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Ms. Estela L. Cariño
CHED Region 2 – Regional Director
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Dear Ms. Cariño:

Greetings from the Philippine Center for Gifted Education (PCGE)

Our National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal wrote that *"Genius knows no country. It blossoms everywhere. Genius is like the light, the air. It is the heritage of all."*

Based on his statement, the Filipino gifted can come from all sectors of the Philippine population. But statistics shows that inequities between those identified as gifted and non-gifted exist and children do not have the same opportunities to be identified and nurtured as gifted.

In celebration of the National Week for the Filipino Gifted and Talented, the PCGE will hold the annual conference on Giftedness on November 30 to December 1, 2018 at Rembrandt Hotel at 26 Tomas Morato Extension, Quezon City.

The theme for this year is **"GIFTEDNESS: BALANCING EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY THROUGH NICHE CONSTRUCTION"**

The theme is based on Dr. Albert Ziegler's Actiope Theory of Giftedness which considers it as a "characteristic which changes over time within an environmental context and is the result of various interactions between the individual and the environment". The interaction between the environment and the determinants in a person have a vital influence in the exhibited gifted behavior.

In many countries including the Philippines, this interaction is hampered by limitations in the environment such as in the case of the economically disadvantaged students even in an inclusive educational system like ours.

Recent theories in cognitive science have begun to focus on the role of environmental factors in cognition and the active role of individuals in shaping their own environment. This approach is best responded to by niche construction.

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
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For information and appropriate action

November 22, 2018

To: **PSDS/PIC's
School Heads (Elementary & Secondary)**

For information and appropriate action.

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