



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
Merced Avenue, Pasig City

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DECS MEMORANDUM

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1997 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

**To: Bureau Center and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities**

1. The 99th celebration of the Philippine Independence Day on 12 June 1997 with the theme "Diwang Pilipino: Isaisip, Isapuso, Isagawa," Ika-99 na Anibersaryo ng Proklamasyon ng Kalayaan ng Pilipinas, will be spearheaded by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports with the Secretary as Chairman.
2. To give importance to this year's celebration as a prelude to the grand occasion of Philippine Centennial, all DECS officials, school administrators, teachers and students must actively participate in the observance of the 99th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. The display of the Philippine Flag in all schools starting May 28 up to June 12 is strongly enjoined. Regional directors are hereby authorized to purchase new flags to replace those faded ones.
3. School officials are enjoined to make sure that the schools will hold an Independence Day program and flag raising ceremonies to be attended by all pupils, students, teachers, as well as, school employees. The presence of Boy/Girl Scouts and CAT cadets in uniform is encouraged.
4. Bureau Center and Service Directors, and their respective staff at the DECS Central Office, as well as, DECS officials of the National Capital Region (NCR) and nearby schools of the Southern Tagalog Region (IV) are directed to assemble for the flag raising ceremony at the Rizal Park at 6:00 a.m. and the cultural/civic/military parade at the Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park at 1:30 p.m.