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MEMORANDUM
22 April 2020

For: **Regional Directors**
Schools Division Superintendents
Regional and Division Technology Officers
School Heads
Teachers
All Others Concerned

Subject: **FREE ACCESS OF DEPED COMMONS**
FOR SMART SUBSCRIBERS

The Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA), through the Information and Communication Technology Service (ICTS), in partnership with **Smart Communications, Inc.** will provide **free access to DepEd Commons to all Smart subscribers** through its whitelisting capabilities. This whitelisting will ensure that learners, teachers, and personnel with Smart subscriptions may continue to log on to DepEd Commons, even if this platform is to be accessed through devices without load credits.

DepEd Commons, as a pilot program of the Department towards learning continuity throughout the course of this pandemic, contains online quizzes and exercises for K-12 learners as well as content for Alternative Learning System (ALS).

This partnership further encourages educators and learners to take advantage of supplementary online instructional materials within the DepEd Commons domain **free of charge until 31 May 2020**.

Furthermore, PLDT-Smart is also inviting DepEd to avail of the following services in support of education in the Philippines:

1. To host the back-end requirements of DepEd Commons platform at the ePLDT VITRO Data Center,
2. To augment current teaching facilities by leveraging on educational suites in collaboration with Microsoft and Google, and



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3. To co-develop mobile application for learners.

The Department acknowledges this collaboration with the PLDT-Smart that helps educators, learners, and other DepEd personnel to stay connected and to work towards the continuity of education in this time of crisis.

For dissemination and appropriate action.


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