



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

15 July 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. **342**, s. 2025

ARBOR DAY 2025

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public School District Supervisors (PSDS) / Principals In-Charge of the District (PIDs) / Head Teacher In-Charge of the District (HTID)
Senior / Education Program Specialists
School Heads (SHs) of Public and Private Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the letter from the Office of the Provincial Governor dated July 4, 2025 re: **Arbor Day 2025** Celebration.
2. In line with Section 3 of Republic Act 10176 which states the Creation of Arbor Day Committee and DepEd-Aklan as one of the Committee Members and in line with the said celebration, all schools are encouraged following:
 - information, education and communication;
 - establishing of school nurseries;
 - development and maintenance of school miniforest for rural areas or school green corners for urban areas;
 - set-up tarpaulins;
 - celebrate local Arbor Day;
 - planting trees, ornamental plants; and



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- beautification of school premises.
3. Should there be a concern or clarification regarding this matter, contact Ar. Mar Bien Gregory G. Parel via email: marbiengregory.parel@deped.gov.ph.
 4. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent *FB*

Enclosure: as stated

Reference: as stated

To be indicate in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

ACTIVITIES
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
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SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS
TREE PLANTING

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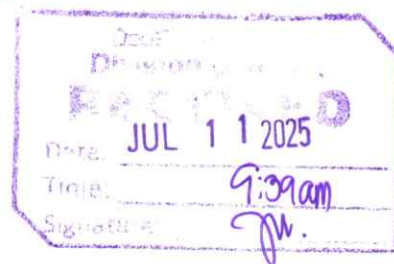
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PROVINCE OF AKLAN
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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES
Provincial Governor



July 4, 2025

DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI
School Division Superintendent
DepEd-Aklan
Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan
Committee Member

Dear Dr. Buenafe:

Environmental Greetings from PLGU-AKLAN!

Once again, the entire province of Aklan will be celebrating the Arbor Day 2025!

Republic Act 10176 otherwise known as “An Act reviving the Observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the Local Government Units the Responsibilities for Celebrating the Day for Tree Planting as an Annual Event.”

Section 3 states the Creation of Arbor Day Committee and the Department of Education – Aklan (DepEd-Aklan) is one of the Committee Members, and in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R. A. 10176, DepEd responsibilities are the following:

1. Information, Education and Communication;
2. Establishing of school nurseries;
3. Development and maintenance of school miniforest for rural areas or school green corners for urban areas;
4. Mobilization of all students who are 12 years and above to join tree planting activity outside school premises.

Section 4 states the Proclamation of Arbor Day – All provinces, cities and municipalities with the component barangays shall be required to declare an Arbor Day or Tree Planting Day, by appropriate proclamation of the respective local chief executive through an ordinance passed by the respective local sanggunian, at a fixed date every calendar year as shall be deemed conducive to the proper time and season for planting trees in the respective localities.

The Provincial Local Government of Aklan (PLGU-Aklan) proclaimed that every Third Friday of August is the Celebration of synchronized Arbor Day in the entire province of Aklan under General Ordinance No. 006, Series of 2014.

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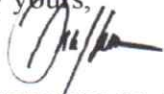
For this year, **AUGUST 15, 2025** is the Arbor Day Celebration in Aklan.

Anent thereto, the PLGU-Aklan would like to ask from your good office for the dissemination of Arbor Day Celebration 2025 for the entire DepEd schools in the province of Aklan and if necessary, can install/set-up tarpaulin and to encourage every school to participate in their respective way of celebrating the Arbor Day either by planting, cleaning or beautification of the school premises on August 15, 2025. DepEd-Aklan through teachers and students this year's Arbor Day celebration will give big contributions not only for the celebration of Arbor Day but also to contribute in the learning for the conservation of the environment and the impact towards combating climate change.

For information, please contact Aklan Environment and Natural Resources Office (AKENRO) at trunkline 272-7000-6300 or **ENGR. JOHN KENNETH C. ALMALBIS** at cp number 09999961522 or Forester **JOHN R. ESPIRITU** at cp number 09518570356.

Thank you very much for the usual and continued support extended to PLGU-Aklan for the celebration of Arbor Day 2025.

Very truly yours,



JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES

Provincial Governor

Chairman, Arbor Day Committee



"Let's Plant a Forest to Combat Climate Change"
"Let's Protect the Remaining Jewel of Aklan"



JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES
Provincial Governor

NOTICE OF INVITATION

TO : ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE MEMBERS


Hon. DEXTER M. CALIZO, *Vice Governor*
Hon. MARK ACE L. BAUTISTA, *SP Member-1st District*
Hon. REYNALDO M. QUIMPO, *SP Member-1st District*
Hon. MARK V. QUIMPO, *SP Member-1st District*
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Hon. BAYANI M. CORDOVA, *SP Member-2nd District*
Hon. JUPITER AELRED G. GALLENERO, *SP Member-2nd District*
Hon. NESTOR FRANCISCO M. INOCENCIO, *SP Member, Interim-PCCL President*
Hon. RALF A. TOLOSA, *SP Member, Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB) President*
Hon. EDMUNDO M. TOLENTINO, JR. *SP Member, Sangguniang Kabataan (SK),
Federation President,*
Engr. JOHN KENNETH C. ALMALBIS, *PGDH-AKENRO*
For. MERLENE B. ABORKA, *PENRO-DENR, Aklan*
Dr. JEFFREY A. CLARIN, *President, ASU, CHED*
Dr. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI, School Division Superintendent-DepEd Aklan
Mr. DINO A. PONSARAN, *Provincial Director, DILG-Aklan*
Engr. ALEXYS T. APOLONIO, *PGDH-OPA*
Ms. MA. THERESA G. VALENCIA, *Department of Agrarian Reform*
Engr. GENER J. ABERGAS, *District Engineer-DPWH-Aklan*
Ms. CRISANTA MARLENE P. RODRIGUEZ, *Department of Tourism*
Ms. ROSELLE Q. RUIZ, *PGDH-APTO*
PCOL. ARNEL E. RAMOS, *Provincial Director, APPO-PNP*
LTC. JOVERT S. PIMENTEL, *INF (GSC) PA, AFP*
Mr. GREGORY G. TEÑOSO, *PCA-Aklan*
FINSP. SIDGIE I. GERARDO, *Bureau of Fire Protection-Aklan*
KASAMA Save the Mangrove Representative, *Civil Society Organization*
Ms. SHIELA Q. PATOZA, *Philippine Information Agency-Aklan*

Greetings!

As Committee Members of Arbor Day, you are invited for a meeting on July 17, 2025, 1.00 o'clock in the afternoon at PGO Conference Room, 2nd Floor Capitol Main Building, to plan-out and commit our function/s and responsibility/ies based on R.A. 10176 otherwise known as the "Arbor Day Act of 2012."

Likewise, attached in this notice (*for those Committee with important activity in logistic & planting site preparation*), letters for your advance information, preparations and commitment for the Arbor Day 2025 celebration which will be held on August 15, 2025 respectively.

Your attendance is highly appreciated.


JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES
Provincial Governor
Chairman, Arbor Day Committee



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Provincial Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 029
Series of 2025

RECONSTITUTION OF ARBOR DAY COMMITTEE IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10176 mandates the creation of Arbor Day Committee in the Province of Aklan to combat the loss of our natural resources and rejuvenate our environment by undertaking tree planting activities and providing effective measures for their maintenance and sustainability;

WHEREAS, in view of the new set of officials, transfer and/or retirement of those who were designated members of the Committee, there is a need to reconstitute the same;

NOW THEREFORE, I JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES, Provincial Governor of the Province of Aklan, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order and ordain the Reconstitution of Arbor Day Committee as follows:

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION

Chairman: Provincial Governor
HON. JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES

Members: All Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members

Aklan Environment and Natural Resources Office (AKENRO)
ENGR. JOHN KENNETH C. ALMALBIS

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office
FOR. MERLENE B. ABORKA

Department of Education (DepEd)
DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI

Commission on Higher Education (CHED)-Aklan State University (ASU)
DR. JEFFREY A. CLARIN

Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)-Aklan
MR. DINO A. PONSARAN

Department of Agriculture (DA)-Regional Office 6
MR. DENNIS R. ARPIA

Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI)-NSQCS Regional Office 6
MR. SIXTO C. CABILA

Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA)
ENGR. ALEXYS T. APOLONIO

Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
MS. MA. THERESA C. VALENCIA

Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
ENGR. GENER J. ABERGAS

Department of Tourism (DOT)
MS. CRISANTA MARLENE P. RODRIGUEZ

Aklan Provincial Tourism Office (APTO)
MS. ROSELLE Q. RUIZ

Philippine National Police (PNP)
PCOL. ARNEL E. RAMOS

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)
LTC. JOVERT S. PIMENTEL INF (GSC) PA

Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
MR. GREGORY G. TEÑOSO III

Bureau of Fire Protection
FCINSP. SIDGIE I. GERARDO

Civil Society Organization (CSO)
KASAMA Save the Mangrove Representative

President, Liga ng mga Barangay (LnB), Aklan Chapter
HON. RALF A. TOLOSA

Philippine Information Agency – Aklan
MS. SHIELA Q. PATOZA

Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Federation
HON. EDMUNDO M. TOLENTINO, JR.

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS

1. All Committee members are hereby enjoined to lead in the tree planting activities through appropriate ceremonies;
2. All participating agencies, organizations, schools, and LGUs shall identify appropriate areas where they can conduct tree planting activities in coordination with agencies which have jurisdiction over such areas (e.g. Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the case of public forest land, Department of Public Works and Highways along roadsides of national highways, Department of Tourism for ecotourism areas and Local Government Units within their jurisdictions);
3. LGUs including barangays, schools, and the DENR shall establish and maintain nurseries to produce planting materials which shall be made available to participants. The maintenance and protection of the planted seedlings shall be the responsibility of the respective participating agencies/instrumentalities;
4. The DENR is hereby directed to provide technical assistance to all participants for the Arbor Day Celebration.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Done this 10th day of June 2025 at Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines.

Approved:


JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES
Provincial Governor