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*Tanggapan ng Kalihim  
Office of the Secretary*

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DECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 351, s. 1998

DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT-  
OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, STATE COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTALITIES TO MAKE ALL THEIR  
COMPUTER-BASED INFORMATION SYSTEMS YEAR 2000  
(Y2K) COMPLIANT

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents

1. Inclosed for the information and guidance of all concerned is a copy of Memorandum Circular No. 3 of the Office of the President directing all government entities to make all their computer-based information systems Y2K compliant on or before December 21, 1998.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

*Andrew Gonzalez*  
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC  
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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under the following subjects:

BUREAUS & OFFICES  
COMPUTER EDUCATION

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

**URGENT**

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 3

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**WHEREAS**, there exists the millenium bug or the Year 2000 (Y2K) problem arising from using two digits instead of four digits to show the year in computer systems and applications, and which at the turn of the century will show 00 for the year 2000 and be interpreted as year 1900;

**WHEREAS**, the millenium bug or the Y2K problem will create serious problems inherent in computer software and hardware systems; and;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for all government agencies and offices to identify all critical application systems affected by the year 2000 date change and to undertake precautionary and corrective measures to ensure the internal readiness of computer systems and applications.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. ESTRADA**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

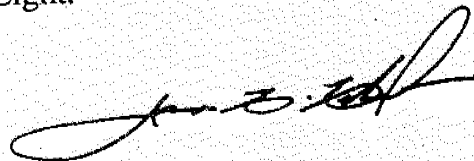
**Section 1.** All government departments, agencies, government-owned and/or controlled corporations, state colleges and universities, and other government instrumentalities to make all their computer-based information systems Y2K compliant on or before 21 December 1998. As such, these entities are enjoined to:

- a) Conduct a comprehensive audit of their respective computer systems and applications to determine their internal readiness for the Year 2000;

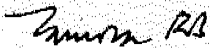
- b) Assess the Y2K impact in case the problem persists;
- c) Undertake all necessary precautionary and corrective measures to ensure internal readiness of all their computer systems and computer applications, in coordination with the National Computer Center; and
- d) Submit a status report on the matter to the Office of the President, through the National Computer Center and the Presidential Management Staff.

**Section 2.** This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila this 31st day of July, in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight.



By the President:



**RONALDO B. ZAMORA**  
Executive Secretary

