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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 100, s. 1975

SUBJECT: ARAY TANIM "ACTION AGAD" PROGRAM AND RECOGNITION DAY

To the: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and
Heads of Units
Coordinator, State Colleges
and Universities
Schools Superintendents

1. Enclosed are a prototype "Action Agad" Integrated Araw Project prepared by the participants during the National Evaluation Seminar-Workshop held in Baguio City on February 25-27, 1975, and general rules in tree planting.

2. September 11, 1975 should be designated as Araw Tanim Recognition Day. A feature of the program should be the awarding of appropriate prizes and/or certificates of recognition for the best Araw Tanim Project and the people responsible for it. Suggested criteria for judging this project follows:

	Size of Area Planted 15 pts.	No. of Seedlings Planted 20 pts.	No. of Seedlings Growing 50 pts.	No. of Students/ Pupils Involved 15 pts.	TOTAL 100 pts.
1. Fruit Trees					
2. Forest Trees					
3. Ornamental Trees					
TOTAL					

Grade/Year Level of Children _____

No. of Teachers Involved _____

Divisions _____

3. Alay Pasig aims at food production, conservation, beautification and reforestation as means of improving quality of life. As a continuing project of the DEC, there should be constant follow-up of activities and evaluation of performance.

4. It is requested that activities done in connection with this project be included in the reports of superintendents and regional directors.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Department Memorandum is desired.

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Incls.:
As stated

References:

Department Memorandums: Nos. 9, s. 1975
and 61, s. 1976

Enclosure: 1-2-3-4---(D.O. 2-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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CAMPAIGN (Food Production)
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REPORT
RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES OF PLANTING

1. The seedlings should be planted so that the roots should reach deeper than the downward drying of the soil during summer months.

2. The root collar should approximately be in the same position as it was in the nursery. In planting, give allowance for the receding of the soil.

3. The root system should be given as much space as possible so that the rhizosphere of the roots is almost the same as it was in the nursery. Roots should not be curled upward. For bigger seedlings with long tap root and wide spreading lateral roots, make deeper and wider holes.

4. When planting in an area with poor drainage, set the seedlings on mounds.

5. When planting in an arid area, the seedlings should be set below the ground level of the soil with the use of small canals, trenches or furrows.

6. Only the best quality fresh soil without undecomposed organic matter should be used in filling the hole above the roots.

7. In planting along the slope, a step-like niche leveling towards the slope would be made. The seedling should be planted in the middle of the niche.

8. As a general rule, only one plant should be set in one hole except certain conditions as for beautification, soil control and when in doubt of plant survival.

9. The trees should be planted erect and the soil around the roots should be firmed thoroughly.

10. It is most recommended to use the smallest seedlings provided they will be able to survive in the plantation.

11. The pruning or trimming of coniferous seedlings should be restricted to cutting back long tap roots because cutting do not affect the pruning of the leaves. Broadleaf species should consist of both the leaves and roots.