence and**
 - **Transition Approaches Leading to Career Development in Higher, Technical and Vocational Education**
 - **Appropriate and Effective Assistive Devices for the Education of Persons with Visual Impairment and Multi-handicapping Conditions**
- Audio-visual aids such as TV, LCD projector, Slide Projector, OHP, Flip-charts, etc., will be available for the sessions.
 - Poster presentations can also be made by the participants in the designated exhibition area.
 - The conference official language is English; however interpretation to other language maybe considered provided there are adequate number of specific language participants.
 - The abstracts of conference papers not exceeding 200 words as per the enclosed "Abstract Form" should reach the Programme Committee Secretariat: on or before **June 29, 2018**. Abstracts can also be sent by email to Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano, (Chair – Scientific Program committee) through ICEVI-EA-Manila@blind.org.ph with a copy to the CEO, ICEVI Dr. M.N.G. Mani (oficevi@gmail.com)

Regional Organizing Committee

The Regional Organising Committee of the conference is chaired by Aria Indrawati, Chairperson, ICEVI East Asia Region with Amy Mojica, Executive Director, RBI as the Vice-Chairperson. Other members include Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano, Consultant ECCD Council, Ms. Carmen Zubiaga, OIC, National Council of Disability Affairs, Mrs. Marie Alonzo PAVIC, and Dr. M.N.G. Mani, CEO. The Regional Organising Committee will be responsible for the overall policy decisions pertaining to the conference.

Host Committee

The ICEVI Host Committee is headed by Amy Mojica, Executive Director, RBI with Ms. Carmen Zubiaga, OIC, National Council of Disability Affairs (NCDA) as Co-Chair. The members include Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano, ECCD Council, Mr. Mateo Lee, NCDA, Marie Alonzo, PAVIC, Mr. Jose Rañola, Philippine Blind Union, Mr. Edgardo F. Garcia, Deafblind Support Philippines, Dr. Divina Pasumbal, Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP).

The host-committee will form sub-committees based on needs. Dr. Frances Gentle, President ICEVI, Aria Indrawati, Regional Chairperson, East Asia region and Dr. M.N.G. Mani will serve as ex-officio members of the Host Committee.

Programme Committee

The Programme Committee is chaired by Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano together from the Philippines which includes Aria Indrawati Chairperson, ICEVI East Asia Region, Amy Mojica, and M.N.G. Mani (ICEVI) as members and Dr. Frances Gentle will also serve as an ex-officio member of the Program Committee.

Registration Details

The Registration Fee (in US Dollars) for the conference will have 3 categories.

Type of Registration	Participants from countries other than Philippines	Participants from Philippines
Early Bird Registration (before May 31, 2018)	US \$ 300	US \$ 200
Regular Registration (after May 31, 2018)	US \$ 350	US \$ 250
Accompanying Person	US \$ 200	US \$ 200

This fee includes the following: the entire programme, lunches, drinks during morning and afternoon, conference bag, opening reception, closing dinner, and the proceedings on USB.

Hotel Term & Conditions

The Conference Hotel is NOVOTEL HOTELS & RESORTS, MANILA ARANETA CENTER. Participants are expected to stay at this hotel by indicating their preference through the registration form, **because we get a special rate for the participants.** There are some other hotels in the vicinity which can be opted by the participants.

The official check-in time is 14.00 hours and check-out time is 12.00 hours. Early check-in before 10 a.m. or late check-out beyond 2 p.m. will be charged as one additional night's stay. The tariff details are given below:

Hotel	Rate	Complimentary Inclusion
Novotel Manila Araneta Center , Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City	<p>Single/Double Occupancy US\$96.00/night/room</p> <p>Triple Occupancy US\$132.00/night/room <i>Inclusive of service charge and VAT</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffet Breakfast • Wifi in rooms • Use of Fitness Center • Use of swimming pool
Fernandina 88 Suites Hotel , P. Tuazon Blvd, Araneta Shopping Center, Quezon City	<p>One Bedroom Suite Standard US\$83.00 /night/room Good for 2 pax</p> <p>Two Bedroom Suite US\$95.00/night/room Good for 4 pax <i>Inclusive of service charge and VAT</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free buffet breakfast for 2 persons, additional Php350.00 in excess per person

Bank Details

Overseas Payment

Overseas Bank Name : **United Coconut Planters Bank**
 Account Name : **Resources for the Blind, Inc.**
 Account Number : **0111-8300-1235**
 Bank Address : **190 STG Bldg., P. Tuazon cor. 10th Ave, Cubao, Quezon City**
 Overseas Bank Swift Code : **UCPBPHMM**

Peso Account

Bank Name : **United Coconut Planters Bank**
P. Tuazon Branch
 Bank Address : **190 STG Bldg., P. Tuazon cor. 10th Ave, Cubao, Quezon City**
 Account Name : **Resources for the Blind, Inc.**
 Account Number : **00-118-118 030-5**

Registration Process

1. Please complete the registration form by indicating the type of hotel preferred and the nature of registration fee applicable.
2. Make an electronic transfer to the Bank Account of the Conference and send the registration form with the transfer details.
3. Upon receipt of your payment, along the registration form (by e-mail or surface mail), the host committee will send you an official invitation letter via e-mail or fax, which will serve as proof of your registration and also for obtaining visa. A reference number will be indicated in the invitation letter which should be quoted in all your correspondence in the future.

(Please note that online payment through credit card is not possible and therefore participants are requested to use the mode of bank transfer or send the fee through a Demand Draft to the host committee).

Registration Form for the Conference should be sent to the Chairperson, Host Committee, on or before June 30, 2018.

Contact information:

Amy Mojica, Chairperson, Host Committee
Resources for the Blind, Inc. 4th Flr. COTI Bldg. 623 EDSA Cubao, Quezon City
Tel. No.: 63-2-726-3021; Email: ICEVI-EA-Manila@blind.org.ph



**International Council for Education of
People with Visual Impairment**
EAST ASIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Novotel Manila Araneta Center
16-18 October 2018

"Rights-Based Education and Sustainable Development Goals for Persons with Visual Impairment"

Secretariat: Resources for the Blind, Inc., 4th Flr. COTI Bldg. 623 EDSA, Cubao, Quezon City, Philippines
Tel. No.: 63-2-726-3021 Email: ICEVI-EA-Manila@blind.org.ph

PARTICIPANT'S REGISTRATION FORM

(Please make copies of this form, if needed. *Separate registration form needs to be submitted for accompanying person.*)

1. Surname :
2. Given Name :
3. Nationality :
4. Sex : Male Female
5. Title : Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. Prof.
6. Designation :
7. Address of the Organization/Agency :
8. Country :
9. Telephone (Office) :
10. Telephone (Personal / Mobile) :
11. Email :
12. Material Preference : Standard Print Braille
 Large Print electronic file
13. Diet Preference : Vegetarian Non-Vegetarian Halal
14. Are you a Person with Visual Impairment? : Yes No
15. If **YES**, are you travelling alone? : Yes No
16. If travelling with Escort, name of Escort :
17. Do you present paper? : Yes No

If yes, tick the topic of your choice:

a. UNCRPD and the Incheon Strategies in the Light of SDGs in the ASEAN Perspective	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Inclusion, Assistance and Support Services: Progress and Prospects	<input type="checkbox"/>

c. IFA: Strategies to serve learners with low vision and multi-handicapping conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Human Resource and Development Program for Competence and Commitment	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Transition Approaches Leading to Career Development in Higher, Technical and Vocational Education	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Appropriate and Effective Assistive Devices for the Education of Persons with Visual Impairment and Multi-handicapping Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>

The conference official language is English; however interpretation to other language maybe considered provided there are adequate number of specific language participants.

18. Registration Categories: (Please **check** the appropriate category)

#	Type of Registration	Participants from countries other than Philippines	Check your choice	Participants from the Philippines	Check if appropriate
1	Early Bird Registration (before June 30, 2018)	US \$ 300	<input type="checkbox"/>	US \$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Regular Registration (after June 30, 2018)	US \$ 350	<input type="checkbox"/>	US \$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Accompanying Person	US \$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/>	US \$ 200	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Hotel Preference (Please refer to the details in the hotel's website)

Hotel	Rate	Accommodation Details	
		Check-In Date	Check-Out Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Novotel Manila Araneta Center, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Occupancy US\$96.00/night/room <input type="checkbox"/> Double Occupancy US\$96.00/night/room <input type="checkbox"/> Triple Occupancy US\$132.00/night/room <i>Inclusive of service charge and VAT</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Booking Accommodation Thru Secretariat</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I will book my own Hotel</i> Accommodation at: AccorHotels website: https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7090-novotel-manila-araneta-center/index.shtml Use ICEVI-EA Preferential code: H7090B		

<input type="checkbox"/> Fernandina 88 Suites Hotel , P. Tuazon Blvd, Araneta Shopping Center, Quezon City	<input type="checkbox"/> One Bedroom Suite Standard US\$83.00 /night/room Good for 2 pax <input type="checkbox"/> Two Bedroom Suite US\$95.00/night/room Good for 4 pax <i>Inclusive of service charge and VAT</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Booking Accommodation Thru Secretariat</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>I will book my own Hotel Accommodation at:</i> www.fernandina88.com.ph		
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Please check if you are attending or not to any of the following social events.

- | | YES | NO |
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| A. Cocktail Fellowship Night, Pool Bar and Lounge – Oct. 15, 6:00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. Cultural Dinner, Monet Ballroom 1 & 2 – Oct. 17, 7:00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

21. Bank Details for Transfer:

A. Dollar Account

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B. Peso Account

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 Account Name : **Resources for the Blind, Inc.**
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*To register send this completed form with details of your **bank transaction** to:*

Amy Mojica, Chairperson, Host Committee

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