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Subject: Invitation to attend Leading with Excellence: An Executive Program for Teacher Education Institution Leaders (LEAD-TEI) 2026 Training of Trainers

Dear Prof/Dr. OCAY:

Warm greetings!

Leading with Excellence: An Executive Program for Deans of Teacher Education Institutions (LEAD-TEI) 2026 is an intensive training initiative designed to prepare a selected cohort of 50 newly elected deans and middle managers for the complexities of leadership and governance in teacher education. The program covers critical areas such as leadership, governance, financial and research management, quality assurance, internationalization, diversity, and emerging trends including Artificial Intelligence in education.

LEAD-TEI is a collaborative effort co-organized by the **Philippine Normal University** and its partner universities in association with the **DAAD DIES (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies)** program. It is primarily funded by the Teacher Education Council (TEC) and co-sponsored by the **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** through the **DIES National Multiplication Training (NMT)** program.

In line with the preparations for the aforementioned program, a Training of Trainers (ToT) session will be conducted to ensure alignment of pedagogical approaches, contextual relevance and program coherence.

This activity aims to:

- Identify current and emerging demands in teacher education.
- Conduct a needs analysis on the pressing concerns and challenges faced by TEI deans.
- Collaboratively develop the Program of Activities for the three-part LEAD-TEI training program.
- Review and refine workshop methodologies to be utilized (e.g. peer consulting, gallery walk).
- Revisit the PAP matrix and define the roles of PAP mentors.

Details of the Training of Trainers Session:

Date and Time: Tuesday, 5 May 2026, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Modality: Hybrid

Venue (Onsite): Philippine Normal University, Taft Avenue, City of Manila
Executive Lounge, 5th Floor, Maceda Building

Online Platform:

<https://tinyurl.com/3rxu3jst>

Meeting ID: 989 943 1565

Passcode: CTD2025

The expected output of this session is a finalized and aligned Program of Activities that will guide the delivery of the three components of LEAD–TEI:

Part I: 5-day in-person workshop in Manila (June 1–5, 2026)

Part II: 4-day online workshop (schedule to be announced)

Part III: 4-day in-person workshop in Dumaguete City (December 1–4, 2026)

Your experience and expertise as a leader in higher education and as an alumnus of IDC Southeast Asia and DIES IDC National Multiplication Training-Philippines will contribute greatly to the success and impact of this program.

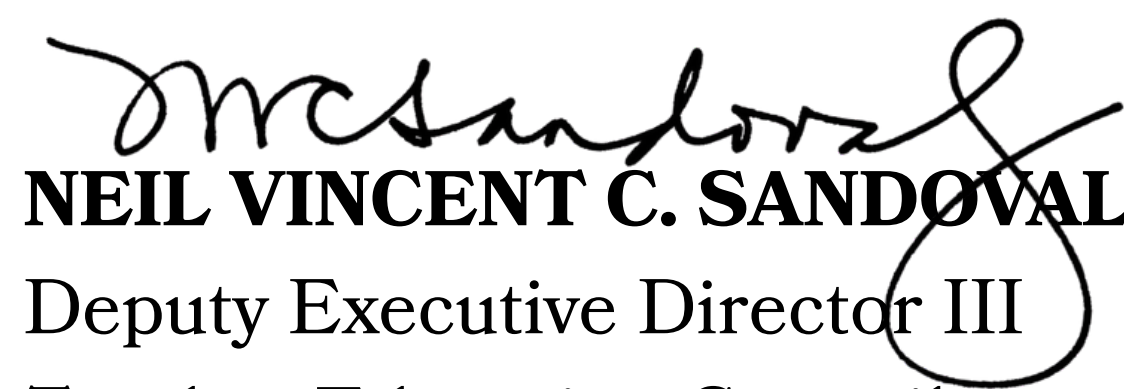
Kindly confirm your participation on or before May 2, 2026 through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/55esy77p>.

Should you have any questions or require further information, you may contact Dr. Gladys Nivera (nivera.gc@pnu.edu.ph) or Dr. Ronald Allan Mabunga (mabunga.ras@pnu.edu.ph).

We sincerely hope for your favorable response and look forward to your valuable participation in shaping this important initiative for teacher education leadership.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,



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