

FERDINAND R. MARCOS Administration
(2022 – Present)

The fundamental call of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. (PBBM) is UNITY. It is a prerequisite to the attainment of the Filipino people’s dreams – a Nation at peace; a developed country; and a bright future for future generations. These require the disciplined response, pro-active involvement and collective participation of the Filipino people.

YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan was proposed to PBBM as a campaign to arouse, organize and mobilize the Filipino people through a national open referendum and awareness sharing dialogues to mobilize all sectors to actively counter violent extremism as well as assert the right to peace. A paper and ink initiative to establish a national consensus to end armed conflicts by democratically institutionalizing good governance.

The campaign’s people-centered Road Map to Unity and its Implementation Plan with five (5) thematic areas – Arouse, Organize, Mobilize, Governance and Charter Change – was refined in line with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal No. 16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions which states, “Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access and justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.”



The Whole-of-Nation / Whole-of-Society approach of **YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan** shall include five (5) thematic areas:

1. **AROUSE** – Establish a national consensus by conducting a national open referendum and awareness sharing dialogues, among Filipinos, 10 years and older, and mobilize all sectors to actively counter violent extremism as well as assert the right to peace.
2. **ORGANIZE** – Enjoin the people-centric upward declaration of **YES FOR PEACE Zones** from the Schools/ Barangays; to Cities and Municipalities; to Provinces; to the Regions; and finally, the whole country.
3. **MOBILIZE** - Engage the people’s pro-active involvement and collective participation in identifying, planning budgeting and implementing community-based peace and development programs. Open-access to a Menu of Services of existing government projects and programs to address identified needs shall be provided.
4. **GOVERGENCE** – Good governance through the convergent delivery of community peace and development programs and projects identified, planned, budgeted and implemented by the communities.
5. **CHARTER CHANGE** – Revision of constitutional provisions that have impeded national unity, peace, progress and prosperity.

The **YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan ROAD MAP** is anchored on the **CORE** value of **Discipline** and each phase espouses the following values:

PHASE	IDEALS	PARAMETERS	CONCEPTS
AROUSE	Nationalist	Patriotic	Maka-Diyos
ORGANIZE	Assertive	Non-Sectarian	Maka-Tao
MOBILIZE	Knowledgeable	Non-Partisan	Makabansa
GOVERGENCE	Empowering	Multi-Sectoral	Maka-Kalikasan
CHARTER CHANGE	Democratic	Dynamic	Makabuluhan

30 August 2022 – PBBM stated in his Message for Yes for Peace, Incorporated, “I am delighted that your organization has aligned with the administration’s core ideal which will positively guide us in the efficient delivery of public services and the espousal of good governance in the coming years.

“I fervently hope that you will make significant progress in promoting non-violent and constructive peacebuilding dialogues and implement programs that will benefit communities in dire need. May you garner substantial support in effecting the whole-of-nation approach to your comprehensive plan for lasting peace and development.

“As we proceed to the future with renewed hearts and minds, it is time to set aside our differences and let our philosophies converge in our shared dreams for our country. With our strengthened unification efforts, I am confident that we can nurture a more progressive, productive, and inclusive society for all.”

September 2022 –Vice President Sara Z. Duterte wrote, “The fate of our nation rests in our fate in peace, our commitment to democracy and human rights, the union of different cultures and traditions of our regions, and our collective dream and aspiration for a life that is secure and free from violence.

“I hope Yes for Peace, Inc., will be instrumental in helping the government bring its development and peace and security agenda to the people.”

A set of three questions were pre-tested among the participants to 2022 DepEd NEU Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao clustered assemblies. Table No. 1 shows the results of the pre-tests.

Table No. 1

Results of the Pre-tests among the Participants to 2022 DepEd NEU Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Clustered Assemblies

QUESTION	YES	%	NO	%
1. Kailangan po bang alamin, itaguyod at isabuhay ang mga Karapatan ng Katutubo (<i>Indigenous People’s Rights</i>) ayon sa RA No. 8371; ang mga Karapatan ng Bata (<i>Rights of the Child</i>); ang mga Karapatang Pantao (<i>Human Rights</i>); at ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan (<i>Right to Peace</i>) alinsunod sa mga deklarasyon ng United Nations’ General Assembly ?	1,088	99.73	3	0.27
2. Kailangan po bang tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang pagsusulong at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo para isulong at ipagpilitan ninuman ang mga paniniwala, adhikain, ideolohiya o relihiyon?	1,066	97.98	22	2.02
3. Kailangan ba ang aktibong pakikibahagi ng bawat Filipino at kolektibong partisipasyon ng Sambayanan para maayos na matukoy, maiplano, mapondohan ang mga <i>proyekto at programa ng iba’t ibang sangay ng gobyerno para masugpo na ang kahirapan at maangat ang kabuhayan ng bawat Filipino sa bawat komunidad o Barangay?</i>	1,073	99.81	2	0.19

The results show that indeed, a consensus among the Filipino people on peace and how to attain this can be built. It should be noted, however, that while still statistically insignificant, there are 2.02% that have answered no to Question No. 2.

07 December 2022 – VP and DepEd Secretary Duterte wrote in a Message for the 14th DepEd NEU National Congress, “I reiterate my full support to the YES FOR PEACE Bayanihan ng Bayan in carrying out its important and delicate mission

to end the recruitment of Filipino learners by armed extremist groups pursuant to the whole-of-nation approach of the National Plan to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict approved by President Rodrigo Duterte.

“Your campaign complements the Department of Education’s call to intensify our child protection mechanisms in our schools.”

“I enjoin the proactive participation of the DepEd National Employees Union in addressing this national concern by working collaboratively with civil society groups such as the Yes for Peace Bayanihan ng Bayan movement.

“Our nation has suffered enough from insurgency and terrorism. Together, let us work to stop the breeding grounds of violence that endanger the future of our democracy, our nation, and our children.”

15 December 2022 – Secretary for the Interior and Local Government Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos, Jr. wrote, “...the Department of the Interior and Local Government commends the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan on their continuous efforts in mobilizing all sectors of in our society to take part in creating and maintaining peace in the country...”

“I call on all institutions, civil society organizations, and individuals to emulate, if not follow, the efforts of Yes for Peace because at the end of the day, we will agree to peace, order, and development.”

30 January 2023 – VP and DepEd Secretary Duterte declared in the Basic Education Report 2023, ““We will embed the **Culture of Peace** in our curriculum to develop learners who are peace builders in communities. We will integrate peace competencies such as social awareness, responsibility, care for the environment, value for diversity, self-esteem, positive character, resilience and human security into the various learning areas of the K-12 curriculum.”

February 2023 – The questions were reformulated pursuant to United Nations’ Resolution 53/243 “Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace” as well as fit into the MATATAG Agenda of DepEd.

Table No. 2 shows the matrix of the Filipino and English versions of the reformulated questions which were submitted together with the proposed implementation plan to VP and DepEd Secretary Duterte.

Table No. 2.

**2023 Open Referendum Questions of “YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan”
viz. United Nations’ Resolution 53/243 “Declaration and Programme of Action
on a Culture of Peace”**

Filipino	English	UN Resolution 53/243
1. <i>Dapat ba nating itanim at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?</i>	Should we embed and nurture the Culture of Peace in our schools, homes, communities, and government?	“... Declaration on a Culture of Peace to the end that Governments, international organizations and civil society may be guided in their activity by its provisions to promote and strengthen a culture of peace...”
2. <i>Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa’t komunidad?</i>	Should we unite and collectively participate in identifying, planning, budgeting and implementing projects and programs in each community to maintain the Culture of Peace?	“ <i>Recognizing</i> that peace not only is the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation.”
3. <i>Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?</i>	Should we establish a society without violence - physical, sexual, psychological, economic and social?	<i>Article 1 (a)</i> . “Respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation.”
4. <i>Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?</i>	Should we take care of and enrich our environment for the sustainable development of our country as an important undertaking for the peace process?	<i>Article 1 (e)</i> . “Efforts to meet the developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations.”
5. <i>Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba’t-ibang paniniwala natin?</i>	Should we recognize and respect each other’s different beliefs and culture?	<i>Article 1 (i)</i> . “Adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and

Filipino	English	UN Resolution 53/243
		among nations; and fostered by an enabling national and international environment conducive to peace.”
6. <i>Dapat ba nating isabuhay ang pagiging Maka-Diyos, Maka-Kalikasan, Maka-Tao at Makabansa?</i>	Should we live up to being Pro-God, Pro-Environment, Pro-People and Nationalist?	<i>Article 2.</i> “Progress in the fuller development of a culture of peace comes about through values, attitudes, modes of behaviour and ways of life conducive to the promotion of peace among individuals, groups and nations.”
7. <i>Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?</i>	Should we uphold and assert Human Rights; the Rights of Children; Indigenous People’s Rights and the Right to Peace?	<i>Article 3 (c).</i> “Promoting democracy, development and universal respect for and observance of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.
8. <i>Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang mga propaganda at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?</i>	Should we reject, oppose and counter the propaganda for and the use of arms, violence and terrorism for whatever reason it may be?	<i>Article 3 (d).</i> “Enabling people at all levels to develop skills of dialogue, negotiation, consensus-building and peaceful resolution of differences.”
9. <i>Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba’t-Ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?</i>	Should we keep ourselves abreast of programs and projects of various government agencies and use these to develop our community and to enrich the Culture of Peace?	<i>Article 3 (e).</i> Strengthening democratic institutions and ensuring full participation in the development process;

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10. <i>Dapat ba nating ituro ang mga kaganapan at maaring gawin sa pagtataguyod ng kapayapaan at pagsusulong ng karapatang pantao sa ating mga mag-aaral?</i>	Should we teach all our learners the historical backgrounds and ways forward to build peace and assert human rights?	<i>Article 4.</i> Education at all levels is one of the principal means to build a culture of peace. In this context, human rights education is of particular importance.

08 March 2023 – Director Jocelyn DR Andaya of the DepEd Bureau of Curriculum Development wrote, “The proposed Implementation Plan is consistent with the intent and purpose of the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum and is responsive to the varying contexts of learners, teachers, and other members of the school community across the archipelago particularly the People-centric Movement for Peace and Unity thru Good Governance.

“Moreover, the proposed implementation plan provides a wide menu of strategic responses to the highly-fluid and ever-growing needs and demands relative to peace initiatives.”

March 2023 – National Commission on Muslim Filipinos Secretary Atty. Guilling A. Mamondiong wrote, “The Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan campaign is a concrete step that all Filipinos should collectively undertake to ensure that the peace we all pray for is achieved and conflicts are judiciously resolved.

“In as much as Islam is Peace, I hereby commit the full and wholehearted support of the National Commission for Muslim Filipinos... towards the realization of the Vision, the accomplishment of the Mission, and the attainment of the Goals and Objectives of Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan.

20 April 2023 – University of the Philippines President Angelo A. Jimenez wrote, “Decades have passed since the UP Board of Regents passed a Resolution “Declaring All UP Campuses a Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality”, and still, the University of the Philippines has remained and will remain committed to the principles espoused in this Resolution.

“As UP President, I reaffirm my commitment to maintain UP as a bastion of academic freedom. My administration will support initiatives that will protect and promote UP as a free, safe and peaceful space for the convergence of different perspectives; where voices are encouraged to speak and not silenced; where diversity finds a home; and where ideas are shared and nurtured for the benefit of the nation.”

05 September 2023 - General Romeo S Brawner Jr, AFP Chief of Staff issued a Solidarity Statement On Peace-Building And Conflict Resolution, “The Armed

Forces of the Philippines (AFP) is in solidarity with the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan in pursuit of peace and development, firmly believing that a peaceful and harmonious society is essential for our collective progress.

“This campaign underscores the significance of dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation in addressing the root cause of conflicts.

“As an organization committed to protecting the welfare and security of our people, the AFP believes that promoting peace is vital in achieving lasting prosperity.

“The AFP values the voices of all our citizens, and we are dedicated to listening to their concerns and aspirations, promoting inclusivity and diversity in our approach. This shall foster an environment of trust and cooperation among our countrymen.

“At the heart of our campaign is collaboration. Through strong partnerships with government agencies, civil society, and other stakeholders, we shall strengthen further our collective efforts towards a more peaceful and inclusive society.

“The AFP shall face all challenges with determination, knowing that by working together, we can build a future where peace and prosperity prevail.”

29 November 2023 - VP and DepEd Secretary Duterte wrote in a Message for the 15th DepEd NEU National Congress, “I am sincerely grateful for the proactive initiatives spearheaded by Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan in response to our shared commitment to preventing the recruitment of Filipino learners by armed extremist groups.

“Your collaboration with the Department of Education National Employees Union contribute to a promising future for collective decision-making and reinforcing our child protection policy.

“Let us join hands in implementing basic education reforms under the MATATAG Agenda and integrating peace education into our K-12 curriculum. Together, we can inspire and empower learners to uphold peace and reject the recruitment efforts of armed extremist groups.

“Maging MATATAG tayo tungo sa isang Bansang Makabata at Batang Makabansa.”

The questions formulated pursuant to the MATATAG Agenda of embedding the **Culture of Peace** in the curriculum and developing learners who are peace builders in communities have been pre-tested among participants to the 2023 Clustered Assemblies and the 15th National Congress of the DepEd NEU. Table No. 3 shows the consolidated results of the pre-tests.

Table No. 3

**Consolidated Results of Pre-Tests of Questions Formulated Pursuant to the
MATATAG Agenda Among Participants to the 2023 Clustered Assemblies and the
15th National Congress of the DepEd NEU**

Questions	YES	%	NO	%
1. <i>Dapat ba nating itanim at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
2. <i>Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa't komunidad?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
3. <i>Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
4. <i>Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
5. <i>Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba't-ibang paniniwala natin?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
6. <i>Dapat ba nating isabuhay ang pagiging Maka-Diyos, Maka-Kalikasan, Maka-Tao at Makabansa?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
7. <i>Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
8. <i>Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang mga propaganda at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?</i>	1,549	99.81	3	0.19
9. <i>Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-Ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00
10. <i>Dapat ba nating ituro ang mga kaganapan at maaring gawin sa pagtataguyod ng kapayapaan at pagsusulong ng karapatang pantao sa ating mga mag-aaral?</i>	1,552	100.00	0	0.00

The above results clearly show that, indeed, a national consensus can be established at this time.

30 November 2023 – The 15th DepEd NEU National Congress unanimously adopted “Resolution Reiterating the Joint DepEd NEU National Executive Council and National Board of Trustees Resolution Adopting Yes for Peace - Bayanihan ng Bayan Campaign in Support of the MATATAG Agenda to Embed the “Culture of Peace” in the Curriculum and Urging Vice President and DepEd Secretary Sara Z. Duterte to Issue a DepEd Memorandum for the Implementation of Its Open Referendum Phase to End the Recruitment of Learners by Armed Extremist Groups.”

05 December 2023 – A letter following-up on action taken on the draft Memorandum was sent to DepEd Undersecretary Omar V. Romero. Among others, attached to the letter is a sample Questionnaire and the Proposed Yes for Peace Open Referendum Campaign Activities.

12 December 2023 – A letter appreciating the Messages she issued and informing her of the Resolution unanimously adopted by the 15th DepEd NEU National Congress was sent to VP and Vice President Duterte.

18 December 2023 – A letter appreciating the Message issued and submitting the proposed Road Map (Annexes “C-1” to “C-6”) was sent to PBBM. The letter concluded, “We are excited to proactively and collectively ‘nurture a more progressive, productive and inclusive society for all’ with other peace builders in the private sector as well as government agencies under Your Excellency’s inspirational guidance.”

21 December 2023 – The Office of the Appointments Secretary, Office of the President of the Philippines sent a reply by email, “We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18 December 2023, appreciating the message of **PRESIDENT FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.** to the Yes for Peace, Inc. issued on August 2022.”

21 February 2024 – Secretary of Justice Jesus Crispin “Boying” C. Remulla issued a MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY to the “dedicated officers, members and volunteers of Yes for Peace, Inc. It states:

“I am deeply inspired by your firm resolve to positive change through the Bayanihan ng Bayan Campaign. Your tireless efforts to educate communities, empower youth, and advocate peaceful solutions serve as a beacon of hope in our fight to protect vulnerable communities, especially children.

“As we navigate this complex challenge together, the unwavering solidarity of the Filipino people remains our strongest weapon. Your organization’s noble work perfectly complements the government’s whole-of-nation approach, securing that more communities are equipped with the knowledge and resources they need to build a lasting peace.

“The future of our nation rests on our faith in peace, our dedication to selflessness and human rights, and our collective dream of a country free from violence and conflict. I have no doubt that Yes for Peace, Inc. will continue to paly a crucial role in bridging the gap between the government

and the people, ensuring that every Filipino has the opportunity to contribute to a brighter future.

“Let us continue to work together, hand-in-hand, united in our purpose to build a brighter future for our beloved Philippines.

“We support and stand in solidarity with Yes for Peace, Inc.!”

16 February 2024 – Nenneth Esplana, Director IV of the Disaster Risk and Reduction and Management Service of DepEd wrote in a letter to the President and CEO of Yes for Peace, Inc.,

“After a thorough review of the proposed DepEd Memorandum, the DRRMS noted that it aligns with the agency’s goals, especially in fostering peace among learners and in schools.

“However, the DRRMS has some concerns it wishes to raise that you may consider.

Among these concerns is:

“Since the main objective of the initiative is to be incorporated into the curriculum, particularly in subjects such as Social Studies and Values Education, it is recommended that the author of the proposed Department Order consult with the Bureau of Learning Delivery and Bureau of Curriculum Development.”

01 March 2024 – DepEd Undersecretary Gina O. Gonong issued Memorandum DM-CT-2024-064 – Establishment of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) for Peace Education Program. It declared:

1. “To ensure the effective implementation of the MATATAG Curriculum that integrates peace competencies in various learning areas, the Department of Education in strengthening the institutionalization of Peace Education and Development in basic education institutions nationwide. This is in support of the MATATAG Agenda in making the curriculum relevant to produce responsible citizens, Likewise, it advances the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 particularly in Enhancing Peace and Security and Enhanced Administration of Justice.
2. “The National Peace Education Program will primarily strengthen learners, teachers, and other personnels’ competencies on social awareness responsibility, care for the environment, value for diversity, self-esteem, positive character, resilience, and human security among others.”

04 March 2024 – The President and CEO of Yes for Peace, Inc. and Atty. Domingo Ballais Alidon, President of the DepEd NEU wrote to Secretary Remulla,

“Thank you so much for your Message of Solidarity. We find it very heartwarming and inspiring. We have posted it in our website – yesforpeace.com.

“Also, thank you for the hyperlinks containing information on peace promoting programs of the DOJ.

“Finally, thank you for the responses of personnel of the Department of Justice that were turned-over to us by Ms. Monica Marie Ramos. A summary of which is attached herewith for your information and appreciation.

“We are certain that the foregoing will address concerns and reservations regarding the legal aspects and implications of our campaign when we use it as reference in presenting the campaign to other National Government Agencies as well as civil society organizations.

“Looking forward to our success in mobilizing the proactive involvement and collective participation of the Filipino people in the Whole-of-Nation approach to end all armed conflicts waged in their name.”

Table No. 4 shows the Summary of Responses of DOJ personnel.

Table No. 4

Summary of Responses of DOJ Personnel

Questions	YES	%	NO	%	NO ANSWER	%
1. <i>Dapat ba nating itanim at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?</i>	147	98.00	1	0.67	2	1.33
2. <i>Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa't komunidad?</i>	146	97.33	1	0.67	3	2.10
3. <i>Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?</i>	145	96.67	1	0.67	4	2.70

Questions	YES	%	NO	%	NO ANSWER	%
4. <i>Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?</i>	147	98.00	1	0.67	2	1.33
5. <i>Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba't-ibang paniniwala natin?</i>	148	98.67	1	0.67	1	0.67
6. <i>Dapat ba nating isabuhay ang pagiging Maka-Diyos, Maka-Kalikasan, Maka-Tao at Makabansa?</i>	148	98.67	1	0.67	1	0.67
7. <i>Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?</i>	147		1	0.67	2	1.33
8. <i>Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang mga propaganda at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?</i>	148	98.67	1	0.67	1	0.67
9. <i>Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-Ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?</i>	148	98.67	1	0.67	1	0.67
10. <i>Dapat ba nating ituro ang mga kaganapan at maaring gawin sa pagtataguyod ng kapayapaan at pagsusulong ng karapatang pantao sa ating mga mag-aaral?</i>	148	98.67	1	0.67	1	0.67

04 March 2024 – Reverie Pure G. Sapaen, Director IV of the Governance Staff of the National Economic Development Authority wrote to the President and CEO

of Yes for Peace, Inc., “We laud your intention to advocate peace, unity and development in the country. We also recognize the importance of ensuring peace and security in advancing the national interests towards peace and prosperity as reflected in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028. This is also aligned with the Filipinos’ aspiration of a strongly rooted, comfortable, and secure life in the *AmBisyon Natin 2024*.”

Director Sapaen recommended, “Conduct consultations with key government agencies that promote peace and security to gain insights, identify areas of collaboration, and avoid duplication of efforts.”

Among the agencies listed by Director Sapaen are the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity; Department of National Defense, Department of the Interior and Local Government; and Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

19 March 2024 – DepEd Undersecretary for Operations Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo transmitted the proposed DepEd Memorandum to Alma Ruby C. Torio, Chairman, Peace Education Program and Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching “for the NTWG’s evaluation whether or not it attained the objectives and plans of the Peace Education Program.”

10 June 2024 – A virtual meeting via Zoom was conducted with Director Dennis D. Villaseñor.

According to Director Villaseñor, the “request for a Memorandum Circular for the LGU participation... could be initiated later and only after the Department of Education’s issuance or declaration of schools as peace zones. DILG can help but would need further information and details to proceed.”

03 July 2024 – The Implementation Plan and Road Map of the campaign was presented to Angelito M. De Leon is the Undersecretary for Capability Assessment and Development (USCAD) of the Department of National Defense (DND) and Chairperson of the Task Force Balik-Loob.

Undersecretary De Leon suggested that the assertion of territorial sovereignty and rejection of foreign intervention on national issues and policies be incorporated in the campaign.

After a thorough evaluation of the suggestion, Question No. 6, “*Dapat ba nating isabuhay ang pagiging Maka-Diyos, Maka-Kalikasan, Maka-Tao at Makabansa?*” was replaced with, “*Dapat ba nating isulong at ipaglaban ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at kasarinlan ng teritoryo ng*

Pilipinas at tutulan ang panghihimasok at pakikialam ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin?”

Undersecretary De Leon also suggested that the *Balik-Loob* program be brought to the attention of the Target Audiences of the campaign.

Question No. 10, “*Dapat ba nating ituro ang mga kaganapan at maaring gawin sa pagtataguyod ng kapayapaan at pagsusulong ng karapatang pantao sa ating mga mag-aaral?*” was replaced with, “*Dapat ba nating patibayin at ipagpatuloy ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga rebelde at nang makapamuhay sila nang mapayapa at matiwasay sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad?*”

The Matrix of Questions viz. United Nations’ Resolution 53/243 “Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace” was thus revised as shown in Table No. 5.

Table No. 5

2024 Open Referendum Questions of “YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan” viz. United Nations’ Resolution 53/243 “Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace”

English	Filipino	UN Resolution 53/243
1. Should we embed and nurture the Culture of Peace in our schools, homes, communities, and government?	<i>Dapat ba nating ipunla at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?</i>	Declaration , “... Declaration on a Culture of Peace to the end that Governments, international organizations and civil society may be guided in their activity by its provisions to promote and strengthen a culture of peace...”
2. Should we unite and collectively participate in identifying, planning, budgeting and implementing projects and programs in each community to maintain the Culture of Peace?	<i>Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa’t komunidad?</i>	Declaration , “Recognizing that peace not only is the absence of conflict, but also requires a positive, dynamic participatory process where dialogue is encouraged and conflicts are solved in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation.”
3. Should we establish a society without violence - physical, sexual, psychological, economic	<i>Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal,</i>	Declaration, Article 1 (a) . “Respect for life, ending of violence and promotion and

English	Filipino	UN Resolution 53/243
and social?	<i>sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?</i>	practice of non-violence through education, dialogue and cooperation.”
4. Should we take care of and enrich our environment for the sustainable development of our country as an important undertaking for the peace process?	<i>Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinihan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?</i>	Declaration, Article 1 (e). “Efforts to meet the developmental and environmental needs of present and future generations.”
5. Should we recognize and respect each other’s different beliefs and culture?	<i>Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba’t-ibang paniniwala natin?</i>	Declaration, Article 1 (i). “Adherence to the principles of freedom, justice, democracy, tolerance, solidarity, cooperation, pluralism, cultural diversity, dialogue and understanding at all levels of society and among nations; and fostered by an enabling national and international environment conducive to peace.”
6. Should we assert the full respect of other nations on our sovereignty and territorial integrity and resist intervention of foreigners in our domestic issues and policies?	<i>Dapat ba nating isulong ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at kasarinlan ng teritoryo natin at tutulan ang panghihimasok ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin?</i>	Declaration, Article 1 (b). “Full respect for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of States and non-intervention in matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any State, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law;”
7. Should we uphold and assert Human Rights; the Rights of Children; Indigenous People’s Rights and the Right to Peace?	<i>Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?</i>	Declaration, Article 3 (c). “Promoting democracy, development and universal respect for and observance of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.”
8. Should we reject, oppose and counter calls for, promotion of and use of arms, violence and	<i>Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang pananawagan, pagsusulong at paggamit ng armas,</i>	Declaration, Article 3 (d). “Enabling people at all levels to develop skills of dialogue, negotiation, consensus-

English	Filipino	UN Resolution 53/243
terrorism for whatever reason it may be?	<i>karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?</i>	building and peaceful resolution of differences.”
9. Should we keep ourselves abreast of programs and projects of various government agencies and use these to develop our community and to enrich the Culture of Peace?	<i>Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?</i>	Declaration, Article 3 (e). “Strengthening democratic institutions and ensuring full participation in the development process;”
10. Should we strengthen the programs that enable rebels to return to society and to live peacefully in their respective communities?	<i>Dapat ba nating patibayin ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga rebelde at nang makapamuhay sila ng matiwasay sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad?</i>	Programme of Action, B. 15 (f). “Support initiatives, at the national, regional and international levels, to address concrete problems arising from post-conflict situations, such as demobilization, reintegration of former combatants into society, as well as refugees and displaced persons, weapon collection programmes, exchange of information and confidence-building”

04 July 2024 –

22 August 2024 – The refined Implementation Plan and Road Map 2024 – 2028 of the campaign were presented to Director Jose A. Descallar, Supervising Director of the SUCBEM Cluster of NTF-ELCAC.

Director Descallar and his staff were informed that the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan Implementation Plan and Road Map were previously incorporated into the National Plan to End the Local Communist Armed Conflict 2019 -2012 by the SUCBEM Cluster.

However, it must be noted at this point that the Proposed Road Map 2024 - 2028 was refined to ensure that it is consistent with thrusts of the current administration, the Philippine Development Plan, and *AmBisyon Natin 2040*, to wit:



The Five (5) Thematic Phases as refined follows:

1. **AROUSE.** Forge a national consensus through an open referendum among Filipinos – 10 years and older – on ten (10) questions based on United Nations Resolution 43/243, "**Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace**".
2. **ORGANIZE.** People-centric and bottom-up declaration of Schools; Barangays; Cities/ Municipalities; Provinces; and Regions as YES FOR PEACE, UNITY and DEVELOPMENT Zones based on results of the open referendum.
3. **MOBILIZE.** Engage the pro-active involvement and collective participation of the Filipino people in identifying, planning, budgeting and implementing community-based peace, development and livelihood programs projects.
4. **GOVERNANCE.** Institutionalize good governance through the convergent delivery of peace, development and livelihood programs and projects identified, planned, budgeted and implemented through **Bayanihan** (pro-active involvement and collective participation) of the people at all levels of government from the barangay/community to the municipal/city to the provincial to the regional to the national level.
5. **LEGISLATION.** Revision of constitutional provisions as well as laws that have impeded peace, unity and development. The process shall be consultative, people-centric, and preferably bottom-up.

The goals of the campaign were then presented:

"Dahil sa pag-ibig sa tinubuang lupa..."

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Goals

- P** *People-centric national unity and consensus against violent extremism and terrorism*
- E** *nd internal armed conflicts.*
- A** *ssert the people's individual and collective Right to Peace.*
- C** *onstitutional amendments and enactment of laws.*
- E** *mpowerment of the Filipino people through BAYANIHAN NG BAYAN.*

For its part, the SUCBEM Supervising Team presented the PEACE GOALS that they have crafted:

P	E	A	C	E
PREVENT	EMPOWER	ATTAINABLE	CAPACITATE	EMPOWER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instill a "Culture of Peace." • Prevent Terror Grooming 	ASSIST CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS	ATTAIN LASTING PEACE FOR THE NATION	CAPACITATE AND ASSIST FRIENDS RESCUED TO NORMALCY	EMPOWER FRs and Social Sectors to be resilient against CTG Infiltration
G	O	A	L	S

Mr. Jeremiah Montejo, Technical Assistant of Director Descallar subsequently informed Yes for Peace, Inc. that the current SUCBEM re-adopted the Cluster Mission adopted in 2019 and stipulated in the National Action Plan approved by then President Duterte, to wit:

“The cluster shall engage, unify, capacitate, empower, and mobilize all sectors of society to be free and resistant to the Communist-Terrorist operations and infiltrations as well as to positively assert government

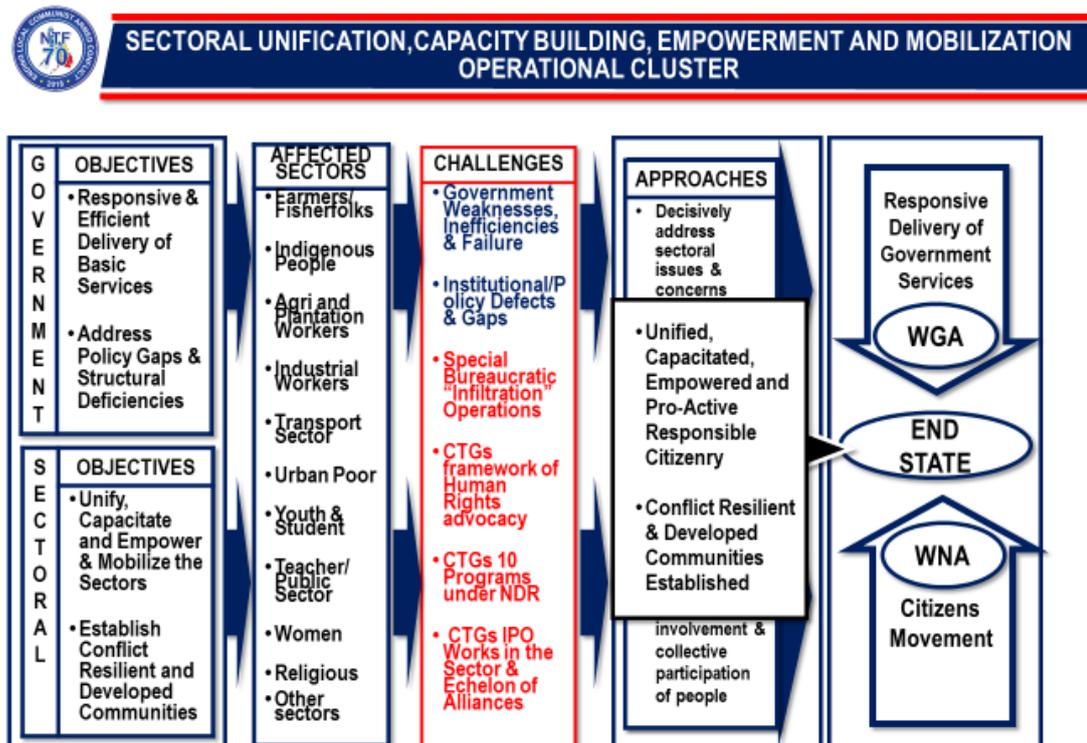
authority and genuine peoples' sovereignty for the effective and efficient implementation of programs to strengthen and reinforce the realization of good governance, enduring peace and sustainable development, in order to significantly contribute to totally eradicate the local communist armed conflict.”

Notably, no time frame was set.

In 2019, the CLUSTER INTENTS were as follows:

1. “To engage, unify, capacitate, empower and mobilize all sectors of society to be free and resistant to the CTGs mass base building operations and infiltration activities;
2. “To decisively address sectoral issues and concerns through dynamic and direct agency programs and interventions;
3. “To build, develop, nurture, and mobilize the proactive involvement and collective participation of the people as purveyor of citizens’ movement toward meaningful social change.

The current SUCBEM Cluster likewise re-adopted the following framework of implementation:



20 September 2024 – the 2024 DepEd NEU Mindanao Clustered Assembly adopted Resolution No. 21, “A Resolution Reiterating the Joint DepEd NEU

National Executive Council and National Board of Trustees Resolution Adopting Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan in Support of the MATATAG Agenda to Embed a “Culture of Peace” in the Curriculum and Urging Department of Education Secretary Juan Edgardo M. Angara to Include the Implementation of its Open Referendum Phase to End the Recruitment of Learners by Armed Extremist Groups into the DepEd Order on the Peace Education Policy”

02 October 2024 – Mr. Alcanzare and Atty. Alidon wrote a letter to Secretary Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara to inform him of the DepEd NEU Mindanao Clustered Assembly Resolution and submitted a Summary of Responses from 438 participants as shown in Table 6.

Table 6
Summary of Responses
DepEd NEU Mindanao Clustered Assembly

Questions	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
1. <i>Dapat ba nating itanim at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?</i>	439	0	0
2. <i>Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa’t komunidad?</i>	439	0	0
3. <i>Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?</i>	439	0	0
4. <i>Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?</i>	439	0	0
5. <i>Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba’t-ibang paniniwala natin (relihiyon, political, kultural, adhikain at ideolohiya) natin?</i>	439	0	0
6. <i>Dapat ba nating isulong at ipaglaban ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at kasarinlan ng teritoryo ng Pilipinas at tutulan ang panghihimasok at pakikialam ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin?</i>	439	0	0
7. <i>Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?</i>	439	0	0
8. <i>Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang mga propaganda at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?</i>	434	5	0
9. <i>Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba’t-Ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?</i>	439	0	0
10. <i>Dapat ba nating patibayin at ipagpatuloy ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga</i>	435	4	0

Questions	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
rebelde at nang makapamuhay sila nang mapayapa at matiwasay sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad?			

Secretary Angara was also informed that, “Assured of the support of the Sixty-Two Thousand (62,000) Officers and Members of the DepEd NEU, we participated the Consultative Conference held from 23 to 27 September 2024 at the Tiara Hotel in Makati City to “marry” our proposed DepEd Memorandum for the “Implementation of the AROUSE (Peace Education and Consensus Building) Phase of the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan” into the draft Department Order on the Peace Education Program.”

“To tailor fit the Yes for Peace questionnaire with the inputs given by Mr. Rowel Padernal and his team the during the Consultative Conference, we looked into it and made corresponding revisions. We believe that all key messages of the Peace Education Program are briefly, concisely and clearly encapsulated in the resultant revised version.” as shown below:

 <p>Handa ka bang tumindig at maki-isa sa mga Kapwa nating mga Filipino mula 10 taong gulang upang:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pandayin ang batayan ng pagkakaisa? ■ Wakasan na ang armadong labanan sa pagitan ng gobyerno at ng mga rebelde? ■ Labanan ang paggamit ng armas at terorismo para isulong ang anumang paniniwala? ■ Tumulong sa pagtukoy, pagpaplanong at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programang pangkaunlaran at pangkapayapaan sa kani-kanilang komunidad? ■ Itatag ang “Kultura ng Kapayapaan” sa Lipunan? <p>Kung sumagot ka ng YES, handa ka rin bang maging KaBayani ng Bayan?</p>	<p><i>“After we have passed a historic crossroads, we have come to the realization that the predominant desire of our people is to tread a path of unity, humility and understanding. I am delighted that your organization has aligned with the administration’s core ideals which will positively guide us in the efficient delivery of public services and the espousal of good governance in the coming years.”</i></p>  <p>President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr. Message for YES FOR PEACE, Inc. August 30, 2022</p>  <p><i>“Ako po’y nagpapaabot ng aking taos pusong pagbati sa inyong organisasyon na nagsusulong ng Kapayapaan sa buong kapuluan...”</i></p> <p><i>“Bilang patunay ng aking pakikiisa sa inyong adhikain, ako po ay solidong sumusuporta sa mga hakbang na nagtutulak ng pagkakaisa sa ating lahat tungo sa tunay na pag-unlad. Ipagpatuloy po ninyo ang inyong makabuluhang adbokasiya.”</i></p> <p>Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara Mensahe para sa YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan Ika-14 ng Setyembre 2018</p>	 <p>“Peace Education – transformative education; education that seeks to change mindsets values and behaviors that have led to direct, structural and other forms of violence in our society; education that builds awareness, concern and action towards nonviolence, justice, and environmental care.” – IRR of EO No. 570, “Institutionalizing Peace Education in Basic Education and Teacher Education”</p> <p>“Peace Education ... It entails providing an enabling environment for infusing peace-promoting values, skills, and attitudes into the whole life of the school. To be effective, peace education shall be implemented through encompassing all the learning areas, engaging all members of the school community (learners, teachers, other school personnel), and the wider community (local government units, parents, etc.) – DepEd Order 32, s. 2019 (11 November 2019)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SPACE FOR MESSAGE OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOL AND/OR SPONSOR FOR PRINTING</p> </div>
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Notably, the following definitions of Peace Education have been incorporated into the questionnaire to educate the target audiences.

1. **“Peace Education** – transformative education; education that seeks to change mindsets values and behaviors that have led to direct, structural and other forms of violence in our society; education that builds awareness, concern and action towards nonviolence, justice, and environmental care.” – *IRR of EO No. 570, “Institutionalizing Peace Education in Basic Education and Teacher Education”*
2. **“Peace Education** ... It entails providing an enabling environment for infusing peace-promoting values, skills, and attitudes into the whole life of the school. To be effective, peace education shall be implemented through encompassing all the learning areas, engaging all members of the school community (learners, teachers, other school personnel), and the wider community (local government units, parents, etc.) – *DepEd Order 32, s. 2019 (11 November 2019)*

Also, a space is provided for the Messages of the participating school and/or sponsor for printing.

Cost of reproduction of questionnaires and Panunumpa ng Kabayanihan (by Risograph printing) is estimated at P1.00 per sheet and report forms (by Photocopying) is P2.00 per sheet. Spaces are provided for the messages of the School or Local School Board or peace advocacy groups/individuals that donated the materials.

In public elementary and high schools, these expenses may be charged against the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), pursuant to DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2019, entitled, “Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Direct Release, Use, Monitoring, and Reporting of Maintenance Other Funds Managed by Schools Article V-Procedures, Section D, and other available funding source, in accordance with existing budgeting, accounting, auditing, and procurement rules and regulations.”

 <p><i>Napakahalaga po ng partisipasyon ng bawat isang Filipino tungo sa minimithi nating Pagkakaisa. Lagyan po ng ✓ ang sagot sa bawat tanong upang maiba-dokumento natin ang mga balayan nito. Tig-isang YES FOR PEACE -- Bayanihan ng Bayan questionnaire lang po ang kailangang sagutan ng bawat Filipino mula sampung (10) taong gulang patanda.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dapat ba ipunla at arugan ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawat komunidad? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating itatang ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, siklohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayapaan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba't-ibang paniniwala (relihiyon, politikal, kultural, adhikain at ideolohiya) natin? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating isulong at ipaglaban ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at kasarinlan ng teritoryo ng Pilipinas at tutulan ang panghihimasok at pakikialam ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Kalutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang pananawagan, pagsusulong at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Dapat ba nating patibayin at ipagpatuloy ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga rebelde at nang makapamahay sila nang mapayapa at matiwasa sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Gender: _____ Age: _____</p> <p>Postal Address: _____</p> <p>_____ ZIP Code: _____</p> <p>School / College / University (if Student): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Schools Division: _____</p>	<p>Mahal kong kapwa KaBayanihan:</p> <p>Laging Handa po akong makiki-isa, tutulong at makikipag-Bayanihan ng Bayan – sa abot ng aking kakayanan – upang maayos na matukoy, maplano, mapondohan at mapatupad ang mga proyekto at programa ng iba't-ibang sangay ng gobyerno para maibsan ang kahirapan at maingat ang kabuhasan namin dito sa aming komunidad. Ipinahintulot ko pong sulatan ako sa Postal Address na ibinigay ko upang makatulong ako bilang KaBayanihan ng Bayan sa pagtataguyod ng Kultura ng Kapayapaan (Culture of Peace).</p> <p>Ipinahintulot ko pong isama ang pangalan ko sa listahan ng mga tumugon sa YES FOR PEACE para isumite kay President Ferdinand “Bong Bong” R. Marcos, Jr. at ipaabot sa United Nations General Assembly upang magsilbing ng ibang bansa ang Sambayanang Filipino sa pagtataguyod ng Kultura ng Kapayapaan.</p> <p>Nawa’y gabayan tayong lahat ng Diyos sa landas tungo sa hangad na Kapayapaan, Kaunlaran at Kasaganaan.</p> <p>_____ (Signature over Printed Name)</p> <p>_____ Signature over Printed Name of Parent/Guardian if respondent is below 18 years old</p> 
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To enable the envisioned building of a constituency for Peace, Unity and Development, the following personal information are requested from respondents: Name; Gender; Age; Postal Address; Zip Code; School/College/University (if Student); and Schools Division.

Except for “age”, no other “sensitive personal information” is asked.

SEC. 3, *Definition of Terms* of Republic Act No. 10173, “An Act Protecting Individual Personal Information in Information and Communications Systems in the Government and the Private Sector, Creating for this Purpose a National Privacy Commission, and for Other Purposes.” clearly defines “sensitive personal information”, stipulates “*Sensitive personal information* refers to personal information:

- (1) “About an individual’s race, ethnic origin, marital status, age, color, and religious, philosophical or political affiliations;
- (2) “About an individual’s health, education, genetic or sexual life of a person, or to any proceeding for any offense committed or alleged to have been committed by such person, the disposal of such proceedings, or the sentence of any court in such proceedings;
- (3) “Issued by government agencies peculiar to an individual which includes, but not limited to, social security numbers, previous or current health records, licenses or its denials, suspension or revocation, and tax returns;”

In compliance ton the requirements of R.A. No. 10173 on Processing of Personal Information the following statement / waiver of commitment was incorporated into the questionnaire:

“Mahal kong kapwa KaBayanihan:

“Laging Handa po akong makiki-isa, tutulong at makikipag-**Bayanihan ng Bayan** – sa abot ng aking kakayanan – upang maayos na matukoy, maplano, mapondohan at mapatupad ang mga proyekto at programa ng iba’t-ibang sangay ng gobyerno para maibsan ang kahirapan at maiangat ang kabuhayan namin dito sa aming komunidad. Ipinapahintulot ko pong sulatan ako sa **Postal Address** na ibinigay ko upang makatulong ako bilang **KaBayanihan ng Bayan** sa pagtataguyod ng **Kultura ng Kapayapaan (Culture of Peace)**.

“Ipinapahintulot ko pong isama ang pangalan ko sa listahan ng mga tumugon sa **YES FOR PEACE** para isumite kay **President Ferdinand “Bong Bong” R. Marcos, Jr.** at ipaabot sa **United Nations General Assembly** upang magsilbing ng ibang bansa ang Sambayanang Filipino sa pagtataguyod ng **Kultura ng Kapayapaan**.

“Nawa’y gabayan tayong lahat ng Diyos sa landas tungo sa hangad na **Kapayapaan, Kaunlaran at Kasaganaan**.

comply with requirements of R.A. No. 10173 on Processing of Personal Information the following statement of commitment was incorporated into the questionnaire.

The respondent is requested to affix his/her Signature over his/her Printed Name.

The Signature over Printed Name of Parent/Guardian shall be asked for if respondent is below **18** years old.

12 November 2024 – DepEd Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development Wilfredo E. Cabral issued Memorandum OM-OUHROD-2024-2245 to ASEC Alma Ruby C. Torio with reference to a request “for the integration of the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan into the Peace Education Program”

Undersecretary Cabral stated, “As the over-all Chair of the Peace Education Program, the matter is being referred to your Office, considering the

said concern is under your jurisdiction. We request that any actions taken this matter be directed to the party concerned, copy furnished this Office.”

19 November 2024 – DepEd Undersecretary for Operations Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo issued Memorandum OM-OUOPS-01-01184-A, Subject: ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT DEPED MEMORANDUM FOR THE “YES OFR PEACE – BAYANIHAN NG BAYAN” to ASEC Torio, to wit

“This is in reference of the proposed DepEd Memorandum of Ernesto Angeles Alcanzare, President and Chief Executive Officer of Yes for Peace, Inc., relative to the “Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan campaign”. According to the draft DepEd Memorandum, Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan was developed to arouse, organize, and mobilize the Filipino people through a national open referendum and awareness sharing dialogue on existing government programs. Its primary objective is to mobilize all sectors to counter violent extremism and assert the right to peace.

“In light of the foregoing, this Office interposes no objections and no further comments on the said DepEd Memorandum. Further, this Office respectfully endorses the draft memorandum to the Peace Education Program Technical Working Group (TWG) as the matter is under their Jurisdiction.

04 December 2024 – Mr. Alcanzare and Atty. Alidon wrote to Secretary Angara inform him that the 16th National Congress of the DepEd National Employees’ Union unanimously adopted, “A Resolution Reaffirming the Joint DepEd NEU National Executive Council and National Board of Trustees Resolution Adopting the **Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan** Campaign and Urging Department of Education Secretary Juan Edgardo M. Angara to Issue a DepEd Memorandum for the Implementation of its AROUSE (Open Referendum) Thematic Phase Nationwide”.

“For your information and appreciation, attached is the Summary of Responses from **1,352** DepEd NEU officers and members. It gives us a preview of the responses that we could expect from the Filipino people. Also attached is a Powerpoint presentation of the Overview and Proposed Road Map (2024-2028) of the campaign as received Presidential Human Rights Committee Secretariat on November 14, 2024 for your ready reference.

“Comprehensive information and chronological narrative on the development of the campaign since its inception at the University of the Philippines (UP) System in 1988 – including its adoption by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and sustained support of the Department of Education (DepEd) pursuant to the United Nations Education for All program – are available in our website – yesforpeace.com.

“After a thorough review and evaluation of the proposed Memorandum based on the draft released by the Office of the Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs in March 2023 and inputs from concerned stakeholder offices, Undersecretary for Operations **Atty Revsee A. Escobedo** and Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development **Wilfredo E. Cabral** favorably endorsed the draft memorandum and its enclosures – copies of which are attached herewith – to Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching **Alma Ruby C. Torio**, Chairman of the Peace Education Program. Asec Torio earlier interposed no objections and verbally committed to favorably endorse it to the Secretary of Education for its issuance.

“Trusting that you will find our campaign consistent with your vision, we look forward to its issuance. Rest assured that we shall fully support its implementation under your leadership and guidance pursuant to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal #16 – Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Thank you and *Mabuhay!*”

The Summary of Responses from **1,352** DepEd NEU officers and members who responded to the campaign during the 2024 Luzon, Visayas & Mindanao Clustered Assemblies 16th National Congress of the DepEd NEU is shown in Table No. 7.

Table No. 7

Summary of Responses, DepEd NEU 2024 Luzon, Visayas & Mindanao Clustered Assemblies and 16th National Congress

Questions	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
1. <i>Dapat ba nating itanim at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?</i>	1,352	0	0
2. <i>Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa’t komunidad?</i>	1,352	0	0
3. <i>Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?</i>	1,352	0	0
4. <i>Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?</i>	1,352	0	0
5. <i>Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igalang ang iba’t-ibang paniniwala natin (relihiyon, political, kultural, adhikain at ideolohiya) natin?</i>	1,352	0	0
6. <i>Dapat ba nating isulong at ipaglaban ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at</i>	1,351	0	1

Questions	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
<i>kasarinlan ng teritoryo ng Pilipinas at tutulan ang panghihimasok at pakikialam ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin?</i>			
7. <i>Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?</i>	1,349	1	2
8. <i>Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang mga propaganda at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?</i>	1,342	7	3
9. <i>Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?</i>	1,352	0	0
10. <i>Dapat ba nating patibayin at ipagpatuloy ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga rebelde at nang makapamuhay sila nang mapayapa at matiwasay sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad?</i>	1,340	5	7

19 December 2024 – ASEC Torio wrote to Mr. Alcanzare:

“Greetings of Peace

“Relative to the request to review the documents of Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan, this Office interposes no objection to the draft memorandum.

“However, it is recommended that the draft memorandum be submitted to the Legal and Legislative Strand for legal review and clearance prior to the endorsement to the Office of the Secretary.”

26 December 2024 – Mr. Alcanzare and Atty. Alidon wrote to Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs Atty. Filemon Ray L. Javier”

“Respectfully submitted - as per recommendation of Assistant Secretary **Alma Ruby C. Torio** (please see attached letter dated December 19, 2024) – is the draft memorandum for the “Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan”, its enclosures and reference documents for “legal review and clearance prior to the endorsement to the Office of the Secretary”.

“Also enclosed are the following for your information and ready reference:

1. “MEMORANDUM OM-OUHROD-2024-2245, “Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan Campaign dated November 12, 2024 signed by Undersecretary **Wilfredo E. Cabral**; and
2. “MEMORANDUM OM-OUOPS-2024-01-01184-A, “ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT DEPED MEMORANDUM FOR THE “YES FOR PEACE –

BAYANIHAN NG BAYAN” dated November 19, 2024 signed by Undersecretary **Revsee A. Escobedo**.

“Trusting that the Legal and Legislative Strand will find the draft memorandum and its enclosures in order and thereby merit favorable endorsement to Secretary Sonny Angara.”

Mr. Alcanzare and Atty. Alidon wrote to Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Secretary CARLITO G. GALVEZ, JR.:

“Greetings towards mobilizing the Whole Nation in attaining the goals and objectives of your good office.

“In lieu of the comments, suggestions and recommendations that we requested last July 2025, we are respectfully requesting for a Statement from your office on the above subject campaign in line with the Message of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., *“After we passed a historic crossroads, we have come to the realization that the predominant desire of our people is to tread a path of unity, humility, and understanding. I am delighted that your organization has aligned with the administration’s core ideal which will positively guide us in the efficient delivery of public services and the espousal of good governance in the coming years.”* (please see attached).

“We shall upload it in our website - yes for peace.com.

“We are currently updating Chronological Narrative on our campaign since its inception at the University of the Philippines System in December 1988.

“We firmly believe that your statement will greatly reinforce our advocacy that “Peace is a Human Right” as well as encourage direct people participation in our bid to help end the armed conflicts through good governance and thereby establish an era of Peace, Reconciliation and Unity.

“We look forward to receiving your Statement on or before January 28, 2025 when we intend to upload the updated Chronological Narrative of our campaign for the information and ready reference of all concerned peace-loving Filipinos.”

27 January 2025 - Secretary Galvez wrote to Mr. Alcanzare, “The Office of Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) sincerely extends the warmest greetings of the Yes for Peace, Inc. as the organization holds the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan Campaign. OPAPRU is one with you in your vision in fostering a just and lasting peace for all and fostering inclusive and meaningful development that uplifts the lives of our fellow Filipinos.”

Attached was the Message of Secretary Galvez which states:

“The OPAPRU looks forward to the successful conduct and gains of the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan campaign. Our institutions share the same vision: fostering a just and lasting peace for all and fostering inclusive and meaningful development that uplifts the lives of our fellow Filipinos.

“Sustainable peace can only be achieved through meaningful dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration. This is why we truly value peacebuilding efforts of our peace partners such as Yes for Peace, Inc. who fully support the Marcos administration’s call of unity. Peace is shared journey that we must walk together. No one must be left behind.

“Through your campaign, Yes for Peace, Inc., is not only helping build a society that is anchored on the principles of solidarity, empathy and compassion; it also highlights the Bayanihan spirit – the innate strength of Filipinos that brings all of us together to address challenges and create opportunities to improve the lives of others.”

Pursuant to the recommendation of NEDA on March 2024, “Conduct consultations with key government agencies that promote peace and security to gain insights, identify areas of collaboration, and avoid duplication of efforts,” concerned government agencies were consulted to ensure that the campaign is indeed aligned with the existing plans and programs and thus come-up with an acceptable and doable Whole-of-Nation / Whole-of-Society approach of YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan towards UNITY – Peace, Progress and Prosperity to give flesh to the Message of PBBM quoted above.

February to June 2025

Mr. Alcanzare, Atty. Alidon and Atty. Patrick Marban Velez wrote similar letters to Cabinet Secretaries; Heads of Offices attached to the Office of the President; and Heads of frontline National Government Agencies seeking their statements on the campaign and how they can personally and officially support the campaign to give flesh to the words of PBBM in his Message. With the then Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin “Boying” C. Remulla, Secretary Carlito Galvez, and Secretary Eduardo M. Año as references attached to the letter, the following have expressed their willingness to support the national implementation of the campaign:

1. Department of Education

“DepEd stands with you in ensuring that education becomes a force for peace. Schools play a vital role in this mission....”

“Let us ensure every school becomes a beacon of peace, hope and opportunity. Let us turn our hope for a better tomorrow into something real, together.”

Secretary **SONNY M. ANGARA**

2. Department of the Interior and Local Government

“Peacebuilding is a collective responsibility that extends beyond government efforts. It is a task we all share, and this initiative by the Yes for Peace, Inc. is a significant step forward in accomplishing this enduring mission.... We are thus glad to offer our full support to this endeavor.”

Secretary **JUANITO VICTOR C. REMULLA**

3. Department of Budget and Management

“I join you, not only as a public servant but as a fellow Filipino, in working toward the future we all deserve. Let us turn the President’s words into action and make our people’s dreams not only our inspiration, but our shared mission.”

Secretary **AMENAH F. PANGANDAMAN**

4. Department of Justice

“Let us continue to work together, hand-in-hand, united in our purpose to build a brighter future for our brighter Philippines.”

Secretary **JESUS CRISPIN “BOYING” C. REMULLA**

5. Department of National Defense

“With the DND mandate to safeguard the country from internal and external threats to our security, YFPI, as a proactive stakeholder partner, assures us that more Filipinos and organizations acknowledge and commit to contribute to the achievement of peace, security and development for our country.”

Secretary **GILBERT C. TEODORO**

6. Department of Agrarian Reform

“As we move forward, let us commit to setting aside differences and focusing on our shared aspirations for a stronger, more unified Philippines. By strengthening our bayanihan spirit, we can ensure that no Filipino – especially those in the countryside – is left behind in our journey toward prosperity.”

Secretary **CONRADO M. ESTRELLA III**

7. Department of Social Welfare and Development

“Together, let us continue to uplift, support, and empower those who seek reintegration. By providing them with opportunities, dignity, and hope, we not only reshape their individual lives but also contribute to the overall transformation of our communities and our nation.”

Secretary **REX GATCHALIAN**

8. Department of Environment and Natural Resources

“We proudly stand in solidarity with YES FOR peace and commend the organization’s relentless pursuit of harmony and progress. May this campaign inspire greater cooperation, ignite hope, and pave the way for a nation where peace flourishes, dreams are realized, and every community thrives.”

Secretary **RAPHAEL P.M. LOTILLA**

9. Department of Energy

“We are one with you in creating a progressive, productive and inclusive future for all Filipinos. Let us build an energy future that uplifts lives, fosters prosperity, and empowers every citizen.”

Secretary **SHARON S. GARIN**

10. Department of Transportation

“The government supports your campaign as it is seen to bring peaceful governance and efficient public service to the people, and socio-economic gains for the country.

“Let us work together for a peaceful and progressive Bagong Pilipinas.”

GIOVANNI Z. LOPEZ

Acting Secretary

11. Department of Trade and Industry

“As we move in unison to advance the Bagong Pilipinas vision, let us strengthen the collaboration between the public and private sectors, between government agencies and the communities they serve. By working hand-in-hand, we not only bolster our local economies but also reinforce the foundation of peace and progress our nation deserves.”

Secretary **MARIA CRISTINA A. ROQUE**

12. Department of Public Works and Highways

“So I enjoin all of us in the government, the private sector, and communities alike, to keep with the spirit of bayanihan as we collectively forge ahead towards a peaceful and prosperous Bagong Pilipinas.”

Secretary **VIVENCIO B. DIZON**

13. Department of Science and Technology

“Together, we can build a stronger, more prosperous Philippines where science and technology serve as catalysts for peace, unity and inclusive development.”

Secretary **RENATO U. SOLIDUM, JR.**

14. Department of Tourism

“As we move forward together, let us continue to nurture a culture of peace that strengthen our identity, uplifts our communities, and solidifies our place as a nation that truly loves and embraces the Philippines.”

Secretary **CRISTINA GARCIA FRASCO**

15. Department of Agriculture

“As we go forward, let us translate the Bayanihan spirit in action - working together to improve communities, propel agricultural development, and lead the way to a just and equitable society.

Secretary **FRANCISCO P. TIU LAUREL, JR.**

16. Department of Labor and Employment

“The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) extends its support and appreciation to the whole-of-nation initiative that cultivates a culture of peace in the country, which deeply resonates with the present administration’s vision of a just and inclusive Filipino Nation.”

Secretary **BIENVENIDO E. LAGUESMA**

17. **Department of Information and Communications Technology**

“We look forward to building a Bagong Pilipinas with partners like you – where peace is not just a dream but a shared reality.”

Secretary **HENRY R. AGUDA**

18. **Department of Health**

“Together, through collective action and steadfast commitment to justice and inclusion, we will build a healthier, stronger, and more peaceful Philippines.”

Secretary **TEODORO J. HERBOSA, MD**

19. **Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development**

“As we all carry on with our responsibilities to the nation, may we be reminded that real peace starts from within. May we all strive to build a more peaceful and progressive Bagong Pilipinas.”

Secretary **JOSE RAMON P. ALILING**

20. **Department of Migrant Workers**

“I fervently hope that Yes for Peace, Inc. will continue to achieve success in all its proactive peacebuilding and advocacy efforts for our nation. Together, let us foster unity and peace and inspire fellow Filipinos to contribute to the social and economic transformation in our Bagong Pilipinas.”

Secretary **HANS LEO J. CACDAC**

21. **Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity**

“Sustainable peace can only be achieved through meaningful dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration. This is why we truly value the peacebuilding of our peace partners such as Yes for Peace, Inc. who fully support the Marcos Jr. administration’s call of unity. Peace is a shared journey that we must walk together. No one must be left behind.”

Secretary **CARLITO G. GALVEZ, JR.**

22. **National Security Council**

“Greetings of peace to the Yes for Peace Inc. and to the dedicated individuals behind this people-centric movement. The National Security Council takes pride and deep gratitude to stand alongside you in our shared vision of ‘Peace, Unity and Development through Good Governance.’”

Director General **EDUARDO M. AÑO**

23. **Commission on Higher Education**

“Together, let us build a future where peace is not only a shared aspiration but a reality sustained by education, empathy, and collective action.”

Chairperson **SHIRLEY C. AGRUPIS**

24. **Philippine Information Agency**

“With unity and shared purpose, we can nurture a future where peace is not just a dream but a way of life.”

Director-General **KATHERINE CHLOE S. DE CASTRO**

25. **National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict**

“Let us reaffirm our shared commitment to ending insurgency and winning the hearts and minds of every Filipino. By working together, we can build a stronger, more united nation.”

Undersecretary **ERNESTO C. TORRES, JR.**

26. **Presidential Human Rights Committee Secretariat**

“Yes for Peace’s participation in the inclusive dialogue on the PHRP4, spearheaded by our office, especially via the joint regional consultations and in the concerted efforts of diverse human right stakeholders, was truly inspiring. You have embedded ‘peace as a human right’ in the PHRP4 narrative, enriching the same and our aspiration to build a society that is rendered more just, inclusive, and equitable because it thrives in an environment of peace.”

Undersecretary **SEVERO S. CATURA**

27. **National Youth Commission**

“For our part, the NYC stands ready to contribute to the ‘Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan’ campaign by activating the full potential of the Filipino youth. We believe that peace and progress are not abstract ideals, but attainable goals – when young Filipinos are empowered, engaged, and equipped to lead.”

Undersecretary **JOSEPH FRANCISCO “JEFF” R. ORTEGA**

28. **Philippine Postal Corporation**

“At the Philippine Postal Corporation (PHLPost), bayanihan is at the core of everything we do. For a single mail to be delivered to the right address, it would require the collaboration and teamwork of several people. In the same way, we believe that achieving true and lasting peace in our nation requires the collective effort of all Filipinos and government agencies.

“For this reason, we wholeheartedly support Yes for Peace in its goal towards a peaceful, progressive and prosperous Philippines...”

Postmaster General **MAXIMO C. STA. MARIA III**

29. **National Food Authority**

“Nakikiisa ang NFA sa layunin ng Yes for Peace na maipalaganap ang pagkakaisa, kapayapaan at kaunlaran tungo sa isang maunlad na Bagong Pilipinas.”

Administrator **LARRY R. LACSON**

30. **Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority**

“Your unwavering dedication to fostering peace, unity, and national solidarity is truly commendable, and we at PhilFIDA stand with you in this noble cause.”

Executive Director **ARNOLD “ALI” I. ATIENZA**

31. **Agricultural Training Institute**

“Together, let us continue working toward a peaceful and productive future for farmers, fisherfolks, and all Filipinos.”

Director **REMELYN RECOTER**

32. **Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources**

“We believe that the Yes for Peace - Bayanihan ng Bayan Campaign is aligned with our goals and aspirations - to work hand in hand, anchored in the spirit of Filipino resiliency and bayanihan.”

National Director **ELIZER S. SALILIG**

33. **Bureau of Animal Industry**

“Together with unity and shared purpose, we can build a nation that is truly safe, strong and abundant – a place where every Filipino has a chance for a better life.”

OIC Director **CHRISTIAN P. DAQUIGAN**

34. **Philippine Coconut Authority**

“With this, PCA pledges its full participation in empowering grassroots communities by providing access to our programs and projects. We extend our resources and expertise to barangays and LGUs, ensuring they are equipped to harness the immense potential of the coconut industry for sustainable livelihood and economic advancement.”

Administrator **DEXTER R. BUTED**

35. **Bureau of Plant Industry**

“Let us move forward together with compassion, cooperation, and commitment to a just and peaceful future for all Filipinos.”

Director **GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN**

36. **Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation**

“By its mission and mandate, the PCIC is naturally aligned with the purpose of your organization, that is lasting peace resulting from a progressive and just society.”

Atty **JB JOVY C. BERNABE**

37. **Mines and Geosciences Bureau**

“Together, let us continue to promote a culture of peace and shared responsibility for our country and its people.”

Assistant Secretary **MICHAEL V. CABILDA**

38. **Forest Management Bureau**

“In supporting Yes for Peace, Inc., we champion this vision of peace that is enduring as the mountains, as nurturing as the soil, and as inclusive as the canopy that shelters all beneath it.”

Assistant Director **RAY THOMAS F. KABIGTING**

39. **Environmental Management Bureau**

“By working together through your Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan campaign, we can forge a Philippines where peace, unity and development are deeply rooted in a healthy and thriving environment – a legacy we can all be proud to build and share.”

Assistant Secretary **JACQUELINE A. CAANCAN**

40. **Land Management Bureau**

“Together, let us nurture a future where peace, harmony, and progress flourish for all.”

Director **EMELYNE V. TALABIS**

41. **Philippine Health Insurance Corporation**

“... we will accordingly respond and attend to you. To a Better and Bagong Pilipinas, achieved through a Whole-Of-Nation and Whole-Of-Systems approach.”

Acting President **EDWIN M. MERCADO, MD**

42. **Cooperative Development Authority**

“We commend the efforts of YES FOR PEACE, Inc. in mobilizing broad public participation toward as shared goal of unity, understanding and peace. The CDA looks forward to continued and sustainable efforts in empowering Filipinos and advancing peace-based initiative across the country, especially those in identified Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs).”

Undersecretary **ALEXANDER B. RAQUEPO**

43. **Technical Education and Skills Development Authority**

“Let us say Yes for Peace – not only in words, but in sustained, concrete action.”

Director General **FRANCISCO “KIKO” BENITEZ**

44. **Armed Forces of the Philippines**

“At the heart of our campaign is collaboration. Through strong partnerships with government agencies, civil society, and other stakeholders, we shall strengthen further our collective efforts towards a more peaceful and inclusive society.”

General **ROMEO S. BRAWNER, JR.**

45. **Philippine National Police**

“In line with the call for a safer, more prosperous, and inclusive Philippines of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., the PNP is fully committed to participating in the “Yes for Peace – Bayanihan ng Bayan campaign, ensuring that our programs and services reach those who need them most.”

The resultant Proposed Road Map 2025 – 2028 which consists of five (5) Thematic Areas - AROUSE, ORGANIZE, MOBILIZE, GOVERGENCE, and LEGISLATIVE ACTION after consulting concerned government agencies is shown below:



1. **AROUSE** - Forge a national consensus to embed a “Culture of Peace” through an open referendum among Filipinos, 10 years and older, on ten (10) questions based on United Nations Resolution 43/153, "Declaration of the Culture of Peace”.
2. **ORGANIZE** - Nurture the people-centric and bottom-up declaration of Schools, Barangays, Cities/ Municipalities; Provinces; and Regions as YES FOR PEACE, UNITY and DEVELOPMENT Zones based on results of the open referendum conducted in schools.
3. **MOBILIZE** - Engage the pro-active involvement and collective participation in identifying, planning, budgeting and implementing community-based peace, development and livelihood programs and projects to enhance transparency.

4. **GOVERNANCE** - Institutionalize good governance through the convergent delivery of peace, development and livelihood programs and projects identified, planned, budgeted and implemented through Bayanihan – the pro-active involvement and collective participation of the people – at the Barangay / community level.
5. **LEGISLATIVE ACTION** – Amendment of constitutional provisions as well as revision of laws identified to be hindrances to Peace, Unity and Development.

26-28 November 2025

Updated YES FOR PEACE questionnaires were fielded during the 16th National Congress of the DepEd NEU.

 <p><i>"Dati sa pag-ibig sa tinubuang lupa..."</i></p> <p>1988 YES FOR PEACE Bayanihan ng Bayan تعم للسلام</p> <p>Napakahalaga po ng partisipasyon ng bawat isang Filipino tungo sa minimithi nating Pagkakaisa. Lagyan po ng <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ang sagot sa bawat tanong upang maisa-dokumento natin ang mga batayan nito. Tig-isang YES FOR PEACE – Bayanihan ng Bayan questionnaire lang po ang kailangang sagutan ng bawat Filipino mula sampung (10) taong gulang patanda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dapat ba nating ipunla at arugan ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 2. Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa baw't komunidad? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 3. Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 4. Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 5. Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igtalang ang iba't-ibang paniniwala (relihiyon, politikal, kultural, adhikain at ideolohiya) natin? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 6. Dapat ba nating isulong at ipaglaban ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at kasarinlan ng teritoryo ng Pilipinas at tutulan ang panghihimasok at pakikialam ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 8. Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang pananawagan, pagsusulong at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 9. Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO 10. Dapat ba nating patibayin at ipagpatuloy ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga rebelde at nang makapamahay sila nang mapayapa at matiwasay sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Sex: _____ Age: _____</p> <p>School / District / Division / Region: _____</p> <p>Mobile No.: _____</p> <p>Postal Address: _____</p> <p>ZIP Code: _____</p>	<p>Mahal kong kapwa KaBayanihan:</p> <p>Laging Handa po akong makiki-isa, tutulong at makikipag-Bayanihan ng Bayan – sa abot ng aking kakayanan – upang maayos na matukoy, maplano, mapondohan at mapatupad ang mga proyekto at programa ng iba't-ibang sangay ng gobyerno para maibsan ang kahirapan at maiangat ang kabuhayan namin dito sa aming komunidad. Ipinahintulot ko pong sulatan ako sa Postal Address na ibinigay ko upang makatulog ako bilang KaBayanihan ng Bayan sa pagtataguyod ng Kultura ng Kapayapaan (Culture of Peace).</p> <p>Ipinahintulot ko pong isama ang pangalan ko sa listahan ng mga tumugon sa YES FOR PEACE para isumite kay President Ferdinand "Bong Bong" R. Marcos, Jr. at ipaabot sa United Nations General Assembly upang magsilbing ng ibang bansa ang Sambayanang Filipino sa pagtataguyod ng Kultura ng Kapayapaan.</p> <p>Nawa'y gabayan tayong lahat ng Diyos sa landas tungo sa hangad na Kapayapaan, Kaulanan at Kasaganaan.</p> <p>RECEIVED BY: <i>G. G. G.</i> 2025 CONTROL NO. <i>2025-01</i></p> <p>(Signature over Printed Name)</p> 
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920 of the participants responded. The Summary of Responses is shown in Table No. 8.

Table No. 8

Summary of Responses, DepEd NEU 17th National Congress



"Dakil sa pag-ibig sa tinubuang lupa..."

YES FOR PEACE

Bayanihan ng Bayan
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"We all want peace in our land. You and your children want a good chance at a better life; in a safer, more prosperous country. All that is within reach of a hardworking, warm, and giving race. Your dreams are mine; pangarap niyo ay pangarap ko. How can we make them come true? How can we do it together?"

President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos, Jr.
PRESIDENTIAL HOUSE ADDRESS
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SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Department of Education National Employees Union 17th National Congress and Seminar Workshop

Questions	YES	NO	NO ANSWER
1. Dapat ba nating ipunla at arugain ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa ating mga paaralan, tahanan, komunidad, at pamahalaan?	904	2	14
2. Dapat ba nating magkaisa at mag-Bayanihan sa pagtukoy, pagplano, pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programa upang mapanatili ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan sa bawa't komunidad?	898	4	18
3. Dapat ba nating itatag ang isang lipunan na walang karahasan - pisikal, seksuwal, sikolohikal, ekonomikal at sosyal?	905	0	15
4. Dapat ba nating alagaan at pagyamanin ang ating kapaligiran upang masustinahan ang pag-unlad ng ating bansa bilang isang mahalagang bahagi ng prosesong pangkapayaan?	905	0	15
5. Dapat ba nating kilalanin at igoalang ang iba't-ibang paniniwala natin (relihiyon, political, kultural, adhikain at ideolohiya) natin?	890	1	29
6. Dapat ba nating isulong at ipaglaban ang ganap na pagrespeto ng ibang bansa sa soberaniya at kasarinlan ng teritoryo ng Pilipinas at tutulan ang panghihimasok at pakikialam ng mga banyaga sa mga pambansang usapin at patakaran natin?	898	3	19
7. Dapat ba nating itaguyod at isulong ang Karapatan sa Kapayapaan; mga Karapatang Pantao; mga Karapatan ng Katutubo; at mga Karapatan ng mga Bata?	881	7	32
8. Dapat ba nating tutulan, hadlangan at labanan ang mga propaganda at paggamit ng armas, karahasan o terorismo anuman ang dahilan?	883	8	29
9. Dapat ba nating maging mulat sa mga programa at proyekto ng iba't-ibang sangay ng pamahalaan at gamitin ang mga ito upang paunlarin ang ating mga komunidad at pagyamanin ang Kultura ng Kapayapaan?	877	8	35
10. Dapat ba nating patibayin at ipagpatuloy ang mga programa para makabalik sa lipunan ang mga rebelde at nang makapamuhay sila nang mapayapa at matiwasa sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad?	850	16	54

The undersigned certify that the above **Summary of Responses** of participants to the 17th DepEd NEU National Congress and Seminar-Workshop is true and correct.

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The statements of Atty. Alidon and PBBM ON THE were quoted on the reverse side of the questionnaires as shown below:

<p><i>"Dakil sa pag-ibig sa tinubuang lupa..."</i></p> <p>1988 YES FOR PEACE Bayanihan ng Bayan نعم للسلام</p> <p>Handa ka bang tumindig at maki-isa sa mga Kapwa nating mga Filipino mula 10 taong gulang upang:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pandayin ang batayan ng pagkakaisa? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ■ Wakasan na ang armadong labanan sa pagitan ng gobyerno at ng mga rebelde? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ■ Tutulan ang paggamit ng armas at terorismo para isulong ang anumang paniniwala? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ■ Tumulong sa pagtukoy, pagpapalano pagpondo at pagsasagawa ng mga proyekto at programang pangkaunlaran at pangkapayapaan sa inyong komunidad? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO ■ Itatag ang "Kultura ng Kapayapaan" sa Lipunan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <p>Kung sumagot ka ng YES, handa ka bang maging KaBayani ng Bayan? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p><i>"Beyond advocating for public workers' rights and good governance, DepEd NEU has adopted and proactively participated in the Yes for Peace – Bayanihan para sa Kapayapaan, a component of the Media Advocacy of Values and Informal Education (MAVIE) of the Education for All Philippine Plan of Action. Thus far, 15,597,959 Filipinos, 10 years and older, have silently responded to the open referendum component of our campaign."</i></p> <p>Atty. DOMINGO BALLAIS ALIDON, J.D. National President, DepEd NEU</p>	<p><i>"After we passed a historic crossroads, we have come to the realization that the predominant desire of our people is to tread the path of unity, humility, and understanding. I am delighted that your organization has aligned with the administration's core ideal which will positively guide us in the efficient delivery of public services and the espousal of good governance in the coming years."</i></p> <p>President FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS, JR. 30 August 2022</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NATIONAL EMPLOYEES' UNION</p> <p>17th National Congress and Seminar - Workshop</p> <p>Theme: "Makamit ang Pangarap: Sama-sama Tungo sa Dekalidad na Edukasyon"</p>		

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Mr. Alcanzare, Atty. Alidon and Atty. Velez forwarded a copy of the results of the Summary of Responses during the DepEd NEU 17th National Congress President Marcos. They noted that, "Once again, the overwhelming majority of respondents answered **YES** to all the ten (10) questions while the number of those who answered **NO** were statistically insignificant."

President Marcos was also informed that **100%** of Department Secretaries, **100%** of Heads of Offices under the Office of the President, and **92.31%** of the Heads of National Government Line Agencies who have been requested have committed to participate in the implementation of our campaign as laid down in our proposed Road Map 2025-2028.

The Officers and Directors of the campaign are shown below:



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