

Official Statement

Statement on the alleged inventory of Alliance of Concerned Teachers members by the Philippine National Police

PASIG CITY, January 7, 2018 – The Department of Education (DepEd) received communication from a representative of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT) raising concern over allegedly two endorsements by DepEd Schools Division Offices (SDO) of a supposed Memorandum from the Philippine National Police, directing the inventory of teachers who are members of ACT. The matter has also been reported in the media.

Based on available information, it is noted that the DepEd Central Office has not received any such request from the PNP. It is confirmed though that a letter addressed to school heads was issued by one SDO through an Acting Division Superintendent, forwarding a purported Memorandum from a PNP unit. In consultation with the concerned Regional Office, the recall of this forwarding letter has been directed. Initial feedback from the field shows that there is no other similar forwarding letter which has been issued by any other DepEd local unit.

Should any inter-agency request for personal information of individuals be received by DepEd, such request shall be evaluated based on existing laws and regulations, including the Data Privacy Act.