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DEVELOPMENT OF A MODEL ORCHARD IN EACH REGION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. To attain one of the provisions of LJI 506 "Fruits for Every Filipino Child" and to fully implement Department Memorandums Nos. 124 and 206, s. 1977, this Office is launching a bigger project called "Regional Orchard Development" starting school year 1978-1979. The goal is to establish at least one model orchard in each region, the project to integrate the health and nutrition, orchard development and environmental education programs. This integrated project will become the main feature of the Phase III Alay Tanim Contest for SY 1978-1979.

2. The following guidelines are hereby issued in the development of a regional model orchard:

- a. The best division model orchard within the region shall be selected as the "Model Orchard for the Region."
- b. A five year development plan should be submitted to this Office indicating, among other things, specific activities/projects for the actual implementation of the plan, a location map, etc.
- c. The area should be at least three (3) hectares to have enough space for the following programs:
 - (1) Fruit Tree Planting. Different kinds of fruit trees should be planted which are adapted to the locality and which will give economic returns at the earliest possible time and a supply of fresh fruits the whole year round.

- (2) Health and Nutrition. A permanent area should be set aside for the planting of nutritious vegetables to ensure their continuous supply during the school year. Also, while trees are still small, the spaces in between trees can be planted to vegetables. A small lot should also be planted to medicinal herbs which should be properly labelled.
- (3) Environmental Education. A recycling program of by-products and waste materials for economic purposes should be planned and carried out.

3. On the division level, the project "Division Model Orchard" (D.M. No. 124, s. 1977) should be continued. Plans should be made to develop one model orchard on the district level corresponding to the old congressional districts. Different kinds of fruit trees should be planted to ensure a year-round supply of fresh fruits. However, for the overall implementation of the orchard development program within the division, schools with small areas may each specialize in growing one or two kinds of fruit trees only, so that within a district, different kinds of fruit trees will be grown to yield different kinds of fruits throughout the year.

4. It may be mentioned that in the evaluation of the Alay Tama program on the division and regional levels, the overall orchard development program in all schools in the division/region will be considered.

5. Funds may be released depending upon performance which shall be determined through visits of the national evaluation team and the submission of quarterly accomplishment reports.

6. It is requested that the enclosed form be submitted to the Secretary of Education and Culture, Attention: Director, Health and Nutrition Center, DTC, Manila. A copy of the division report should be furnished the respective regional directors.

7. It is desired that all regional and division supervisors take note of the above mentioned projects every time they make a regular visit.

8. Immediate action on this matter is requested.

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References:

Department Memorandum: (Nos. 124 and 206, s. 1977)

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