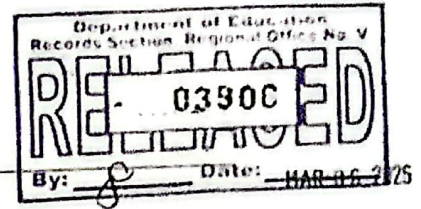




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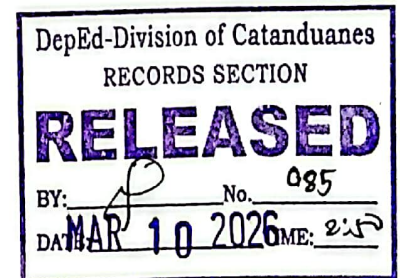
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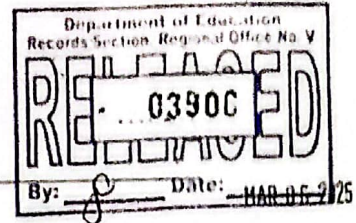
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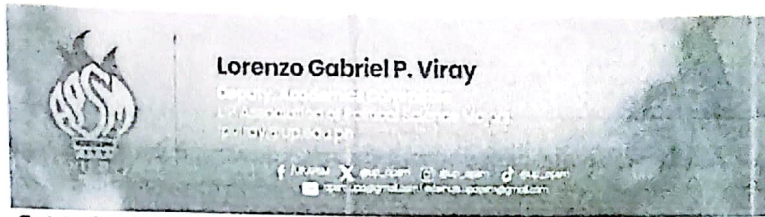
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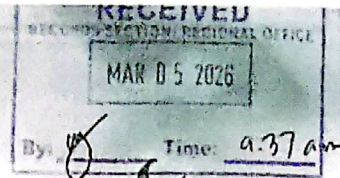
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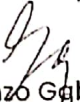
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Among the primary contributors to this crisis is the persistent lack of funding. Although education receives the largest share of the national budget—as mandated by the Constitution—it remains below global standards and insufficient relative to the needs of Filipino students.