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TO : CHED Regional Office Directors
Heads of Public and Private Higher Education
Institutions

SUBJECT : Observation of Simple Graduation Rites in all Higher
Education Institutions

DATE : March 3, 2005

Pursuant to the pertinent provisions of R.A. 7722 otherwise known as the "Higher Education Act of 1994" and Administrative Order No. 103 "Directing Continued Adoption of Austerity Measures in the Government," this Office hereby urges all CHED Regional Offices to inform the HEIs under their jurisdiction to hold simple graduation rites.

Private and Public Higher Education Institutions are hereby urged to refrain from requiring students to:

- a. attend graduation rites in special attires and extraordinary venues;
- b. pay contributions for annual yearbook and other related items unless necessary consultations with recognized student representatives have been made prior to its implementation; and
- c. submit non-academic project as graduation requirement.

For guidance and immediate compliance of all concerned.

Issued this 7th day of March, 2005, Pasig City, Philippines.


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Revised Memorandum Order



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2005 GRADUATION RITES

To : Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents/District Supervisors
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The theme of the 2005 Graduation Rites shall focus on Schools First initiative: Focus on Outcomes, The Graduates.
2. In line with the government's austerity program, this Office reiterates the Department's policy on the collection of fees for graduation rites. School heads are reminded to observe the following:
 - a. No non-academic project shall be imposed as a requirement for graduation;
 - b. Public Schools are not allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution for graduation rites;
 - c. PTA/PTCA's may solicit voluntary contributions from their members for graduation ceremonies and celebrations. Teachers and principals should not be involved in the collection of these contributions. PTA/PTCA members should be informed about the use of any contribution for graduation;
 - d. No extravagant special attire or extraordinary venue for the ceremonies should be required;
 - e. Contributions for the annual yearbook shall likewise be on a voluntary basis.
3. Strict compliance with this Order is directed.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

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