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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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DECS MEMORANDUM  
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STRENGTHENING BASIC CURRICULUM THROUGH THE STUDY  
OF THE LIFE, WORKS AND WRITINGS  
OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

To: Bureau/Cultural Agency Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Heads of Private Secondary Schools

1. The Bureau of Secondary Education, this Department, in support of DECS Order No. 33, s. 1996 entitled "Reiterating the Implementation of Republic Act No. 1425 Mandating the Inclusion of Rizal's Life, Works, Writings, Teachings and Virtues as a Course" encourages the field to undertake particularly in English, Social Studies and Filipino classes:

a. Required Readings

First Year - Rizal's Autobiography  
Second Year - Rizal's Writings (Poems)  
Third Year - The Heroic Confession  
by Teodoro M. Loosin and  
Noli Me Tangere  
Fourth Year - Rizal in Saga  
by Nick Joaquin and  
El Filibusterismo

b. A critique/review, analysis of films, tapes on Rizal

c. Establishment of Rizal corners in all school libraries and centers

d. Activities in the form of convocations, programs, exhibits and displays in educational centers and libraries

2. The above activities aim:

a. to instill in the minds of our youth appreciation and recognition of the role played by Dr. Jose P. Rizal in the attainment of freedom; and

b. to encourage the sense of nationhood among Filipino youth by making Rizal a model of values, such as courage, love for work, discipline, critical and creative thinking, patriotism and love for truth and justice.

