

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Department of Education
EDUCATION SECRETARIAT
DIVISION OF COLLEGE EDUCATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
MANILA

August 3, 1978

MEMORANDUM
No. 214, s. 1978

DECLARING 1978 AS CHESS YEAR AND AUTHORIZING THE PHILIPPINE
CHESS FEDERATION TO CONDUCT A FUND CAMPAIGN

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

1. Inclosed herewith is Proclamation No. 1787 of His Excellency, President Ferdinand E. Marcos, dated May 27, 1978, declaring 1978 as Chess Year and authorizing the Philippine Chess Federation to conduct a fund campaign during the period from May 1 to December 31, 1978.

2. The Republic of the Philippines has been chosen as the site of the World Chess Championship Match from July to September 1, 1978, under the auspices of the Philippine Chess Federation (PCF) and the Federation Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE). The chief participants are World Champion Anatoly Karpov of the USSR and Challenger Viktor Korchnoi, stateless.

3. The event will not only contribute to the country's efforts to promote our tourist industry for at least two months and prestige and honor to the Philippines but also earn goodwill and gratitude of the millions of chess fans throughout the world. Only a few of our young people can take on a strenuous kind of a sport. Majority of our young have to settle on some kind of sport which do not require strength and stamina of body. Chess is of this kind. While it does not build the body, it does a far more important job of positively developing the mind and character of the young. Chess not only sharpens the mind but also develops and instills in our young people positive virtues in life like discipline, patience, singleness of purpose, perseverance, steadfastness, and resourcefulness.

4. This Office endorses this fund campaign. School officials, teachers and other school employees, as well as students, are enjoined to assist and support wholeheartedly the campaign. The Proclamation, in authorizing the fund campaign, exempts all donations and contributions from income, gift, amusement, and all other taxes, and the same shall further be deductible in full and shall not be included for the purposes of computing the maximum amount deductible under Section 90, paragraph (a) of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

5. Remittances shall be in check or money order drawn in favor of the Philippine Chess Federation and transmitted to the Ministry of Education and Culture, c/o Province Administrators, Campaign Chairmen, through the Regional Director. The transmittal letter should indicate in summary form the sources of the collection to enable the schools division committee to keep track of the progress of the campaign and determine the extent of compliance.

6. It is desired that the contents of this Memorandum be disseminated to all concerned.

(SGS.) JUAN T. RAPOEL
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

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

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

✓ CAMPAIGN
✓ CONTRIBUTION
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✓ STUDENTS
✓ TEACHERS

PROCLAMATION NO. 1787

DECLARING 1978 AS CHESS YEAR AND AUTHORIZING THE PHILIPPINE CHESS FEDERATION TO CONDUCT A FUND CAMPAIGN DURING THE PERIOD FROM MAY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1978

WHEREAS, the Republic of the Philippines, has been chosen as the site of the World Chess Championship Match from July to September 1, 1978, under the auspices of the Philippine Chess Federation (PCF) and the Federation Internationale Des Echecs (FIDE);

WHEREAS, this prestigious international chess event will be participated in by no less than the World Champion Anatoly Karpov of the USSR and the Challenger Viktor Korchnoi, stateless;

WHEREAS, this event will not only contribute to the country's efforts to promote our tourist industry for at least two months, add prestige and honor to the Philippines but also earn goodwill and gratitude of the millions of chess fans throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, financial and logistical supports are required to insure the success of this vital undertaking,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby declare 1978 as the Chess year and authorize the Philippine Chess Federation to conduct a nationwide fund campaign and thus help ensure the successful hosting of the World Chess Championship Match.

All donations or contributions to and income of the fund campaign shall be exempt from income, gift, amusement and all other taxes; and the same shall further be deductible in full and shall not be included for the purposes of computing the maximum amount deductible under Sec. 38, paragraph (h), of the National Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

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 27th day of May in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

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

By the President:

(SGD.) JOSE C. TOVERA
Presidential Assistant

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