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Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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DEPED WEBSITE UNDER CYBERATTACK

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors/ DICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
District ICT Coordinators
All Others Concerned

1. This is to inform the office and field personnel that the Department of Education website has been subjected to cyberattacks in the form of multiple attempts to disrupt its availability, publish malicious content reroute its traffic to malicious websites unsuitable for children, destroy website links, and disable the ability to upload and publish new content required for DepEd operations
2. The first attack was detected through a report of a concerned citizen last December 2, 2021, while the most recent attempts was detected on December 15, 2021 at 11:17 AM.
3. Since then, the Information and Communications Technology Service (ICTS) has implemented the following measures:
 - More frequent website monitoring
 - Tracking and securing website accounts
 - Implementing additional application gateway and firewall settings to prevent security incidents and monitor unauthorized attempts
 - Coordination with content publishers of the website
 - Conducting research and discussions with security professionals for ways to increase the capacity to prevent to prevent and detect security breaches
4. Attached is the Aide Memoire dated December 16, 2021.
5. For information and dissemination.


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16 December 2021

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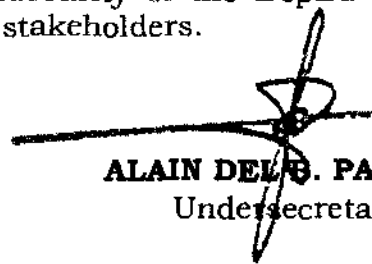
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ICTS has also included in its plans for 2022 the conduct of regular Vulnerability and Penetration Testing (VAPT) for the website and its other systems.

The ICTS commits to continue to review and identify ways to implement strict countermeasures for the cybersecurity of the DepEd website to protect the integrity and safety of our stakeholders.

Thank you.


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Undersecretary



Office of the Undersecretary for Administration (OUA)

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