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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 231, s. 1977

HEADS OF PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO
JOIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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

1. Inclosed is Letter of Instructions No. 607 which directs the Secretary of Education and Culture to call upon all heads of private schools, colleges, and universities to join in community development service.
2. In this connection, all heads of private schools, colleges, and universities are requested to submit on or before November 15, 1977, a brief description of their programs of participation. Thenceforth, they shall submit a brief report on their accomplishments covering each quarter, the reports to be submitted within the first fifteen days following each quarter.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Department Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-4--(D.O. 1-76)

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MALACANANG
Manila

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 607

TO : The Secretary of Education and Culture
The Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

All Concerned

WHEREAS, the New Society has embarked upon a massive program to improve the lives of our people in the barangay and for this purpose has exhorted all sectors in the government to go back to their native roots and render much needed community development service;

WHEREAS, we have embarked upon this program because one of the overriding concerns of the New Society is to share the benefits of progress with the great masses of our people by improving the quality of life in the barangay;

WHEREAS, the programs operating under this "Balik-Barangay" concept have generated enthusiastic response and willing cooperation from all sectors;

WHEREAS, the rural folks have welcomed the assistance and are even now joining hands with the government workers in the realization of programs that will ultimately redound to the benefit of all;

WHEREAS, these efforts, no matter how willingly and wholeheartedly given, are still inadequate to solve the problems present in our rural communities;

WHEREAS, what is needed is the active involvement of all sectors of society, especially those with special expertise and knowledge to share or bestow;

WHEREAS, the students are now rendering community service under the YCAP and CAT programs, and undoubtedly the joining of those who train our youth will have a salutary effect on all these programs;

WHEREAS, the government is also pursuing a program of helping the out-of-school youth, the farmers, the homemakers, the fishermen and other sustenance workers in rural areas;

WHEREAS, private schools, colleges and universities, in view of their altruistic and public service orientation, may find it propitious to join cause with the government in these programs for our least fortunate communities and share with them the expertise and technology which is available in these educational institutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby direct the Secretary of Education and Culture to call upon all heads of private schools, colleges and universities to join us in these programs by organizing, expanding or strengthening their own programs for these communities-- the barangay and the out-of-school youth.

These programs shall be monitored by the Department of Education and Culture, through the Undersecretary of Education for Non-Formal Education, and their progress and implementation shall be reported to me periodically for it is my desire to properly acknowledge the concern of our educational institutions for our least fortunate communities.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of October in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

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

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