

RAISING THE BAR: SUPPORTING INDEPENDENT EDUCATION ASSESSMENT THROUGH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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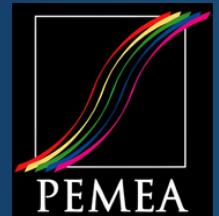
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ASSESSMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

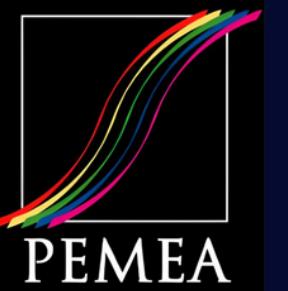
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Proposal No. 3

**Establishing an autonomous
assessment agency to provide
insights on improving curriculum
and bridge learning gaps**

NATION

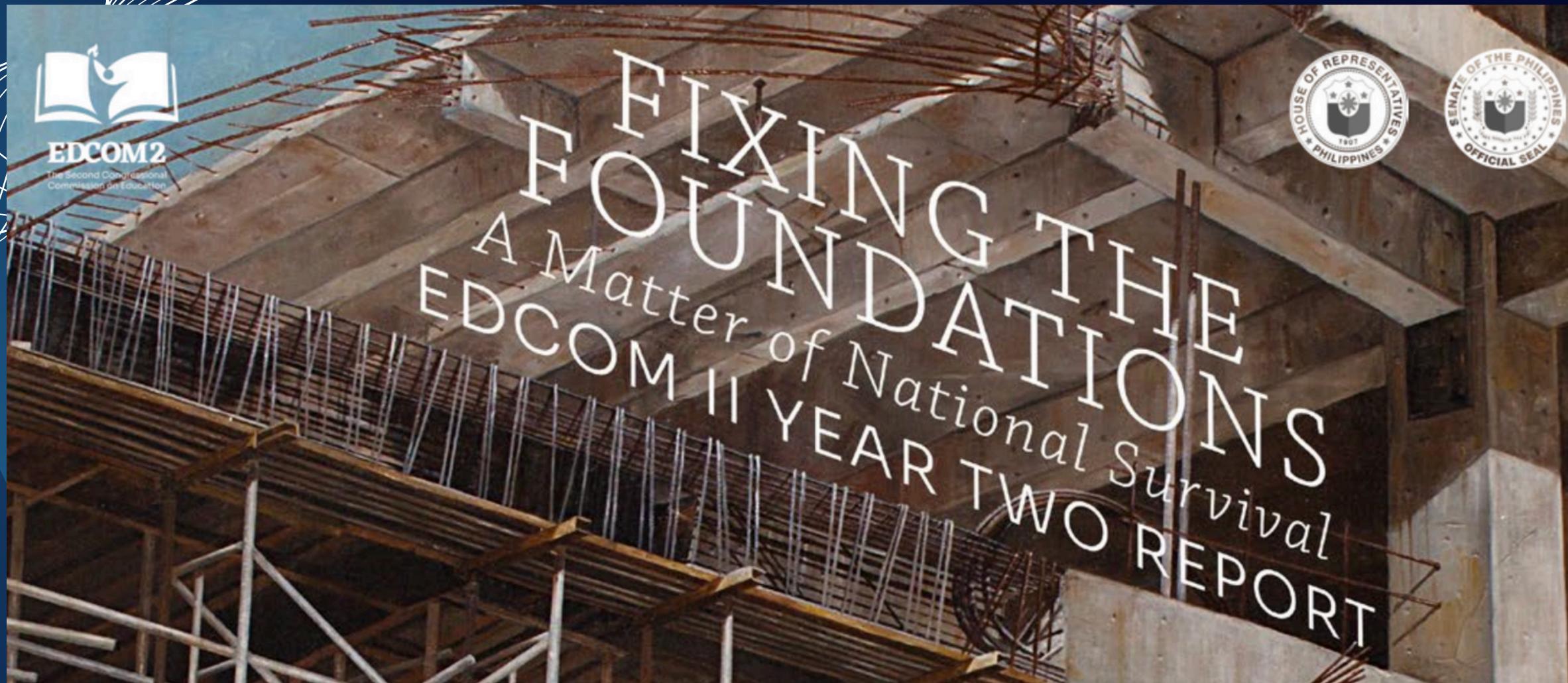
Gatchalian eyes independent education assessment body

[Cecille Suerte Felipe](#) - The Philippine Star

October 23, 2023 | 12:00am

MANILA, Philippines – An independent agency or body should be created to test and evaluate curricula and data in education to properly measure and improve learner outcomes, Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian said yesterday.

He said he is planning to file a bill that seeks to create an independent agency or body to test and evaluate curricula, assessment processes and data formulated by the Department of Education (DepEd).

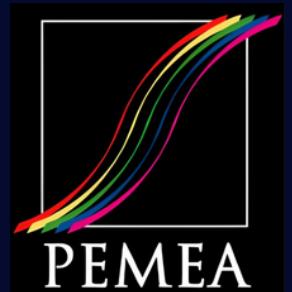


The Commission, in collaboration with DepEd, is studying possible solutions to harmonize assessment activities and standards, including establishing an independent assessment body as a government-owned or -controlled corporation.

p. 107

Second Congressional Commission on Education (2025).

Fixing the Foundations: A matter of national survival, EDCOM II year two report. Congress of the Philippines.



Examining the DepEd's National Assessments: A Review of Framework, Design, Development, Psychometric Properties, and Utilization

*Kevin Carl P. Santos, Louie P. Cagasan Jr.,
Karizza Bianca Loberiza, Alvin D. Tenorio,
Ann Jelin G. Angeles, and May Ann B. Lapitan*

Participants called for accountability and assessment reform, suggesting making national assessments high stakes to motivate students and **establishing an independent body for assessments** (p.6).

WHY INDEPENDENT EDUCATION ASSESSMENT MATTERS



**OECD Reviews of Evaluation
and Assessment in Education**

Synergies for Better Learning

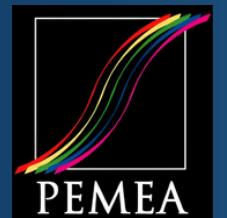
**AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON EVALUATION
AND ASSESSMENT**

- Need for specialized expertise
- Importance of building adequate capacity to deliver evaluation and assessment policies
- Necessity of introducing some independence vis-à-vis education authorities.

HOW CAN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM BENEFIT FROM AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT AGENCY?

- Technical leadership
- Implementation of evaluation and assessment procedures
- Monitoring of the education system
- Introduction of innovations on the basis of research results
- Capacity development for evaluation and assessment across the system
- Knowledge management
- Promotion of an evaluation culture

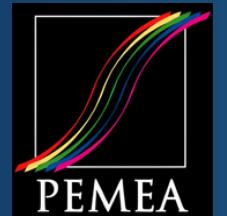
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT BODIES

- Design and operation of evaluation activities (e.g. national standardized student assessments, external school evaluation)
- Technical leadership (e.g. design of guidelines and instruments for evaluation)
- Capacity building for evaluation and assessment
- Monitoring of the education system

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EXAMPLES OF SPECIALIZED ASSESSMENT AGENCIES



Ireland



Italy's National Institute for the Evaluation of the Education System (INVALSI)



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ON THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT AGENCY

Results of FGD with Key Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA) Personnel

| Advantages of being an independent agency | Advantages of the assessment agency being in DepEd |
|--|---|
| Enhanced Transparency and Accountability | Better Understanding of Internal Processes |
| Focus on Quality Output | Ease of Communication and Coordination with Field Personnel |
| Specialized Staffing | Cohesion in Educational Direction |
| Less Bureaucratic | |
| Independence in budget and operations | |

Santos, Kevin Carl P. et al. (2025) : Examining the DepEd's National Assessments: A review of framework, design, development, psychometric properties, and utilization, PIDS Discussion Paper Series, No. 2025-25, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), Quezon City

WHY INDEPENDENCE MATTERS

**Ensures objectivity
and prevents bias**

**Promotes effective
accountability and a
culture of learning**

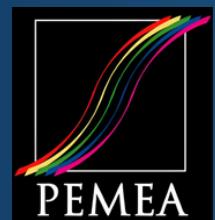
**Provides an external
Perspective**

**Strengthens
credibility and public
trust**

**Facilitates evidence-
based policy making**

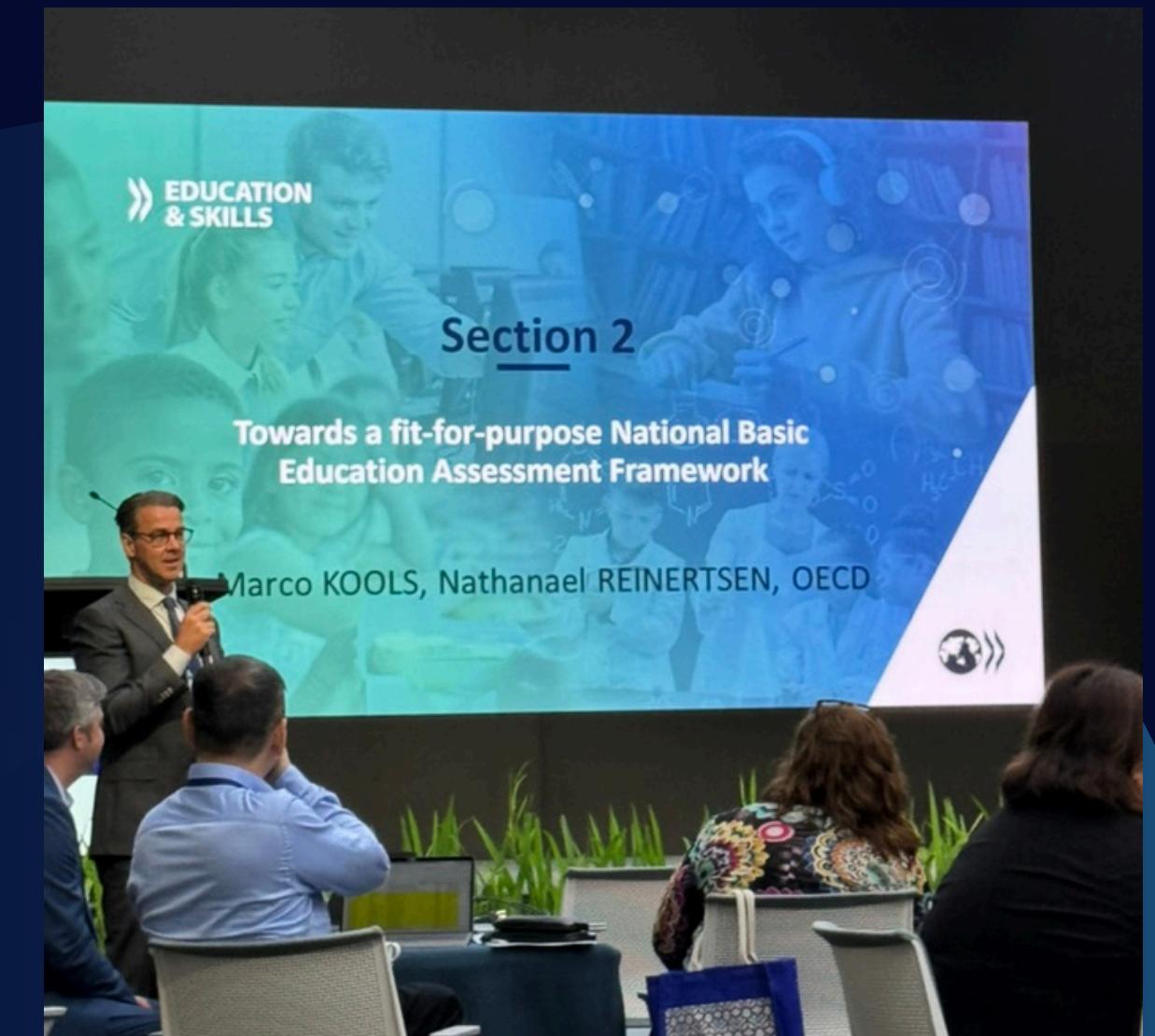
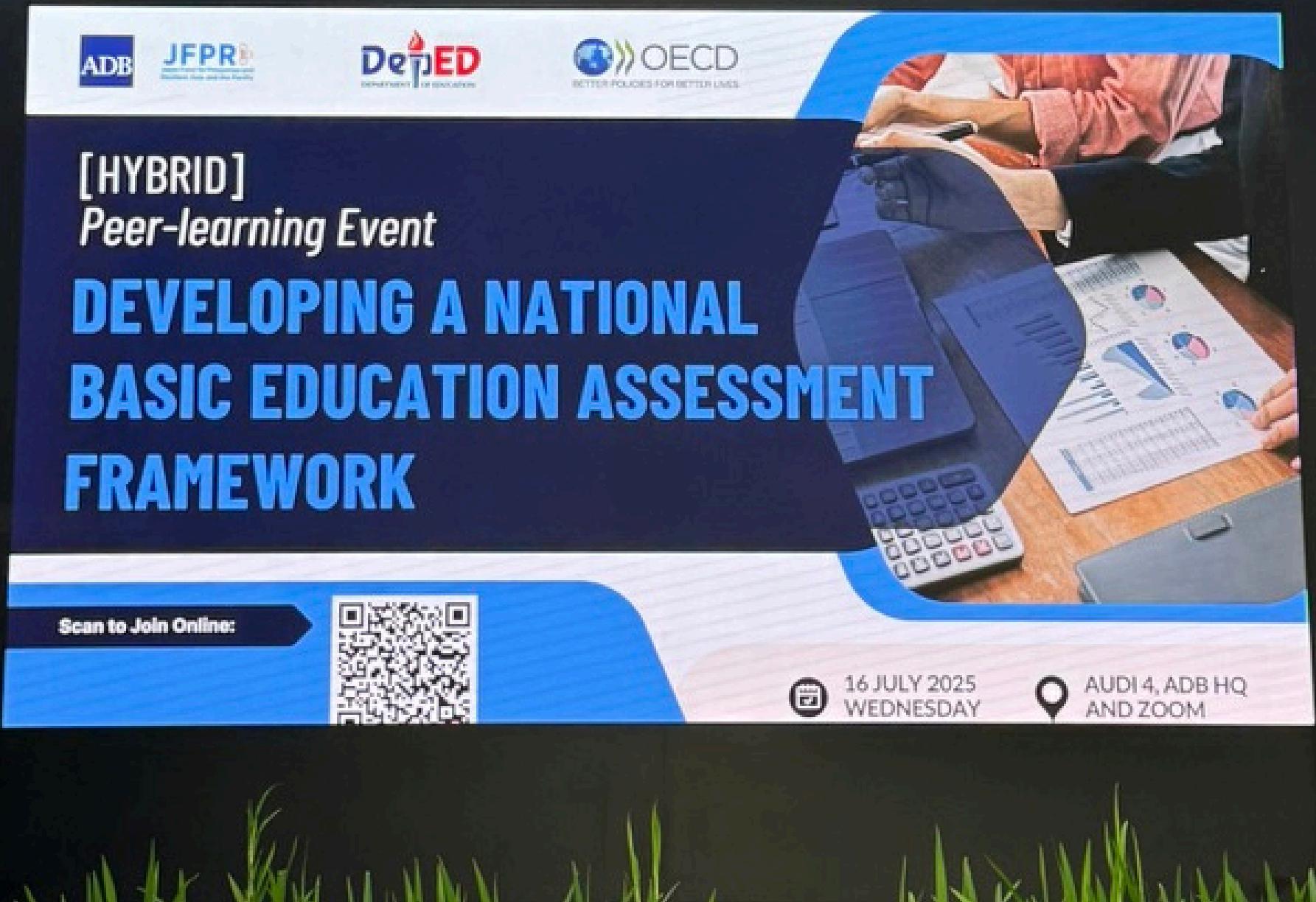
**Guarantees fair
assessments for
students**

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SO WHERE DO WE START?

“Evaluation and assessment in school systems need to be conceived holistically, as a **whole framework**, building on the interdependence of its parts in order to generate complementarities, avoid duplication, and prevent inconsistency of objectives. (p. 58).”



HOW CAN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HELP ENSURE QUALITY IN AN EDUCATION SYSTEM?

Setting Standards

Defining the knowledge, skills, and ethical principles required for entry into and continuation within a profession.

Professional Development & Support

Offering continuous learning through conferences, workshops, certificate courses, and publications

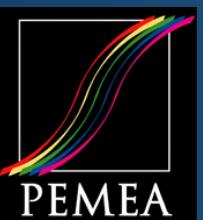
Promoting best practices and building networks of professionals

Advocacy & Policy Influence

Advocating for evidence-based practice of the profession

Raising public awareness about their field

Influencing educational reform and policy, including curriculum



ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS



Establishing Standards and Ethical Guidelines

- Promote principles of fairness, validity, reliability, and transparency.
- Provide safeguards against misuse of test data



Capacity Building and Professional Development

- Training teachers, test developers, and assessment specialists.
- Offering certifications, seminars, and continuing education.

ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS



Knowledge Exchange and Research Promotion

- Organizing conferences, symposia, and publications.
- Facilitating collaboration among experts, policy makers, and practitioners.



Advocacy for Assessment Reform

- Providing evidence-based recommendations.
- Supporting policies that strengthen quality assurance in basic education.

PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL MEASUREMENT AND EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (PEMEA)

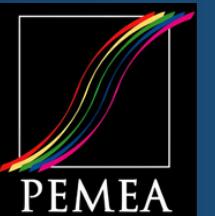
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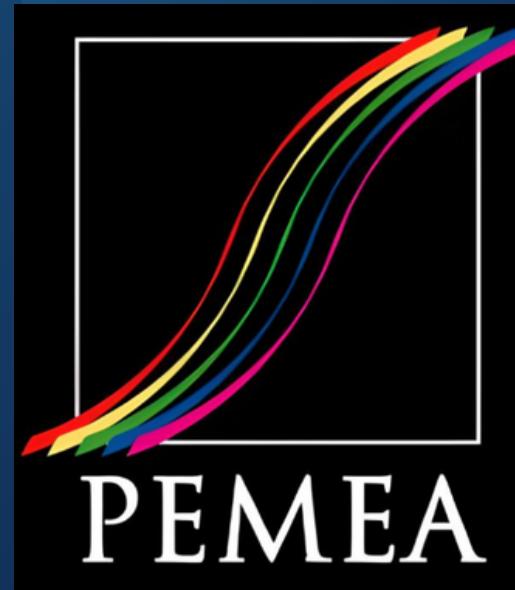
- An internationally-recognized professional organization pushing forward high-quality theory, research, and practice in educational measurement and evaluation in the Asia and Pacific Region.

- To enhance individual and institutional effectiveness through innovative, collaborative, and responsive intervention programs in educational measurement and evaluation.

Mission



GOALS OF PEMEA

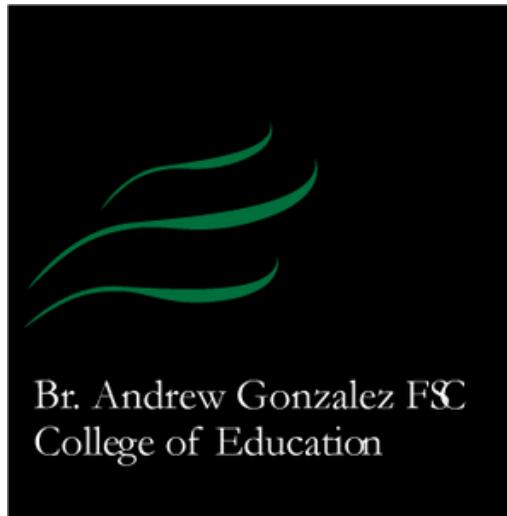


- To promote standards in various areas of education through appropriate and proper assessment.
- To provide technical assistance to educational institutions in the area of instrumentation, assessment practices, benchmarking, and process of attaining standards.

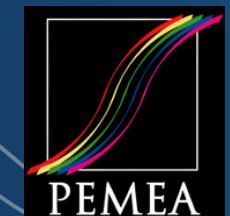
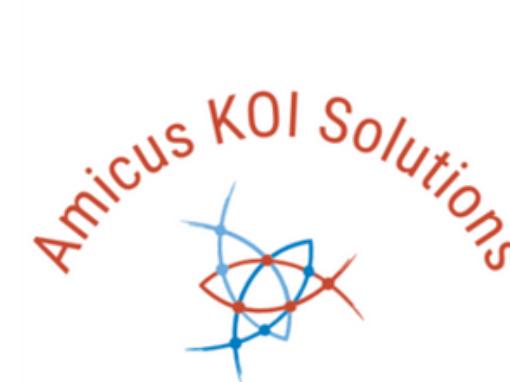
- To enhance and maintain the proper practice of measurement and evaluation in both local and international level.
- To enrich the theory, practice, and research in evaluation and measurement in the Philippines.



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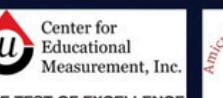
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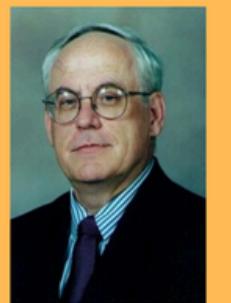
   

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Facilitator

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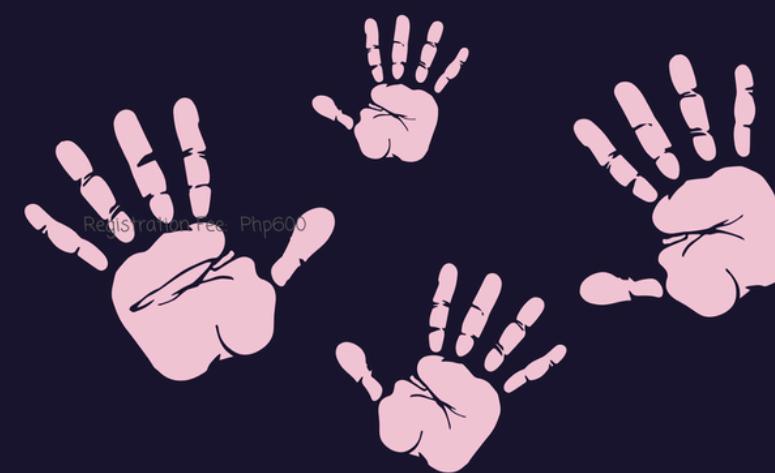
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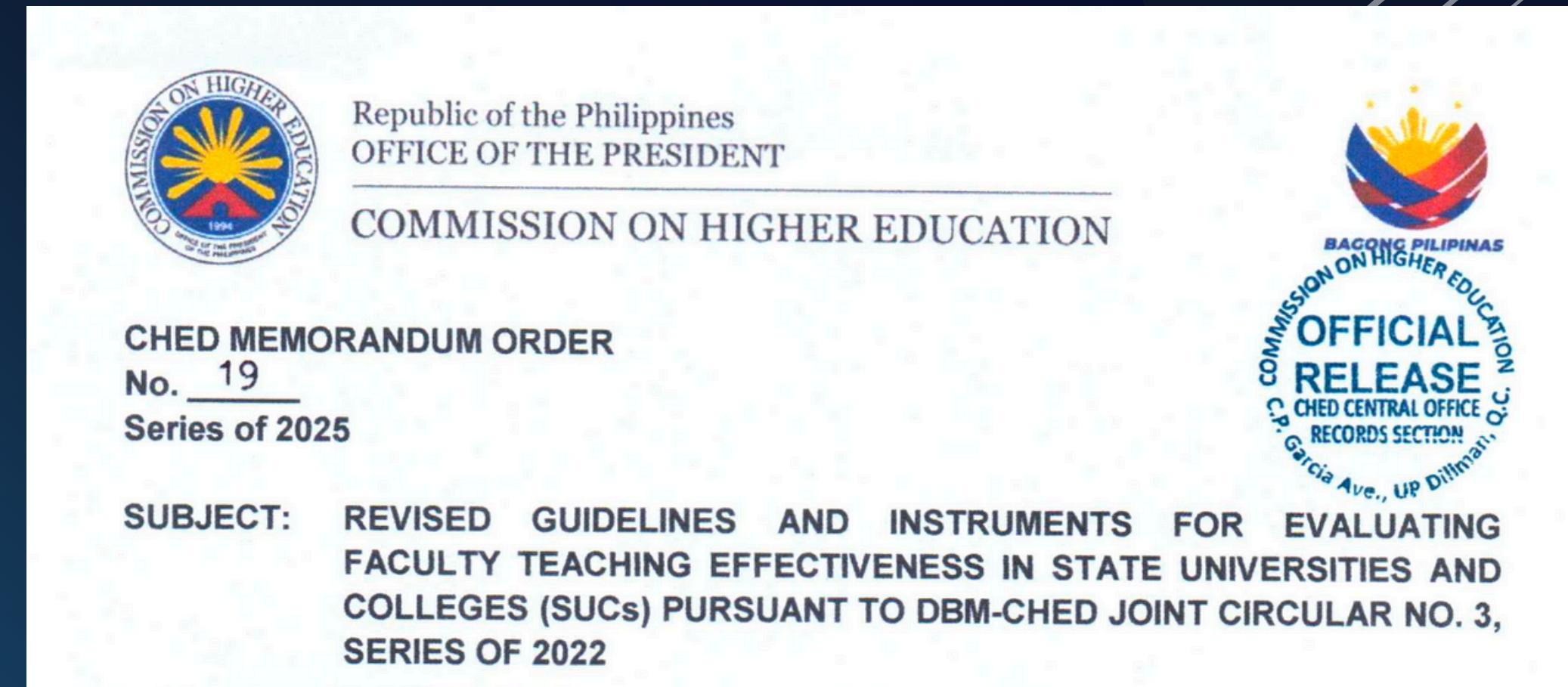
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Philippine Professional Standards for Teachers



FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- A system where multiple actors—DepEd, CHED, TESDA, TEC, HEIs, professional associations, and independent bodies—ensure assessment quality.
- PEMEA's Role in an Independent Assessment Agency
 - Help develop the national assessment framework
 - Serve as Consultants / Technical Experts
 - Contribute as Research Fellows
 - Train and mentor early-career assessment specialists

CALL TO ACTION

- Encourage educators to join professional organizations like PEMEA
- Advocate for stronger partnerships between schools, divisions, education agencies (DepEd, CHED, TESDA, TEC), test development companies, universities, and independent measurement experts
- Promote the culture of data-informed educational decision-making
- Be vigilant and hold each other accountable, because educating young people is a shared responsibility.



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!

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