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12TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JANUARY 24 HWPL PEACE DAY

The Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light, a UN ECOSOC - affiliated peace organization, in partnership with the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos – National Capital Region (NCMF-NCR) will celebrate their 12th Anniversary of the January 24 HWPL Peace Day, to be held on January 24, 2026 from 1:30PM to 5:00PM at the GSIS Theater, Pasay City.

The annual Peace Day has brought together diverse sectors of society including leaders from government, education, civil society, interfaith communities, youth organizations, media and civil society organizations to cultivate understanding, bridge differences, and reaffirm a shared responsibility for peace across the Philippines and beyond.

For other details, and to confirm attendance, please visit the link provided or scan the QR code indicated in the attached invitation letter.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 022, s. 2023 titled Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2023-2024 and DO 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017. For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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INVITATION LETTER

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MARITES A. IBAÑEZ

Schools Division Superintendent
SDO Batangas

Dear Dr. Ibañez,

Warm greetings of peace!

On behalf of **Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL)**, a UN ECOSOC-affiliated peace organization, in partnership with the **National Commission on Muslim Filipinos – National Capital Region (NCMF-NCR)**, we respectfully invite you and your office to support the participation of **Supreme Secondary Learner Government (SSLG) Officers and Peace Club Officers** in the **12th Anniversary of the January 24 HWPL Peace Day**, to be held on **January 24, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM at the GSIS Theater, Pasay City**.

In line with this, we humbly request your kind assistance in **issuing a memorandum** designating and encouraging the participation of your school's **SSLG and Peace Club officers** in the said activity. Their presence will greatly contribute to the success of the event and to their development as youth leaders and peace advocates.

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Guided by this year's theme, **"Youth Rise Up for Peace and Unity through Interfaith Dialogue!"**, the event places strong emphasis on **youth empowerment and leadership**. The participation of SSLG and Peace Club officers will allow them to engage in meaningful discussions on peace, unity, and interfaith understanding, while recognizing the important role of young leaders in fostering harmony and mutual respect within their schools and communities.



INVITATION LETTER

We sincerely hope for your favorable support by issuing the necessary memorandum to allow and encourage the participation of your student leaders in this meaningful activity. This event is FREE ADMISSION.

To confirm your attendance, kindly RSVP by scanning the QR code below or by filling out this form: <https://forms.gle/5cfQGnaENHqYTKx76>

Together, let us reaffirm our commitment to peace and empower the next generation to lead with compassion, unity, and purpose.

We look forward to the honor of welcoming you to this meaningful event.

Warm regards,

JOHN ROMMEL GARCES
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HWPL Philippines
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SCAN TO RSVP

GSIS COMPLEX MAP:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qfLqEvpPbPR2PJk16>

12th Anniversary of the January 24th HWPL Peace Day

“Youth Rise Up for Peace and Unity through Interfaith Dialogue!”

PROGRAMME

Welcoming the Participants	Emcee
Interfaith Opening Prayer & National Anthem	AVP
Opening Remarks	Emcee
Rationale	Mr. John Rommel Garces Chief Branch Manager HWPL Philippines
Congratulatory Message	Dr. Dimapuno A. Datu-Ramos, Jr. MD, CESE Regional Director National Commission on Muslim Filipinos – NCR
Interfaith Dialogue <i>Topic: Correct Understanding on Common misconceptions on faith traditions</i>	Youth Representatives
Introduction of RPA & YEPC	Emcee
Peace Dance Performance	Indayaw Dance Company
RPA Youth Testimonies	Youth Representatives
Recognition of RPA & YEPC Completers	Mr. John Rommel Garces Chief Branch Manager HWPL Philippines
Action for peace	Emcee
Announcement	AVP
Community Singing	All
Closing Remarks	Emcee
Commemorative Photo	All

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

12th Anniversary of the January 24th HWPL Peace Day

Chairman Lee Man-hee, the founder of HWPL, travelled the world 33 times from 2013 to 2024 reaching out to current and former heads of states, political and religious leaders, youth and women representatives, and people from the field of education. He visited the Philippines more than 8 times and contributed to the peace building efforts in Mindanao starting with the January 24, 2014 Mindanao Peace Agreement between Gov. Esmail Mangudadatu and Archbishop Fernando Capalla. This symbolizes the beginning of spreading HWPL's peace initiatives throughout Mindanao, and eventually, across the entire country of the Philippines.

In January 2015, to commemorate the 1st anniversary of this peace agreement, January 24th was declared by the Province of Maguindanao as the HWPL Peace Day and the 1st HWPL peace monument was established in Buluan, Maguindanao, Philippines.

In order to continuously spread HWPL's peace initiatives across Mindanao, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), through the leadership of Chairman Al-Haj Murad Ebrahim who is now the Chief Minister of BARMM, established the 2nd HWPL peace monument in Camp Darapanan and confirmed January 24th as the HWPL Peace Day. Since then, January 24th became a significant day for the global family of peace of HWPL.

In addition, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on December 3, 2018 proclaiming January 24th as the International Day of Education, in celebration of the role of education in bringing global peace and sustainable development.



PURPOSE

Through an event celebrating the 12th anniversary of this groundbreaking achievement, we aim to raise awareness around the world of the HWPL Peace Day that is celebrated every year on January 24th and calling out the support of Philippines for Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW). It will be an opportunity to renew the hope and spirit of peace among people around the world who are currently experiencing various violence and conflicts. We will focus on spreading the culture of peace and unity by empowering the youth to be peace ambassadors of our nation.

THEME: *Youth Rise Up for Peace and Unity through Interfaith Dialogue!*

As the world continues to face conflicts rooted in misunderstanding, intolerance, and religious division, the role of the youth becomes increasingly vital. Young people are not only inheritors of today's challenges but are also powerful agents of change capable of shaping a future anchored in peace, coexistence, and mutual respect.

Recognizing this, HWPL continues to strengthen its Alliance of Religions initiative through the Religious Peace Academy (RPA)—a structured peace education platform that promotes deeper understanding of religious teachings, common values, and ethical principles that uphold peace and unity across faiths.

The 12th Anniversary of January 24 HWPL Peace Day highlights the youth's crucial role in advancing interfaith harmony and cultivating a culture of peace, empowering them to rise as peace advocates within their communities, institutions, and nations.

OBJECTIVES

1. Empower the youth to actively participate in peacebuilding through education and interfaith dialogue
2. Promote the Religious Peace Academy (RPA) as a platform for learning, understanding, and cooperation among different religions
3. Strengthen interfaith harmony by highlighting shared values that transcend religious and cultural differences
4. Encourage youth leadership and civic participation in advancing sustainable peace initiatives
5. Reinforce a culture of peace through education, dialogue, and collective action

CONCLUSION

The 12th Anniversary of January 24 HWPL Peace Day serves as a call to action for the youth to rise as builders of peace and unity. Through the Religious Peace Academy, young people are empowered with knowledge, values, and dialogue that transcend differences and foster mutual respect.

By uniting education, religion, and youth leadership, HWPL continues its mission to restore the global village and realize a future where peace is not merely an ideal, but a lived reality for all.