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MINISTRI NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
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MEMORANDUM
No. 74, s. 1979

ENERGY CONSERVATION

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

1. The national economy faces considerable difficulties because of the adverse effects of the present world oil situation. This has prompted the President to require the government sector to reduce its energy consumption by at least ten percent.

2. Conformably, all schools and offices under the Ministry of Education and Culture are reminded to closely observe the energy conservation measures given in Department Memorandum No. 190, s. 1975.

3. In addition, the following measures should be carried out:

a. Effective the school year 1979-1980, to minimize as much as possible, trips to school and cost of transportation for all concerned, especially in Metropolitan Manila and other urban areas:

- (1) Secondary students and elementary pupils should be enrolled in schools nearest their residence. In Metropolitan Manila, the practice of limiting enrollment in the schools to bona-fide residents should continue.
- (2) Teachers should be assigned to schools nearest their residence.

- (3) Class programs should be so arranged that students and pupils can attend all classes for the day in one single session, morning or afternoon.
 - (4) A walk-to-school/office campaign should be conducted.
 - (5) The use of bicycles in going to and from school/office should be encouraged.
 - (6) Parents and other persons who use cars to and from school/office should be encouraged to invite as many friends/colleagues as can be accommodated to ride with them.
- b. In the schools as well as in the homes, the use of stoves using fuel other than oil or electricity should be revived. This is practicable in places where wood and similar material for fuel are available. In this connection, tree planting activities, particularly in areas that are in short supply of trees, should take into consideration the needs of the surrounding community for trees as sources of wood for fuel.
 - c. Staying in offices after five in the afternoon should be allowed only for officers/employees authorized to render overtime work and for those who have rush or urgent tasks.
 - d. Planning for the construction of school or other kinds of buildings should make provision for adequate ventilation to obviate the necessity of air-conditioners or even electric fans.
4. Attention is also invited to Department Memorandum No. 211, s. 1975, relative to the designation of an Emercon Officer in each division and regional office and to Office Order dated January 8, 1976, creating an Emercon Committee in the Ministry of Education and Culture. Every agency outside of the MEC compound should immediately designate an Emercon Officer. These officers and committees should regularly monitor the implementation of the energy conservation in the schools and offices. They should submit a monthly report, in the case of the division's Emercon Officer, to the regional director, and in the case of the Emercon Officers in the regional offices and agencies and the Ministry Committee, to the Chief of the Administrative Service.

5. Strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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References:

Department Memorandums: (Nos. 190 and 211, s. 1975) and
Office Order: (dated January 8, 1976)

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