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Office of the Secretary

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
No. 27, s. 1975

PARTICIPATION BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND  
EMPLOYEES IN THE FEBRUARY 27, 1975 NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE

To: All District Directors  
Head of Offices/ *gencios*

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of Memorandum Office No. 4, s. 1975 issued by the Acting Commissioner of Civil Service urging government officials and employees to actively participate in the February 27, 1975 national conference in order that discussion of the issues would be more fruitful and the citizenry better enlightened.

2. It is the opinion of the secretary of Education and the stand of the Civil Service Commissioner that active participation of government officials and employees in a discussion on the issues to be submitted to the people in the forthcoming referendum would not necessarily involve political activity within the contemplation of the provision of the Civil Service Law as "the people are called upon not to elect a new set of local government officials, but merely to decide on issues affecting their form of local government".

3. Considering, therefore, the vital importance of these questions in our national life, officials and employees under this Department should be encouraged to participate in public discussions on the said questions.

4. Immediate dissemination thereof is enjoined.

(SGS) JUAN L. RAJARES  
Secretary

Encl.: As stated.  
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Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
Quezon City

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INFO

TO : ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND COMPLETES  
OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

REFERENCE: Participation by Government Officials and  
Employees in the Process, 27, 1975 National  
Referendum

The Secretary of Justice in Opinion No. 13, 3, 1974  
opined that active participation in a discussion on the  
questions to be submitted to the people in the forthcoming  
national referendum could not constitute partisan political  
activity within the contemplation of the provision of the  
Civil Service Law.

The Opinion further stated that "in the forthcoming  
national referendum, the people will be called upon not to  
elect a new set of local government officials, but to decide  
on issues affecting their form of local government."

In view of the above and as the Commissioner has a similar  
staid on the matter, it is hereby urged that officials and  
employees of your respective departments or encouraged to  
participate in public discussions on the questions submitted  
in the referendum.

As these questions vitally affect national life, the  
participation of all concerned would result in a more  
fruitful discussion of the issues and in a better enlightened  
citizenry.

(SGC.) LEPI RIT PANGENUNERA  
Acting Commissioner of Civil Service

January 31, 1975

A TRUE COPY:

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