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KALAHARAN NG KALASAYON, KULTURA AT ESPORTE  
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS)  
Manila

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DECS MEMORANDUM  
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DISSEMINATION OF THE DEPARTMENT POSITION ON THE CRISIS  
BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE ABORDED MUTINY OF AUGUST 28, 1987

To: Bureau Directors  
Cultural Agency Directors  
Regional Directors  
School Superintendents  
Chief of Service and heads of the 4 Centers  
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators  
Technical-Vocational School Principals

1. In order that all DECS personnel, teachers and students are properly informed about the official position of the Department in relation to the crisis precipitated by the recent aborted mutiny of a disgruntled group in the military, it is desired that all this Headquarters levels take the responsibility of disseminating the statement of position (not reverse side) among their personnel. In the case of school heads, it would be desirable to disseminate the same among teachers, staff and students with a view to ensuring understanding and appreciation of their respective roles in preserving peace and stability.

2. It is important that all members of the constituency of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports are able to harmoniously work together to find a solid stand on issues such as this and on matters that will arise from time to time.

(SGD) LOUIS R. GUISUMING  
Secretary

Reference:  
None

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TO : All DECS personnel, all teachers and students  
FROM : SECRETARY LOURDES R. AQUISUMBING

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports is committed to values education as the foundation of all education and the instrument of social transformation and national reconstruction. In these critical times, there is no role more important for DECS than to educate our citizenry on the need to uphold our national values threatened by the recent mutiny attempt.

The crisis is not over. Returning to normalcy and condemning the mutiny will not attack the roots of the crisis. There will be a need to address grievances, improve soldiers' welfare and bring about unity and cooperation between military and the civil government. Concerning the uprising and imposing swift, just and firm sanctions will not be enough, although it will be necessary.

The nation and its citizens must not be distracted from the basic points they must declare firmly and with one voice: No matter how just the grievances, no matter who the persons, no matter what the issues, we must condemn any person -- military or civilian, with the government or against it -- who attempts a change of persons, policies or governments by means of violence rather than by peace, by means of dictatorial might rather than by democratic processes, and by means of brute power rather than by law.

Upholding peaceful and democratic processes, respect for the law must be the cornerstones upon which to build an appreciation for and commitment to the human and democratic rights and values that all Filipinos should love and die for.

(SGD.) LOURDES R. AQUISUMBING  
Secretary





