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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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CELEBRATING THE 77th ANNIVERSARY
OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE
JUNE 6-12, 1975

To: All Bureau Directors,
Heads of Offices, Re-
gional Directors, and
the Coordinator, State
Colleges & Universities:

1. Philippine Independence Day will be celebrated with appropriate activities from June 6 to 12, 1975. This year's Celebration is significant considering the fast-moving developments in our country and abroad in a setting of unprecipitated and unheralded problems. For the past 30 months under the New Society, we have accomplished much including many basic reforms in Philippine education. Much is still to be done.

2. The main theme for this year's Celebration is:

I S A K G B A Y A N
T S A K G D I W A

3. The National Committee created by the President of the Philippines under Executive Order No. 449, copy enclosed, agreed to celebrate this year's anniversary for a period of one week (June 6-12). The activities for each day will be focused on a different sub-theme with the effect of a gradual build-up culminating on June 12, 1975. Accordingly, the National Committee has come out with the following activities and sub-themes:

a. Friday, June 6, 1975, Leadership Day -
ANG KAUUNLARAN, SUKATAN NG PAMUNUAN.

b. Saturday, June 7, 1975, Children and Youth Involvement Day - BISEG NG BACABANG, LAMBANG NG LIPUNAN.

c. Sunday, June 8, 1975, Social Action Day - KAGALINGAN NG LIPUNAN, MUNGKUNAN NG TANGI BAYAN.

d. Monday, June 9, 1975, Production, Development, and Conservation Day - MASAGANAP NG MABU-ARAP, BUFGA NG BAKIYAGA.

e. Tuesday, June 10, 1975, Rural Settlements Day - MIPA'CAL SA PARUNGAY, SA BALABACONG PAMAYANAN.

f. Wednesday, June 11, 1975, National Solidarity Day - LAUTIN NG SAMPAYANAN, PAMPASANG MATATAGAN.

4. On June 12, 1975, as a culminating activity of the one-week Celebration, there will be a mammoth Military and Civic Parade at the Luneta starting at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. After the parade, a Program will be held at the Luneta Grandstand highlighted with an address by His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos. The parade featuring the main theme "Isang Bayan, Isang Digma" will involve 65,000 participants, broken down as follows: 18,000 AFP-ROTC personnel and veterans, 6,000 school children, 2,000 flag-carrying boy and girl scouts, 2,000 representatives from the cultural minorities, 5,000 representing labor, 18,000 youths, 5,000 government employees, 4,000 flag-carriers, and 15,000 Kabataan Sarangay representatives. In addition, there will be seven beautiful floats carrying the best specimen of Philippine manhood and womanhood.

5. The Department of Education and Culture has been selected to take charge of the Celebration on Saturday, June 7, 1975 (Children and Youth Involvement Day) with the following as its theme:

BISEG NG ABRILIAN
TARAS NG LIPUNAN

Accordingly, the following program was formulated for implementation in all schools, colleges, and universities of the country:

7:30 A.M. - 8:30 A.M.

1. Community parade participated in by teachers, children and students with appropriate costumes and/or equipment to indicate youth involvement in community development activities/projects.

8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

2. Operation Linis, Barix, etc. All participants of the parade will engage in appropriate community activities.

3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

3. An appropriate program will be held in all schools, colleges, and universities.

Sample Program

- a. National Anthem
- b. Prayer
- c. Opening Remarks
- d. Choral Ensemble, Rondallas, and Dance Presentations
- e. Fledge of Youth to the New Society
- f. Address
- g. Demonstrations:
 - (1) Boy Scouts
 - (2) Girl Scouts
 - (3) Citizen Army Training (CAT)

6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

4. Cultural Presentations. Greater Manila Area will hold a combined program.

During School Days:

5. Discussion of pertinent topics on independence in relevant subjects of the curriculum.
6. Visits to shrines, museums, historical sites.
7. Press conferences.

The Department of Local Government and Community Development will coordinate the Celebration in provinces, cities, municipalities, municipal districts, and barangays. All regional directors, school superintendents, supervisors, principals, head teachers, school heads, and teachers are enjoined to extend their support and cooperation to the authorized officers of the Local Government.

6. All School Superintendents concerned shall submit to their respective Regional Directors on or before June 30, 1975, the evaluation reports of the Celebration in their particular divisions/cities/schools. The Regional Directors shall submit to this Office consolidated reports.

7. It is desired that this Department Memorandum be disseminated in all schools, colleges, and universities.

(Sgd.) FRANCIS ALBARRACIN
Acting Secretary

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 419

CREATING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY ON 12 JUNE 1975.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me by law, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby create a national committee to take charge of the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on 12 June 1975.

The Committee shall be composed of the following:

The Secretary of Education & Culture	....	Chairman
The Executive Secretary	.....	Vice-Chairman
The Secretary of Public Information	....	Member
The Secretary of Local Governments & Community Development	.....	Member
The Secretary of Industry	.....	Member
The Secretary of Natural Resources	....	Member
The Commissioner of the Budget	.....	Member
The Commissioner on National Integration	.....	Member
The Undersecretary of Agriculture	.....	Member
The Undersecretary of Public Works	.....	Member
The Undersecretary of Labor	.....	Member
The Undersecretary of National Defense	..	Member
The Undersecretary of Trade	.....	Member
The Undersecretary of Tourism	.....	Member
The Mayor of Manila	.....	Member
The Chairman, National Historical Commission	.....	Member
The President, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities	.....	Member
The President, Veterans Federation of the Philippines	.....	Member
The President, Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines	.....	Member
Representative from Youth Group	.....	Member
The Presidential Protocol Officer	.....	Member-Secretary

The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman and for the purpose of discharging its functions, may create sub-committees as may be necessary.

The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, for such assistance as it may need for the discharge of its duties and functions.

Done in the City of Manila, this 11th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

(Sgd.) FERDINAND F. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) ALFONSO YELCHON
Executive Secretary