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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 111, s. 1975

DECLARING 1976 AS DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR COMMEMORATING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONTEMPORARY PHILIPPINE
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

To the: Bureau Directors
Chiefs, Staff Services
Regional Directors, and
Coordinator, State Colleges
and Universities

1. Inclosed herewith is Presidential Proclamation No. 1474 dated August 6, 1975, "Declaring 1976 as Diamond Jubilee Year Commemorating the Establishment of the Contemporary Philippine Educational System."
2. Seventy-five years of Philippine education will be celebrated nation-wide starting January 23, 1976. This date has been declared by His Excellency, the President of the Philippines, as the Diamond Jubilee Day in commemoration of the date of the enactment of Act No. 18 of the Philippine Commission, although actually the Proclamation has set aside the period from January 1 to December 31, 1976, as the Year of the Celebration. It is suggested, however, that the closing day of the Celebration be held on December 30, 1976, to coincide with the Celebration of Rizal Day.
3. The President, in his Proclamation, specifically "calls upon all government entities and instrumentalities to participate in the Celebration and invite private institutions and individuals to join in making the Celebration fruitful."

4. The theme of the celebration is:
"EDUKASYON PARA SA PANGKALANG KAUNTAHAN"
("Education For National Development"), with
the following as sub-themes:

a. Education for National Development
Through Nationalism

b. Education For National Development
Through National Planning

c. Education for National Development
Through Economic Growth and Productivity

d. Education for National Development
Through Improved Health

e. Achieving National Development
Through Arts, Letters, Science, and Technology
as well as Technical and Vocational Education

f. Education for Peace, Understanding,
and Unity

g. Education for National Discipline
and Moral Values.

5. The objectives of the celebration
are the following:

a. To commemorate the diamond jubilee
year of the Philippine Vocational System
established under Act No. 24 of the Philippine
Commission;

b. To inform the people of the
achievements of the Philippine in education
and of the progress resulting from
that of education;

c. To explore possibilities for
further growth and advancement of the
system; and

d. To promote international understanding
through education.

6. The following are the sponsoring institutions of the Celebration:

- a. Department of Education and Culture
- b. Bureau of Elementary Education
- c. Bureau of Secondary Education
- d. Bureau of Higher Education
- e. Institute of National Language
- f. National Library
- g. National Museum
- h. National Historical Commission
- i. National Media Production Center
- j. National Science Development Board
- k. United National Commission of the Philippines
- l. Philippine Public School Teachers Association
- m. Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities
- n. Catholic Education Association of the Philippines
- o. Association of Christian Schools and Colleges
- p. Philippine Association of Vocational Education Superintendents
- q. Fund for Assistance to Private Education
- r. University of the Philippines
- s. Philippine Normal College
- t. Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges
- u. Philippine Association of General Education Superintendents
- v. Philippine Association of School Superintendents
- w. Philippine Association of Private School Superintendents
- x. Youth Foundation of the Philippines

7. For the purpose of conducting the 25th year of the Main Line Mass Educational System established under Act No. 185 of the Philippine Commission, a Planning Committee was organized to develop a broad program of activities and create appropriate groups that will take charge of the different phases of the Celebration. The Planning Committee, composed of the Undersecretary of Education and Culture and the assistant secretary as

Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, with all Bureau Directors and Heads of Offices under the Department of Education and Culture as well as Presidents of Educational Institutions and Associations, as Members, was constituted by the Proclamation into a National Committee of the Celebration charged with the preparation and implementation of the year-long program to make it more meaningful. The following are the approved activities of the year-long Celebration:

- a. Inaugural Parade on January 21, 1976
- b. Educators' Conference
- c. Educational Exhibits or Fairs
- d. Commemorative Medals and Stamps
- e. Radio Broadcasts and TV Telecasts
- f. Printed Media
- g. Schools' Jubilee Week
- h. Song Writing Contest
- i. Symposia and Seminars
- j. Awards for Outstanding Schools

6. For the above-mentioned activities and projects, the following committees were created with their corresponding chairmen:

- a. Program and Invitation Director Cecilia B. Soriano
- b. Secretariat Miss Hortensia S. Bonoza
- c. Awards Director Andres R. Asiatic
- d. Finance Mr. Mariano Banting
- e. Cultural Presentation Assistant Director Alfredo Valdezista
- f. Additional Activities Director Renato Valdeon, Vice-Chairman, and President Benifacio P. Sibayan
- g. Materials Conference, Symposia and Seminars Director Antonio Durio and Asst. Secretary Vedasto Sarda
- h. Inaugural Parade Secretary Cipriano S. Sags
- i. Publicity Director Bonifacio Fineda

- j. Philately and Com-memorative Medals Chairman: Escobar de Ocampo
- k. Diamond Jubilee Book Mr. Lucio B. Fernandez
- l. Science and Techno-logy Mr. Fabian Cruz
- m. Geographicalism..... Mr. Placido S. Bacon

9. In view of the nature and scope of the Celebration and due to the reorganization of the Department of Education and Culture, it is requested that the event be observed and conducted on the regional basis. Each regional director shall assume responsibility in the observance and conduct of the Celebration in his/her region and make every effort to insure that the provincial/city superintendents under his/her jurisdiction extend their full cooperation and assistance. It is suggested that each region develop its own themes based on the theme and sub-theme adopted by this Office.

10. It is desired that the contents of this Departmental Memorandum be disseminated to all concerned and that a report be submitted to this Office on how the Proclamation was implemented by each division in the different regions.

(SGD.) JOAN E. PANTLU
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION No. 1474

DECLARING 1976 AS DIWATA JUSTICE YEAR COMMEMORATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONTEMPORARY PHILIPPINE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, 1976 is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Philippine educational system under Act No. 74 promulgated by the Philippine Commission on January 21, 1901;

WHEREAS, the Philippine educational system has to a great extent contributed to the growth and development of the country;

WHEREAS, it is desirable to apprise the people of the achievements of the Philippines in education and of the progress she has made through education;

WHEREAS, it would be advantageous to indicate lines of further growth and advancement of the system as an instrument of national development; and

WHEREAS, educators in and out of the government have made representations for the proper observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Philippine educational system and for setting aside the period from January 1 to December 31, 1976, as the year of the Celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND B. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the period from January first to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, as the "Diwata Jubilee Year" to commemorate the establishment of the Philippine Educational System under Act No. 74 of 1901.

I call upon all government entities and instrumentalities to participate in the celebration and likewise private institutions and individuals to join in making the celebration fruitful.

I hereby further declare January 21, 1975, as the Diamond Jubilee Day in commemoration of the date of the enactment of Act No. 74 establishing the Philippine Educational System.

The Education Week being observed in September of every year under Proclamation No. 123 dated April 22, 1949, shall be made to coincide with the Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

The following are hereby constituted into a national committee on the diamond anniversary of Philippine educational system charged with the preparation and implementation of a year-long program to make the celebration meaningful:

- The Secretary of Education and Culture.....Chairman
- The Undersecretary of Education and CultureVice-Chairman
- The Assistant Secretary of Education and Culture.....Co-Vice-Chairman
- The Director of Elementary Education.....Member
- The Director of Secondary Education..... "
- The Director of Higher Education..... "
- The Director, Institute of National Language..... "
- The Director, National Library..... "
- The Director, National Museum..... "
- The Director, National Historical Institute..... "
- The Director, National Media Production Center..... "
- The Chairman, National Science Development Board..... "
- The Chairman, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines..... "
- The President, Philippine Public School Teachers Association..... "
- The President, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities..... "
- The President, Catholic Education Association of the Philippines..... "

- The President, Association of Christian Schools and Colleges
- The President, Philippine Association of Vocational Education Superintendents..
- The President, Fund for Assistance to Private Education
- The President, University of the Philippines
- The President, Philippine Normal College..
- The President, Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

(SGD.) FERDINAND B. MARCOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

ALEJANDRO ALICHO
Executive Secretary

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