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MEMORANDUM FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
Commission on Higher Education

ATTENTION: ALL UniFAST Regional Coordinators

From : 
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OIC, Executive Director IV
Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education

Subject: **PARTICIPATION OF THE REGIONAL COORDINATORS IN THE
NATIONWIDE INFORMATION CARAVAN FOR RA10931:
#FreeEducationNa**

Date : 22 February 2018

During the 8th Regular Meeting of the UniFAST Governing Board on February 22, 2018, the body approved the conduct of a Nationwide Information Caravan on the Republic Act 10931: #FreeEducationNa which will be scheduled from March till mid-June 2018. In view of the importance given to the Mindanao Regions by the Duterte Administration, the Board approved the conduct of the Regional Caravan for Region IX and ARMM on March 5, 2018, Monday in your region.

The Commission en banc also approved the Work and Financial Plan of UniFAST for the P40 Billion allotment in the 2018 GAA which necessarily includes the funding allotment for the Regional Caravans for the Nationwide program, including that provided for Region IX and ARMM. We will provide copies of said Resolutions as soon as signed by all concerned parties.

The goals of the caravan are as follows:

- To orient participants on the contents of the Implementing Rules and Regulations pertaining to RA10931. This may be done through the following:
 - o run down through the details of the entire IRR as part of the main program
 - o conduct a press conference with the local media to answer queries and clarify issues on implementation



- To launch a StuFAP Fair at the venue to showcase the programs of various agencies to fulfill the following:
 - o harmonize all local student financial assistance programs being offered by the partner agencies
 - o disseminate information to the public and offer a venue for them to inquire or apply for their desired program
- To coordinate with key stakeholders regarding advocacy efforts on the Universal Access to Quality Education Act (UAQTEA), specifically to:
 - o provide reference and Information, Education and Communication materials, as necessary
 - o coordinate the schedule and conduct of local activities to maximize support for these event

The Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) will be having its first run of the **Nationwide Information Caravan for the Republic Act 10931: #FreeEducationNa** on **March 5, 2018, Thursday at Palacio Del Sur, Canelar Moret St., Zamboanga City.**

In this regard, **One (1) Regional Coordinator per region is required to attend** as support staff in the technical administration of the event and to be oriented in organizing the same to their respective regions in the coming months.

Likewise, may we request your office to prepare the travel authority for the regional coordinators attending the caravan from March 3, 2018 to March 6, 2018. Meals during the event shall be provided by the UniFAST Secretariat. However, other expenses such as transportation and accommodation of the Regional Coordinators shall be charged to their respective Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) in accordance with the existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Please contact **Ms. Heidi Faith H. Cruz** and **Ms. Watchel T. Basilio** at mobile number: 09173098124 or 09155944834 for any further inquiries and concerns.

Thank you for the usual support and cooperation.

