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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

To Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Regional Directors
Directors for Services/Centers/and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Public/Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1 Sports and other programs in physical fitness have been identified as one of the areas where the UN Standards and Rule on Equalization of Opportunities and Full Participation of Persons with Disabilities can be operationalized. The Sports For All Program provides excellent avenue for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in both developmental and competitive sports activity

2 Recognizing the crucial role of sports and other games in facilitating the integration of persons with disabilities in school and community the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the Philippine Sports Association of the Differently Abled (PHILSPADA) will undertake sports program that provide People With Disabilities (PWDs) an opportunity to participate actively in sustainable sports

3 Through a comprehensive sports development program designed by PHILSPADA in consultation with the DECS, the children and youth with visual impairment, hearing impairment, orthopedic impairment, mental disabilities and general learning problems will increase opportunities to participate in sports, thus enhancing their excellence in this area.

4 Schools with special education program, including those special children who are in the mainstreamed and/or inclusive program in the regular classes are enjoined to participate and support this undertaking

5 Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

Reference

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