



What is EDCOM2

The Second Congressional Commission on Education

The **Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II)** is a **national Commission** created through Republic Act 11899, tasked to undertake a **comprehensive national assessment and evaluation** of the performance of the Philippine **education sector**.

It is composed of lawmakers from both the Senate and House of Representatives, and is guided by an Advisory Council, and assisted by the Technical Secretariat, under the direction of Executive Director Dr. Karol Mark Yee.

Why Now?

The Philippines' **learning poverty** ranks among the highest in the Asian region, at

90.9%

-the worst among ASEAN countries.¹

The Philippine Education Sector faces a **learning crisis**.

9 in 10

Filipinos aged 10 years old need to be taught how to read and to develop their reading comprehension.

80%

of Filipino learners have not reached the global minimum competency levels for education.

We scored the

lowest

in reading, and second lowest in math and science among the 79 participating countries².

¹World Bank (2022), *The State of Global Learning Poverty*

²OECD (2019), *Programme for International Student Assessment*

Co-Chairpersons

The commission is composed of ten members, with five members from the Senate and five members from the House of Representatives:



Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian



Senator Francis G. Escudero



Congressman Roman T. Romulo



Congressman Mark O. Go

Members



Senator Sonny M. Angara



Senator Pia S. Cayetano



Senator Joel J. Villanueva



Congressman Jose Francisco B. Benitez



Congressman Khalid Q. Dimaporo



Congressman Pablo John F. Garcia

Technical Secretariat and the Executive Director

The Commission's Technical Secretariat, headed by Executive Director Dr. Karol Mark Yee, provides technical and administrative support to the Commission in the exercise of its powers and performance of its functions.



Dr. Karol Mark Yee
Executive Director

Advisory Council

RA 11899 also created an Advisory Council to provide the Commission with expert assistance and advice. The council is composed of recognized experts from different sectors.

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Fr. Bienvenido Nebres, S.J.
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Executive Director
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What Happened Before: The First EDCOM

The First Congressional Commission on Education was convened in 1991. It cited the deteriorating quality of Philippine education, and attributed it to the country's low investment in education compared to Asian neighbors. EDCOM succeeded in the "trifocalization" of basic education, splitting the education function among three government agencies: DepEd, CHED, and TESDA.

The Next Three Years: EDCOM 2

In the next three years of EDCOM 2's legal lifespan, the Commission will **formulate priorities, discover educational benchmarks, synthesize insights, and propose legislative bills and policies to help uplift the Philippines' education sector.**

Standing Committees



Early Childhood Education and Development & Basic Education



Technical Vocational Education and Training & Lifelong Learning



Higher Education & Teacher Education and Development



Governance and Finance

We look forward to the next steps to revitalize the Philippine Education Sector.
Panahon na para **#ItaasAngAntas** ng Edukasyon!