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SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED

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

1. Special Olympics is a program of sports training and athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults. It was created and developed internationally by Special Olympics, Inc. under the auspices of the Joseph Kennedy Jr. Foundation in Washington D.C. Its main purpose is to assist in the physical, social and psychological development of the retarded.

2. An affiliate of the Special Olympics, Inc. is the Philippine Special Olympics Foundation (PSOF). It is dedicated to help retarded children and adults attain their maximum potential of productivity and happiness through an organized program of year-round physical training, athletic competitions and leisure-time activities.

3. To provide a systematic follow through of year-round activities and partnership among the government sector, private agencies, civic, fraternal and sports groups, the PSOF initiated "Project Partnership". This project includes the following:

- a. Involvement of social agencies, civic and fraternal groups to identify the retarded in their respective communities and to set up Special Olympics programs where none exists;
- b. Operation of a year-round Special Olympics Training Institute model in order to train coaches, volunteers and parents who in turn will train special athletes in the homes, schools, institutes and communities; and

- c. Scheduling of progressive meets and competitions which started in 1981 and which will culminate as the Second National Special Olympic Games scheduled for November 5-8, 1982. This National Special Olympics will be a prelude to the Philippines' participation in the Sixth International Summer Special Olympic Games to be held on July 12-18, 1983, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, U.S.A.

4. The National Affairs and Membership Committee of the Special Olympics: Project Partnership is presently organizing the regional committees throughout the country and shall subsequently organize the provincial, city, and municipal committees. Pursuant to this there shall be organized in every region/division a Special Olympics Committee to take charge of its activities and programs. The committee shall be headed by the regional director/schools superintendent to be assisted by the following staff personnel:

- a. Supervisor of Physical Education;
- b. Supervisor of Research, Evaluation, and Guidance;
- c. Area Supervisor for Private Schools;
- d. Health Supervisor; and
- e. Supervisor in charge of Special Education.

At the district/barangay level, this Committee shall be led by the district supervisor or elementary/secondary school principal with the assistance of district coordinators/teachers in physical education, guidance, health, and special education.

5. All schools and institutions with any significant number of mentally retarded are encouraged to organize special olympics clubs to operate and maintain year-round programs of physical training and to participate in holding municipal, provincial, regional and national special olympics meet.

6. Further information regarding the Special Olympics may be referred to: Mr. Rozel F. Mar Santos, Chairman, National Committee on National Affairs and Membership, Suite 608-609, Don Santiago Building, 1344 Taft Avenue, Metro Manila, Telephone No. 921-26-30.

7. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum to all concerned is requested.

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Reference:
None

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