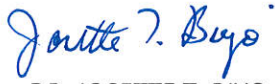




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MEMORANDUM –

TO : ASTHRDP, NCGSME and ERDT Project Directors/Project Leaders

FROM :  DR. JOSETTE T. BIYO
Director, SEI

DATE : 11 April 2016

SUBJECT : MEASURES TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO PREVENT SCHOLARS FROM FALLING VICTIM TO PREDATORY CONFERENCES/JOURNALS

Among the benefits of the DOST-SEI scholars under its graduate scholarship programs, namely, the Accelerated Science and Technology Human Resource Development Program (ASTHRDP), National Consortium on Graduate Science and Mathematics Education (NCGSME), and the Engineering Research and Development for Technology (ERDT) is the Dissemination Grant. An ASTHRDP, NCGSME or ERDT scholar whose thesis/dissertation paper has been accepted for presentation in a local or international conference; or for publication in a refereed journal may be provided dissemination grant at the following rates:

Degree Level	Dissemination Grant (₱)
MS	75,000.00
PhD	150,000.00

In view of the issue of potential, possible or probable predatory conferences and open access scientific journals/publishers, certain measures have to be undertaken in the evaluation of the scholar's application for the said grant. To ensure that the ASTHRDP, NCGSME and ERDT scholars do not fall victim to predatory conferences/journals and the financial assistance provided them for the purpose do not get wasted, the Project Leaders are advised to evaluate the legitimacy of the conference and its organizer/journal and its publisher before the scholar's application is endorsed to SEI for the grant.

Considering your exposure and vast knowledge about the conferences/journals in the various fields of science; mathematics; engineering; and science and mathematics education, you and your peers attend/publish, we would like to solicit your assistance as follows:

1. Evaluate the application of a scholar and validate the legitimacy of the conference and its organizer and/or journal and its publisher.

2. If the conference/journal is legitimate, issue a certificate that it is non-predatory along with an endorsement of the scholar's application to SEI.
3. If after evaluation, the organizer of the conference/publisher of the journal is found to be potential, possible or probable predatory organizer/publisher, please advise the scholar-applicant and do not forward the application to SEI anymore.
4. Please furnish SEI the list of certified legitimate organizers of conferences and publishers of refereed journals where a scholar may participate/publish to facilitate the evaluation process.

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you.