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Department of Education
 MIMAROPA REGION



Office of the Regional Director

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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CONDUCT OF HEROES 2021 PROGRAM

To: **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

1. DepEd MIMAROPA Region, in partnership with the City Savings Bank, THAMES International and AKADASIA in collaboration with HRDD-NEAP-R announces the conduct of HEROES 2021 (Help Educators Rise to Online Education) for SY 2020-2021 program by batches on the specified schedule below:

HEROES 2021 PROGRAM BY PHASES	DATE OF CONDUCT	PARTICIPANTS Teachers by Cluster
Phase 1: Introduction to Online Teaching Course (FREE) (A two-day rapid introductory training program in a massive online course)	Batch 1: July 27, 2021, Tuesday 9:00-10:30 a.m.	Cluster 1: a. Palawan Division b. Puerto Princesa City Division c. Calapan City
	Batch 2: July 30, 2021 Friday 9:00- 10:30 a.m.	Cluster 2: a. Oriental Mindoro Division b. Occidental Mindoro Division c. Marinduque d. Romblon
Phase 2: Creating your First Online Course (A five-day intensive course through blended learning)	Batch 1: August 17, 2021 to August 24, 2021 Batch 2: August 24, 2021 August 31, 2021	SAME SDO and Participants for Phase 1

2. The HEROES 2021 will be delivered by THAMES International School and its training partner, AKADASIA SG, an Edutech company based out of Singapore.



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3. The Phase 1 of the program will be sponsored by City Savings Bank and Union Bank of the Philippines with UBFXcellerator Program, while Phase 2 will have a registration fee of Five Hundred Pesos (PhP 500.00) chargeable against MOOE or HRD/InSeTFunds or any funds available for the purpose subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Please refer to the attached HEROES 2021 brochure for the registration process.
4. Schools Division Offices, through Schools Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)- Human Resource Development Section (HRDS), are advised to submit the list of participants on or before **July 15, 2021** to the HRDD-NEAP-R through email hrdd@minaroparegion4edped.gov.ph and minaroparegion4edped.gov.ph following the given template by HEROES 2021. (See attached copy).
5. Participants to this program must register on **June 15, 2021 to July 15, 2021** through the given link indicated below:
Phase 1: bit.ly/HEROESREG4B-PH1 (FREE)
Phase 2: bit.ly/HEROESREG4B-PH2 (SDO/School Registration)
bit.ly/CYFOCPAYMENT-R4B (For Individual Registration)
6. For more details, please refer to the attached HEROES brochure. For other queries, please contact Mr. Eric G. Teñoso at mobile number 09177747022 and/or Mr. Robert Trajano at mobile number 09985539095.
7. For dissemination and appropriate action.


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HEROES 2021 + AKADASIA ONBOARDING PROCESS

I. Course Descriptions and Objectives

A. Introduction to Online Teaching

"Introduction To Online Teaching" is a 3 module self-paced teacher up-skilling program that is ideal for educators who have never taught an online course before. Online education, although not new, has become a major focus for educators around the world in recent months due to global events. However, the definition of what this actually means has been very fluid. As well as providing an opportunity to experience online learning as a student, this course will examine different models of online learning and provide an opportunity for educators to reflect on their current needs and practices. The course will then explore the different components of an online course and examine some online tools to facilitate those processes.

The Course Objectives are as follows :

- To investigate some of the different models of online learning, including hybrid and blended models
- To consider the different components of an online course and how to manage them through the use of technology
- To explore different tools for online teaching and learning
- To reflect on recent experiences and explore next steps in becoming a more proficient educator in using technology

This easy to use self-paced teacher up-skilling program, is delivered online through the FREEJOO learning management platform.

B. Creating Your First Online Course

"Creating Your First Online Course" is a 2 module teacher up-skilling program that is ideal for educators who have never designed an online course before. Through this course, participants will learn to convert their existing classroom based curriculum for online learning. Through simple and practical examples, participants will learn how to design and input course materials thoughtfully into an online learning platform and make the course available to their students.

The Course Objectives are as follows:

- Examine some of the differences between online and classroom teaching
- Explore some of the ways to convert course content to an online environment
- Practice using FREEJOO tools to create an online course

This easy to use self-paced teacher up-skilling program, which comes with simple step by step instructions on how to create your first online course, is delivered online through the FREEJOO learning management platform.

Upon completion of the Akadasia training programs, participants will receive two **SINGAPORE Certificate of Completion** from Akadasia. This course is also certified by the Professional Regulatory Commission in the Philippines and has corresponding CPD credits.

II. Proposed Calendar of Activities

Dates	Participant	Activity
A. REGISTRATION PERIOD		
June 15 - July 15	All Teachers, School Personnel	Register thru this link for Phase 1 (Free): bit.ly/HEROESREG4B-PH1 Register thru the links for Phase 2: bit.ly/HEROESREG4B-PH2 (SDO/School) bit.ly/CYFOCPAYMENT-R4B (Individual) <i>* Please ensure you also have registered in Phase 1 to avail of the free course.</i>
B. PROGRAM LAUNCHING		
July 13 (Tuesday) 9:00 to 10:00 AM	All Teachers & School Personnel	An orientation of HEROES 2021 "Online Teacher Training Program" Event will be live streamed on this FB page: Thames HEROES 2021 Facebook Page
C. ONBOARDING		
Starting July 26	Phase 1 Participants	Akadasia will enroll participants to the LMS. Participants may refer to the Onboarding Instructions (How to set-up the FREEJOO account in preparation for the asynchronous class) here: www.akadasia.com/heroes2021/en
D. START OF PHASE 1: Introduction to Online Teaching (ITOT) <i>A perfect start to online teaching pedagogy for beginners</i>		
Synchronous: 1-hour live kick-off session		
July 27, Tuesday 9:00 - 10:30 AM	Batch 1	Join this Facebook group to watch the webinar: HEROES 2021: ITOT Facebook Group
July 30, Tuesday 9:00 - 10:30 AM	Batch 2	<i>Note: For those without a FB account, please email us ahead of time so we can send you a Zoom link.</i>
Asynchronous: Course will be taken thru FREEJOO learning management system How: Akadasia will email the Phase 1 course link a day before your batch schedule.		
July 27 - 28	Batch 1	SDO included in this batch

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July 29 - 30	Batch 2	SDOs included in this batch
E. START OF PHASE 2: Creating Your First Online Course (CYFOC) <i>Practice your newly acquired knowledge by building your own online course</i>		
Synchronous: two 1-hour live sessions on separate days		
Introductory session (day 1): August 17, 9:00 - 10:30 AM Culminating session (day 2): August 24, 1:30 - 3:00 PM	Batch 1	Join this group to watch the webinar: HEROES 2021 CYFOC Facebook Group
Introductory session (day 1): August 24, 9:00 - 10:30 AM Culminating session (day 2): August 31, 1:30 - 3:00 PM	Batch 2	Note: For those without an FB account, please email us ahead of time so we can send you a Zoom link.
Asynchronous: Course will be taken thru FREEJOO learning management system How: Akadasia will email the course link a day before your Phase 2 schedule		
Starting August 17	Batch 1	SDOs included in this batch
Starting August 24	Batch 2	SDOs included in this batch

III. Registration Process

A. PHASE 1 (Free)

For Phase 1, the SDO may choose to: (1) submit a list of Recommended Participants to the HEROES 2021 Team copy furnished the Regional Office, or (2) allow participants to register themselves through Google Form.

Short Link: bit.ly/HEROESREG4B-PH1

Long Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelc51rSbABFcWYc8r7hLC5pwPgaye9lnB6ZTX6KG-NWfzNA/viewform>

- Registration for Phase 1 is from June 15 - July 15.
- Please ensure the format and spelling of the DepEd email address is correct to avoid misdirection of the course link.

B. PHASE 2 (Subsidized Course)

To complete the registration for HEROES 2021 Phase 2, the SDO, the School, or the participant may process the registration fee of PHP500.00 per participant through the payment options listed in Google Form.

For SDO or School payment:

- Registration form for collective SDO or School registration
Short Link: bit.ly/HEROESREG4B-PH2
Long Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1DQkeXNKuo3TDU8jxWG1b_SnuXyGRRWhOPITgshMGckhXA/viewform
- A list of participants with their email address must be uploaded in the above Google Form with this format (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial, DepEd Email, Contact Number, and School Name). This will be our database for those we will enroll to Phase 2.

Sample Template

No.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	DepEd Email Address	Contact Number	School Name
1						
2						
3						

- Available payment channels are through over-the-counter or online banking in our Metrobank, PNB or Unionbank accounts:

METROBANK (Deposit)

Account Name : ENTREPRENEURS SCHOOL OF ASIA PHILIPPINES INC
Account Number : 504-3-504-50084-6

PNB (Deposit)

Account Name : ENTREPRENEURS SCHOOL OF ASIA PHILIPPINES INC
Account Number : 1111-7002-9697

UNIONBANK (Deposit)

Account Name : Thames International School Inc
Account No : 0014-9000-5502

UNIONBANK (Bills Payment)

Payment for : Thames International School Inc
Reference No : 123456-SAF and indicate your school name

- Registration and payment for Phase 2 is until July 15
- Copy of Official Receipt will be sent via email starting August 2, 2021. Hardcopy of the ORs will be through a special request.

For Individual Participant payment:

An individual participant may also process her/his registration thru these steps:

1. Click this link: bit.ly/CYFOCPAYMENT-R4B
2. You will be directed to payment page of "HEROES 2021: Creating Your First Online Course"
3. Click "Pay Now"
4. Fill in the "Billing Details" page
5. Choose your preferred mode of payment:
 - Credit/Debit Card or Paymaya Wallet via Paymaya
 - GCash via PayMongo
6. Click "Proceed to Payment"
7. Payment verification process
8. Order Confirmation will be received via email. The participant may print and use this as a supporting document for reimbursement
9. The details provided will form as part of your registration. Please ensure to complete all requested information: DepEd email address, SDO name and School name

IV. Communication Channels

- Announcements of schedules will also be shared on the following Facebook page / groups:
 - Thames HEROES 2021 - general announcements and updates
 - HEROES 2021 ITOT Facebook Group - live streaming of Phase 1 webinar
 - HEROES 2021: CYFOC Facebook Group - live streaming of Phase 2 webinar
- Participants may reach the HEROES team for any questions thru the Thames HEROES 2021 Facebook page or email us at heroes2021@thames.edu.ph
- For any questions about the registration process, you may also contact Ms. Leih Vidal, Head of Operations of Thames International at 0919 992 6816.

III. Equal Opportunity Learning

HEROES 2021 + Akadasia Singapore believes that no Teacher should be left behind in rising to the challenges of new ways of learning and teaching. This program supports equal opportunity education of all teachers, school administrators and personnel.

- These courses can be taken by anyone of age, gender, religious belief, or professional position. The eldest successful participants were over 65 years old and can do it! :)
- All learning materials are self-paced and enrolled participants are given access to the FREEJOO learning management system for one (1) year. Learners may always go back to their course/s within the subscribed period
- The synchronous or live sessions are likewise recorded. The recording of the session will be made available to participants in case they experience internet disruptions or power outages in their areas.
- Audio transcription of the recorded live session can also be provided upon request.
- For those without a Facebook account, please email us so we can share to you the Zoom link for the live session.

We look forward to seeing you in class and thank you for the opportunity to learn with us!