



July 27, 2023

Dir. Forester Felix S. Mirasol, Jr., CESO IV Regional Executive Director DENR MIMAROPA

Dear Dir. Mirasol,

Warm greetings!

The Arts Research and Training Institute in Southern Tagalog, Inc, in partnership with Linang Culture and Arts Network and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, is holding the **10th Malikhaing Guro International Conference Caravan on Culture-Based Education** this September 9, 16 and 23 at FEU Cavite, Letran Manaoag, and UP Los Banos, respectively.

The Conference, which started in 2014, aims to gather educators, pedagogues, cultural workers, and arts practitioners across the nation and surface their various practices, emerging perspectives, and challenges to the different modalities of cultural education. Over the last nine years, the Conference, with the support of the Department of Education and the University of the Philippines Los Banos, provided a venue for more than 400 teachers in basic and higher education to present their researches and cultural education resources to their colleagues. At least 3,000 educators and cultural workers have participated in the annual Conference, and paved the way for their active engagement in cultural education activities and its continuing discourses.

On its 10th year, the Conference will take a different turn in the context of local and global shifts in knowledge production, dissemination and utilization. Aligned with UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development, this year's theme is **Food Security**, **Heritage**, **Biodiversity**, **and Culture-based Education**. The Conference will be travelling to three different sites with the hope of bringing together more institutions in upholding and promoting cultural education as a practice in the Philippines. This year's conference will be in a hybrid mode, giving participants the choice to join in-person or via an online meeting platform.

We are honored to invite **Mr. Hector Aragones** to be a panelist in the roundtable discussion on the topic **From rivers to ocean: traditional knowledge and livelihood systems.** This will be on the morning of **September 9**, the first day of the Conference at **FEU Cavite in Silang, Cavite**.

We believe that his expertise and experience will propel a dynamic exchange of ideas among the conference participants.

If you wish to accept this invitation or have any queries, you may reach us via email at mailkhaingguro@gmail.com. We can also arrange a meeting so we can further discuss your concerns.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Ricamela S. Palis

Head Convenor, 10th MG-ICCCBE

Chairperson, ARTIST Inc.





