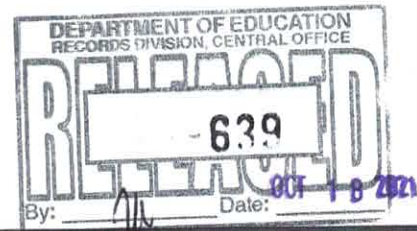




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Office of the Assistant Secretary  
Alternative Learning System



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## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the **Sandiwaan Center for Learning**, a non-profit organization whose mission is to empower marginalized children and out-of-school youth through educational technology to prepare them for the future, focusing on online teaching methodologies, pedagogical models, and cloud technologies for use in the classroom, with principal office address at Permanent Housing, Smokey Mountain, Balut, Tondo, Manila, has been a partner of and service provider for the Department of Education (DepEd) since 1995 with the following accomplishments and ALS activities and program from 1995 to present:

- Served as service provider with the Department of Education's former Bureau of Non-Formal Education.
- Served as consultant in the production and pilot testing of Alternative Learning System (ALS) curriculum with its five (5) Learning Strands (LS).
- The Alternative Learning System (ALS) program of the Department of Education was formally launched in 2000 at the computer centers of Sandiwaan in Smokey Mountain, Manila. Through a grant from DepEd to cover the salaries of 29 ALS teachers as well as machines and equipment to reproduce the ALS learning modules, almost a thousand learners participated in the ALS pilot program.

### School Year 2020-2021

- Obtained permission from the DepEd ALS to train 200 ALS teachers in the 16 Schools Division Offices in the National Capital Region (NCR) in learning experience design using the Convergence Theory of Learning to structure the lessons in the Learning Strands of the (ALS) curriculum. The ALS teachers were also trained in the use of a Learning Management System for online instruction.

### School Year 2021-2022

- Upon recommendation of the DepEd ALS, the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) for ALS-EST program approved a grant to Sandiwaan to digitize 100 modules from the ALS Learning Strands, including 20 modules on jobskills and entrepreneurial training and 20 modules on Social and Emotional Learning for the ALS Convergence Learning Program. The modules will be beta-tested on 500 ALS learners who have digital devices and access to the Internet.
- At the instance of the DepEd ALS, Microsoft Philippines will also provide free courses on Digital Literacy and microcredits on how to become a Microsoft Office Specialist which will prepare the ALS learners for office work and administrative jobs.

Sandiwaan continues to hire teachers and enroll school dropouts in the Smokey Mountain area and the other slum areas of Tondo, Manila and raises funds for administrative and other miscellaneous expenses.

This certification is being issued upon the request of the Sandiwaan Center for Learning in compliance for requests from DepEd Regional Offices, Securities and Exchange Commission or SEC, DSWD, PCNC and other institutions.

  
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