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MEMORANDUM
23 June 2020

To: **Secretary**
Undersecretaries
Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
Bureau and Service Directors
Designated Regional Tobacco Control Coordinators

Subject: **INVITATION TO THE WEBINAR ON TOBACCO**
INDUSTRY INTERFERENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES
DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD) extends the invitation from HealthJustice Philippines to the selected participants from the Department of Education (DepEd) for the webinar titled, "**Tobacco Industry Interference in the Philippines During COVID-19**," on **26 June 2020** at 4:00 pm.

The webinar aims to inform policymakers and tobacco control advocates on the different tactics of the tobacco industry during the COVID-19 pandemic and how the Department of Health (DOH) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Joint Memorandum against tobacco industry interference in the bureaucracy is being upheld. Attached is the Concept Note of the webinar for ready reference.

As this is a **confidential** webinar aimed at targeted participants, and slots allotted for DepEd are limited, this Office has pre-identified the offices from which the participants of DepEd shall strategically come from:

Office	Preferred Participant(s)	No. of Participants
Office of the Secretary	Staff involved in the drafting/vetting of policies and in coordinating partnerships	2
Office of the Undersecretary for Administration	Any designated staff	1



Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OJA)

[Administrative Service (AS), Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS), Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS), Bureau of Learner Support Services (BLSS), Baguio Teachers' Camp (BTC), Central Security & Safety Office (CSSO)]

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Procurement and Administration	Staff involved in the supervision of school health and nutrition programs	1
International Cooperation Office (ICO)	Staff involved in international partnerships	1
External Partnerships Service (EPS)	Staff involved in Adopt-a-School, <i>Brigada Eskwela</i> , the partnership manual, and/or drafting/review of partnership instruments (MOA, MOU, etc.)	3
BLSS-School Health Division	Staff involved in the Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program	4
BLSS-Youth Formation Division	Any designated staff	1
Project Development Division	Staff involved in projects developed/conceptualized with external partners	1
Investigation Division	Staff involved in handling cases/reports of violation of Civil Service issuances	1
Legal Division	Staff involved in handling legal review of partnership documents	1
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service	Staff involved in COVID-19 response	3
Policy Research and Development Division	Staff involved in providing comments on drafted policies	3
Public Affairs Service	Staff involved in communications related to COVID-19	1
DepEd Regional Offices and BARRM Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education	Regional Tobacco Control Coordinators	17
Total		40

It will be recalled that BLSS called for a meeting in July 2019 to discuss possible cases of tobacco industry interference in DepEd. If possible, it is preferred that those who attended the said meeting be the ones to attend this webinar for EPS, ICO, Legal Division, and Investigation Division.

Office Participants from DepEd are advised to register at <https://bit.ly/depedhjwebinarticoVID19>.



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