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COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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TO : All Heads of Colleges/Universities

SUBJECT : Education For All Week (EFA) 2004
19-25 April 2004

In accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 7722, otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994", this Office hereby enjoins the support of all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) all over the country to celebrate the EFA Week 2004 on 19-25 April 2004.

The celebration aims to draw attention of all stakeholders to provide education for all and do something else to the less privileged children who are still deprived of education.


Relative to this, you are directed to conduct events in your school pursuing the purpose of the EFA week. You may, however, initiate programs other than the ones enumerated below.

Suggested activities:

1. Request students to do the following:
 - o Send message to the President asking her to give every child the chance to go to school and get quality education
 - o Create a missing-out map where they will indicate the households in their neighborhood that have children not attending school.
2. Invite elected officials to visit your school during the EFA week.

For compliance please.

March 11, 2004, Pasig City, Philippines


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Dear Secretary de Jesus:

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In April 2000, 164 countries at the World Education Forum pledged to provide education for all 2015. In order to remind the world of this commitment and to renew that momentum, UNESCO has been promoting the celebration of an annual EFA week around the Dakar anniversary.

As in previous years UNESCO is teaming up with the Global Campaign for Education for EFA Week 2004 which will be celebrated from 19 to 25 April 2004. The celebration aims to draw attention of all stakeholders to the more than 100 million children around the world who are still deprived of education. Truly, this is an urgent concern, as this translates to children being more vulnerable to poverty, hunger, violence, exploitation; and disease.

Last year's EFA Week was an enormous success. 1.8 million people took part in the Big Lesson on girl's education, setting a new record for the largest lesson in history.

UNESCO shares this success to all its Member States, for their support and collaboration, which is proof of its growing partnership with the government and civil society in raising awareness about EFA.]

Hence, the Commission would like to invite the Department to undertake initiatives to promote the EFA Programme. The proposed events listed below are intended to constitute the Biggest Lobby ever on behalf of out-of-school children. This is a chance for millions of young people to voice their right to education.

- On 20 April 2004, delegations of children around the world will take their concerns directly to decision-makers, at either the village council level, the national parliament or assembly. Children who cannot go to meet with leaders in person can join in by preparing messages, drawings, photos and letters that will be given to leaders.
- Children will send a message to their President or Prime Minister asking him or her to do more to give every child the chance to go to school and get a quality education.
- Schools will invite Members of Parliament or elected officials to visit their school during the EFA week.

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- School children will create a map of their village or neighbourhood (a missing-out map), indicating on it the households that have children not attending school. This exercise will involve governments at different levels, teachers, parents, communities and children, bringing them together in an activity that has the potential to stimulate awareness and generate demand for education at the grassroots level. This mapping exercise should culminate during EFA Week and its outcomes shared.

The Commission will appreciate receiving information on the events that the Department will be holding, at the national and regional levels, to promote EFA week.

Sincerely yours,



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