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THE FAPENET

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau, Service and Center Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals
District Supervisors

1.   FAPENET is FAPE's answer to the education sector's need to be on-line with various new developments occuring in the world today. Being a dynamic process, education in general, will have to be on top of these developments in order for it to be useful and relevant to the times. The importance and relevance of such connection to the information superhighway has not been consciously brought to the doorsteps of other private and public educational institutions in the country. It is precisely to answer this need that FAPE has taken the initiative to organize FAPENET.

2.   FAPENET will not only connect educational institutions to internet but will go beyond that by providing them with value-added services that will improve and enhance the teaching-learning process both within and outside the classroom. Through FAPENET, subscriber-schools will be able to access the database on education which will be built up by FAPE. They will be able to avail of a unique catalog that will provide them with access to the bibliographies and collections of libraries all over the country. Through FAPENET, researchers and faculty members working on their dissertations will have access to a complete collection of theses that have been produced in the country over the past four decades. FAPENET will complement and supplement this connection with such value-added services.

3.   The objectives of the FAPENET are:

- To link the Philippines to the International store of knowledge and resources in order to lessen the knowledge gap existing between the third world and the advanced countries;

- To set-up a delivery system or infrastructure that can effectively deliver services at a cost reasonable and affordable by the schools; and
- To introduce new technologies that would make the education sector more effective.

4. FAPENET has already established its nationwide backbone and has access points in Davao, Cebu, Tacloban, Makati, Baguio, Bacolod, Iloilo, Bicol, Cotabato, Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Surigao, Ozamis City, and soon to open in Ilocos and Zamboanga.

5. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports Web site was made by FAPENET as part of its value-added service to schools all over the country.   The DECS page includes the following data:

- A profile of DECS
  - Overview
  - Vision
  - Organizational Structure
  - Brief Description of Sub-Divisions
    - Office of Planning Service
    - Financial Management Service
    - Administrative Service
    - Human Resource Development Service
    - Technical Service
    - Bureau of Elementary Education
    - Regional Offices
    - Bureau of Secondary Education
    - Bureau of Nonformal Education
    - School Health & Nutrition Center
    - National Educational Testing & Research Center
    - Educational Development Projects Implementing Task Force
    - National Educators Academy of the Philippines

- DECS Circulars
  - DECS Memoranda from 1996 to the present
  - DECS Orders from 1996 to the present

- DECS '96 Annual Report

- Facts & Figures on Philippine Education

- Education Statistics

- On-going Projects & Other Research Studies (since 1990) (Data will be uploaded in mid-July)

6.   In this regard, all concerned are enjoined to visit this website especially those who have internet connections in their respective offices. The URL address: http:/ www.fapenet.org/public_over.htm). For more inquiries, interested parties may contact Ms. Rogenen E. Pepito, Head, Research and Contents Development Unit, FAPENET at Fax Nos. 818-0013 and 817-6542.

7.   Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
    under the following subjects:

    COMPUTER EDUCATION
    PROJECTS