## DepEd Bicol officials to present LRP updates at the EDCOM II Consultative Meeting

Legazpi City, May 16, 2023 – Key officials from the Department of Education (DepEd) Bicol headed by Regional Director Gilbert T. Sadsad are set to meet with the members of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) for a consultative meeting on the implementation of the Learning Recovery Plan (LRP) on May 18, 2023, at the Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City.

The EDCOM II Sub-Committee on Basic Education will convene together with the officials from the DepEd Central Office to discuss the salient features of the agency's National Learning Recovery Program and to elaborate on other LRP-related programs and initiative. The consultative meeting will also highlight the presentation of the various learning materials developed by DepEd to help address learning losses brought about by the pandemic.

Being the first Region to develop and implement the LRP, Vice-President and Education Secretary Sara Duterte has chosen DepEd Bicol to represent the agency and to discuss before the EDCOM II the Region's LRP initiatives including the results of the initial assessment of 8-week Learning Recovery Curriculum (LRC), DepEd Bicol Director Gilbert Sadsad explained.

"Our Region applauds the new administration of Vice-President and DepEd Secretary Sara Duterte, for giving priority to learning recovery by ensuring that learning gaps are identified and addressed among all learners, especially the most vulnerable ones through the extensive implementation of the Learning Recovery and Continuity Plan (LRCP)," RD Sadsad added.

The consultative meeting between EDCOM II and DepEd will be conducted in two parts; the first part will focus on the learning loss recovery which will be facilitated by EDCOM Co-Chairman Senator Win Gatchalian, while EDCOM Co-Chair Congressman Roman Romulo will facilitate the second part of the meeting for the presentation of the learning materials, textbooks and other learning resources related to the LRP.

The Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) is a national commission tasked to undertake a comprehensive national assessment and evaluation of the performance of the Philippine education sector.

Established by virtue of Republic Act No. 11899, EDCOM II is co-chaired by Sen. Gatchalian, Sen. Francis Escudero, Pasig City Rep. Roman Romulo, and Baguio Rep. Mark Go. The commission is mandated to undertake a comprehensive national assessment and evaluation of the performance of the Philippine education sector from 2023 to 2025.

Aside from DepEd, other education stakeholders such as ABC+ Advancing Philippines Education in the Philippines, World Vision Philippines, AHA Learning Center, Dr. Miguel Rapata and Mr. Joel Santos were also invited to present their respective support and learning recovery interventions.

RD Sadsad will be joined by DepEd Region V LRP Focal Person Joan Lagata and Grace Rabelas of the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD).

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