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INTEGRATION OF 'BANTAY KALIKASAN' IN THE CURRICULUM

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

1. This Department is implementing a more aggressive ecological program in all schools. It aims to integrate the "Bantay Kalikasan" as part of the activity of each pupil from Grades III to VI, and High School.
2. This move is in line with the 'Bantay Kalikasan' environmental program launched by the ABS-CBN Foundation recently at the Manila Garden Suites. This scheme is with the support of various NGOs and GOs which includes this Department. 'Bantay Kalikasan' aims to educate the Filipinos by promoting ecological awareness, safeguarding the state of the environment, catalyzing the multi-sectoral network which will facilitate all environmental initiatives. It envisions a better environment where Filipinos can live a better life.
3. In support of this laudable endeavor, this Department will integrate the 'Bantay Kalikasan' ecological programs in Sibika at Kultura in both the elementary and the secondary levels. The entry points in the existing curriculum in both elementary and secondary should be identified to ensure integration of the known local environmental problems. It is suggested that teachers concerned convene to prepare the guidelines on the protection and preservation of the environment to be integrated in the curriculum.
4. Field and school officials are encouraged to involve the barangays, the schools and civic organizations, the local government and the private sector. The ABS-CBN Foundation has set Hotlines 923-55-55 and 925-33-33 to receive reports and feedbacks on environmental crimes and issues from people involved in 'Bantay Kalikasan.' Written reports on the activities undertaken and achieved may be forwarded to this office, Attn.: Dr. Ma. Lourdes V. Macatangay, Technical Service, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, UL Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
5. Immediate dissemination and action on the contents of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

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Reference:
None

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