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MEMORANDUM
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THE SCHOOL HEALTH GUARDIAN PROGRAM: A PRIORITY
PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

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

1. In order to enrich health education and services in the Ministry of Education and Culture, President Ferdinand E. Marcos in Letter of Instructions No. 764 declared the School Health Guardian Program a priority of the national government.
2. The School Health Guardian Program is a continuing educational thrust which aims to teach teachers and school children to utilize local medicinal plants and herbs and simple remedies for common ailments.
3. Each pilot school in the region will develop and implement a model curriculum which shall include an integrated health, nutrition, population, environment and "Alay Tanim" program and shall incorporate the health guardian approach.
4. At the start of each school year, the regional director shall recommend to this Office one model school in the region which shall be the recipient of a school health guardian building. The criteria in the selection of model schools will be released by the School Health and Nutrition Center.
5. The thirteen initial pilot projects are listed in the inclosed LOI 764. These projects should serve as models to be emulated by all schools in the regions. While this program is intended to start in school, eventually the activities are expected to reach the homes and the whole community.
6. Immediate dissemination of LOI 764 and the contents of this Memorandum is requested for the information and guidance of all concerned.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MARIÑAL
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

Department Memorandum: No. 77, s. 1977

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Malacañang, Manila

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 764

RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL HEALTH GUARDIAN PROGRAM

I O : The Minister of Education and Culture
The Minister of Public Works, Transportation
and Communications
The Minister of the Budget
The Director of Public Works

WHEREAS, the improvement of the health of all Filipinos is a primary concern of Government;

WHEREAS, the public schools system is being mobilized in health improvement, through better health, nutrition and environmental education, supplementary feeding and other related activities;

WHEREAS, the School Health Guardian program has been evolved by the Ministry of Education and Culture as a means to enrich the health education and services program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, do hereby issue the following instructions to strengthen the School Health Guardian Program:

1. The School Health Guardian Program is hereby declared a priority program of the national government, with the aim of educating teachers and school children in the use of medicinal plants and herbs and simple remedies for common ailments. Its activities shall be dovetailed with the supplemental school feeding, school orchard, "Alay-Tanis", population education, and other related programs of the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Ministry of Health and the Nutrition Center of the Philippines.

2. Pilot projects shall be identified throughout the Philippines, consisting initially of one school per region, as follows:

- a. Naguilian Central School, Naguilian, La Union
- b. Paniki Elementary School, Bagabag, Nueva Vizcaya
- c. San Rafael Elementary School, San Marcelino, Zambales
- d. Batangas South Central School, Batangas City
- e. Rodriguez Elementary School, Pili, Camarines Sur
- f. Guimbal Central Elementary School, Guimbal, Iloilo
- g. Alicia Central Elementary School, Alicia, Bohol
- h. Cabaungon Elementary School, Dulag South District, Leyte

- i. Juan Bugarin Elementary School, Sindangan North District, Zamboanga del Norte
- j. Manolo Fortich Elementary School, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon
- k. Lamin Elementary School, Surrallah, South Cotabato
- l. Awang Elementary School, Dinzig North District, Maguindanao
- m. Parang Elementary School, Marikina, Rizal

3. In each pilot school, model curricula shall be taught, incorporating the Health Guardian approach. An integrated health, nutrition, population, environment and "Alay Tanim" program, shall be evolved in a manner that suits school capability and local conditions.

4. A prefabricated schoolbuilding shall be immediately erected in each of the pilot schools mentioned in no. 2 above, to house (a) the school clinic, (b) a combination demonstration center and library, and (c) a school kitchen. The standard Bagong Lipunan type schoolbuilding shall be adapted to suitably house these activities, the maximum amount of one hundred thousand pesos (P100,000) being allocated for each schoolbuilding as adapted. These shall be known as the "School Health Guardian Buildings."

5. The annual schoolbuilding program shall provide for at least one School Health Guardian Building per region, as determined by the Minister of Education and Culture.

6. In line with national emphasis on Mindanao rehabilitation and development, an additional twenty-four (24) Bagong Lipunan School Buildings shall be allocated for Zamboanga City, Cagayan de Oro City, Davao City, and Cotabato City to be used as temporary warehouse in the implementation of Mindanao, the School Health Guardian and Supplementary Feeding supported by the World Food Program. These shall be converted to regular school rooms or School Health Guardian Building when no longer needed as temporary warehouses.

7. The budgetary allocation of the School Health Guardian Program, the "Alay Tanim" Program, Supplementary School Feeding, and other related activities, shall be specifically identified as such in the General Appropriations Bill as Key Budgetary inclusions, for such time as these programs are considered as being of priority importance.

Done in the City of Manila, this 9th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

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

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