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GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KABATAAN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROJECT

The DOLE joins the National Youth Service Program of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo pursuant to Executive Order No. 788 dated March 30, 2009 "*Promoting A Youth National Service",* initiating "a new era of volunteerism and community spirit", through the Kabataan Information Technology Opportunities (Kabataan ITo) Project, of which the following guidelines are hereby issued.

I. CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

Kabataan ITo is an earning and learning project through which the IT-literate unemployed youth shall be tapped in improving IT literacy among the out-of-school youth and other disadvantaged youth through free mentoring sessions and in bringing the government closer to the people through free, supervised internet access to online government programs and services.

Specifically, the project will provide:

- employment opportunities for information technology/computer-literate youth by serving as mentors;

- learning opportunities for youth who are interested to acquire basic and practical IT-related knowledge and skills and to experience hands-on IT appreciation and familiarization; and

- access to various programs and services of the government for poor students, out-of-school youth, disadvantaged OFWs, occupationally disabled workers and informal sector workers and their dependents through information and communication technologies.

By end of December 2009, the project would have:

a. Mobilized at least 3,500 computer-literate youths across 16 regions of the country as volunteer IT mentors receiving a modest stipend of PhP25 per hour of service.

b. Provided assistance to at least 25,000 out-of-school youths and other disadvantaged sectors through lessons on basic and practical computer operations and supervised online access to government programs and services

II. BENEFICIARIES/CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

a. Youth Mentors

1. Unemployed or underemployed youths aged 18 to 24 years old
2. Can perform electronic communication using computer technology
3. Graduates or graduating students of high school or vocational technical or college course
4. Willing to render volunteer community service as mentors with a modest stipend

b. Participants in IT appreciation and familiarization sessions

1. Out-of-school youths and other disadvantaged youths willing to attend hands-on sessions;

2. Disadvantaged sectors and their dependents regardless of age, such as:

a. Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW)
b. Occupationally Disabled Workers (ODW)
c. Victims of work-connected contingencies
d. Persons with disabilities (PWD)

3. Indigenous peoples (IP)

4. Workers in the informal economy

c. Requesting Clients - These are the Non-IT literate persons, regardless of age wishing to have online access to government programs and services who may walk-in during the mentoring hour.

III. MECHANICS

a. The *Kabataan ITo* project will be implemented in NCR, CAR, Regions 1, 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and Caraga, with a target of 3,500 part-time youth mentors engaged for a short period within July to December 2009.

b. The DOLE RO shall determine the number of youth mentors and their mentoring hours for its Field and Satellite Offices based on the estimates below:

Region	# of Field & Satellite Offices	Estimated Target # of Mentors per Region
NCR	6	455
CAR	7	70
I	4	175
II	5	21
III	6	420
IV - A	5	385
IV - B	5	70
V	6	140
VI	5	210
VII	5	350
VIII	7	105
IX	5	210
X	6	245