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**Office of the Schools  
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*In compliance with DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2013,  
this Advisory is issued not for endorsement as per DO No. 28, 2001  
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**TRADITIONAL AND COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE: PROMOTING  
HOLISTIC HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

The Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC) is inviting students, teachers, administrators to join the **13<sup>th</sup> TAHC CONGRESS** on November 29, 2021, via online platform.

Moreover, this event aims to: (a) bring together academicians, practitioners, researchers and the general public through the topics; and (b) engage participants in discussion and facilitate mutual understanding the significant of traditional and complementary medicine in ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing.

Participation shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*. Attached is the letter from the organizer for your reference.

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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
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Encl: As stated  
Reference:  
Letter from the Organizer

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under the following subjects:  
TRAINING PROGRAMS

**SGOD/HRD/MPM**



Dear TAHC participant:

Greetings!

In August 2007, under Presidential Proclamation No. 698, the month of November was declared as "Traditional and Alternative Health Care (TAHC) Month". The Philippine Institute of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (PITAHC) will be holding its 13<sup>th</sup> TAHC congress on Traditional and Complementary Medicine (T&CM) on November 29-30, 2021, using the Zoom online platform, with its theme "**Traditional and Complementary Medicine: Promoting holistic health and wellness**".

The "13th TAHC Congress" webinar is hosted with the aim to bring together academicians, practitioners, researchers and the general public through the topics. Furthermore, this shall also engage participants in discussion, and facilitate mutual understanding the significance of Traditional and Complementary Medicine in ensuring healthy lives and promoting wellbeing.

In view of the aforementioned, we would like to invite you to attend the **Breakout Session Group C event on November 29, 2021 at 1:00 - 3:00 pm about the Research Presentation of R&D choice researches from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Research Dissemination Forum**. Register at <https://forms.gle/Qn25upvQN2EPtwN69>

For further information, you may contact Maria Alessa L Romilla of Research and Development Division at 0917-9388827 or at our email address [pitahcresearch.rdf@gmail.com](mailto:pitahcresearch.rdf@gmail.com)

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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**13<sup>th</sup> TAHC Congress Webinar**  
November 29-30, 2021 via Webinar

**THEME: Traditional and Complementary Medicine: Promoting holistic health and wellness**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day November 29 (Monday)**

9:30-10:00 AM	Registration of Participants to the Webinar		
10:00-10:10 AM	Invocation Singing of National Anthem		
10:10-10:30 AM	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Annabelle Pabiona-De Guzman PITAHC, Director General "The Current Status of T&CM in the Philippines"	
10:30-11:10 AM	Inspirational Message	Dr. Francisco T. Duque III Secretary of Health	
	Message	Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco Speaker of the House of Representative	
	Message	Hon. Rita Vergara Representative	
	Message	Hon. Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino Senate	
	Message	Hon. Pia S. Cayetano Senate	
11:10-11:25	Keynote Address	Atty. Charade Mercado Grande Undersecretary of Health Health Regulation Team	
11:25-11:30	Intermission		
11:30-11:45 AM	Implementation of WHO Traditional Medicine Strategy 2014-2023	Dr. Zhang Qi WHO (Switzerland)	
11:45-12:00 PM	Integration and Mainstreaming of Traditional and Alternative Health Care (TAHC) in the Universal Health Care (UHC)	Dr. Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial Former Secretary of Health	
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch Break "Holistic Cancer Prevention & Treatment"	Virtual Exhibit/ Intermission Dr. Shaji Kudiya	
<b>Breakout session</b>			
	<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group C</b>
1:00-3:00 PM	Acupuncture: Oriental exercises for post COVID recovery Speaker: Dr Alfonso Lagaya Moderator: Dr Tan Cho-chiong Dr. Francis Vicente S. Ras Emcee: Dr. Francis Vicente S. Ras/ PITAHC Staff	Chiropractic Speaker: Scott Cuthbert, DC, ICAK Donald McDowall, DC, MAppSc, PhD Reactor: Martin Camara, DC, ICAK Moderator/Emcee: Miguel Flores, DC	Research Presentation of R&D choice researches from the RDF Reactor: Moderator: Dr. Rodrigo Angelo Ong Emcee: Ma. Teresa B. Torres