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OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL METRICATION MONTH IN NOVEMBER

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and  
Universities  
Vocational School Administrators/Principals

1. Pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 187 as amended by Presidential Decree No. 748 and Batas Pambansa Blg. 8, the Metric System (SI) shall be the sole measurement system to be used in the Philippines for all products, commodities, materials, utilities, services, and commercial transactions in all contracts, deeds and other official and legal instruments and documents effective January 1, 1983.
2. The exclusive use of the metric system will facilitate domestic and foreign trade, avoid unnecessary waste and diversity in manufacturing goods, promote uniformity and simplification of measurements and consistency in calculations and afford other advantages. It will do away with the concurrent usage of different standards of weights and measures in the Philippines which abet confusion and waste of time in computations and diversity.
3. In order, therefore, to enhance nationwide awareness of metric conversion by the people and all sectors of society and facilitate the necessary adjustments to the exclusive use of the metric system, all schools and offices/units under the Ministry of Education and Culture are hereby enjoined to observe the National Metrification Month in November 1979, and every November thereafter until 1983.



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4. The calendar of events follows:

- 1st Week - November 2-11 - Metrication in the Economy
- 2nd Week - November 12-18 - Metrication in Sports and the Home
- 3rd Week - November 19-25 - Metrication in Government
- 4th Week - November 26-30 - Metrication in Schools

5. Following is a suggested program of activities for the observance of the month:

a. Theme: Go Metric for Progress.

b. Activities:

- (1) Metrication exhibit consisting of:
  - (a) Measuring instruments and equipment, both laboratory and commercial, especially those calibrated in metric units like those measures for distance, volume, mass, heat, temperature, speed, etc., e.g. weighing scales, gauges, odometer, metric pulleys, tapes, etc.
  - (b) Information display on modern metric system including conversion tables, books and publications on metric system, posters.
  - (c) Products/activities already converted to metric measurements, preferably showing their previous sizes in English or indigenous systems e.g. edible oil, soaps and detergents, paints, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, writing paper, wires and cables, cement, sack hales, home/office appliances, iron and steel products, horse racing, etc.









- 2) Programs, lectures, symposia, and the like with school population and the community participating, utilizing the services of resource persons who are experts on the metric system:

To dramatize the observance, leading citizens or personalities may be invited to have their height and weight measured in metric units during the program.

- 3) Radio-TV presentations.

- 4) Preparation and distribution of metric information materials:

(a) Posters:

- General posters on National Metrication Month;
- Posters on how to measure height and weight in metric units;
- Posters on how to use basic metric units correctly (conversion tables);

- (b) Series of short features on "Modern Metric System and You" written in simple terms preferably prepared as a primer for publication in major national newspapers and other print media;

- (c) "Guidelines for use of the metric system (SI) (correct usage of the modern metric system);

- (d) Handbooks, such as an "Metric System in the Home", "Metrication for Government Personnel", etc.;







6. It should be stressed that metric conversion should likewise be taken up in appropriate classroom instruction and related activities.
7. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference:

Department Memorandum: No. 281, s. 1976

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