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DECS MEMORANDUM

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1997 NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Presidential Proclamation No. 267 has declared October as the National Children's Month. During this month, national focus shall be given to Filipino children in recognition of their vital role in community life and nation building.

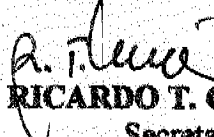
2. This year's theme is "**Bata May Karapatan, Bayan May Katungkulan.**" This theme underscores the importance of promoting and protecting the rights of children and encourages the community in upholding children's rights.


3. All schools are enjoined to observe a month-long celebration involving parents and the community. Below are the proposed activities:

- 3.1 Holding simple ceremonies/programs for the observation of the event focusing on the theme;
- 3.2 Encouraging the Parent -Teacher -Community Association to sponsor seminars, symposia and conferences which discuss effective parenting, children's rights, environmental concerns and issues and other relevant topics;

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- 3.3 Sponsoring special activities for children like art exhibits for art clubs, assemblies/camping for scouts, science fairs for science clubs, food exhibits for the homemakers clubs, outdoor and indoor games for the sports clubs, etc., and
 - 3.4 Discussing the relevance of the celebration in learning areas like Character Education/Values Education, Sibika at Kultura/Araling Panlipunan, Filipino and English.
4. The Offices of the Regional Director and the Schools Division Superintendent shall monitor the activities sponsored by the schools.
 5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with the contents of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary



Reference: DECS Memorandum: No. 382, s. 1997

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