



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
Morales Avenue, Pasig, Metro Manila

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 25, 1999

DECS MEMORANDUM

No 17, s 1999

**"DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH GAMES- BATANG PINOY AS THE
NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN"**

To Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Public and Private Schools

1 Inclosed is a copy of Executive Order No 44, dated December 2, 1998 entitled, "Declaring the Philippine Youth Games-Batang Pinoy as the National Sports Development Program for Children "

2 For immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Order is desired

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incl. As stated

Reference None

Allotment 1--(D O 50-97)

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**MALACAÑANG
MANILA**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 44

**DECLARING THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH GAMES – BATANG PINOY
AS THE NATIONAL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, Section 19 (1) Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs league competitions and amateur sports including training for international competition to foster self discipline teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry

WHEREAS, Republic Act No 6847 created the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) under the Office of the President to carry out this constitutional mandate in coordination with the various government departments agencies and private entities

WHEREAS, Executive Order No 63 (s 1993) created the national regional provincial city municipal and barangay Physical Fitness and Sports Development Councils (PFSDCs) which shall act as the nationwide organizational network to assist the PSC in the planning information dissemination actual implementation and monitoring of the National Policy and Program of Sports For All as embodied in Executive Order No 64 (s 1993) and based on the universal principle adopted by the UNESCO International Chapter for Physical Education and Sports wherein the Philippines is a charter signatory

WHEREAS, the Philippine Sports Commission in coordination with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS) and the various PFSDCs have launched the Philippine National Games as the centerpiece program toward the next millennium by virtue of Executive Order No 163 (s 1994)

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Games a biennial national tournament for highly competitive athletes has envisioned to strengthen its talent base by including competitions for young children thereby harnessing the full potential of our people

WHEREAS the Philippine Youth Games – Batang Pinoy being an integral part of the national policy and program for sports development will effectively address our need for a comprehensive grassroots program centered on values formation inherent in the practice of sports and play (e.g patriotism nationalism self discipline respect for law and order hardwork teamwork camaraderie sportsmanship and fairplay) thus eliminating the child's chances of becoming a juvenile delinquent and

WHEREAS the program can serve as recruitment base for sports specialization including training for other high level leagues national tournaments and international competitions



NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines by virtue of the powers vested in me by law do hereby order

SECTION 1 All concerned national agencies are hereby directed to extend their full support cooperation and active involvement in the promotion public awareness generation and program coordination for the Philippine Youth Games Batang Pinoy

SEC 2 The DILG and the DECS being co chairmen of the National PFSDC, are hereby directed to assist the PSC in the planning, information dissemination coordination monitoring and actual implementation of the program The DILG and DECS are likewise authorized to provide the PSC with technical manpower support training venues and other forms of assistance as necessary

SEC 3 All local government units (LGUs) constituting the PFSDCs are hereby enjoined to extend full support and active participation in the program


SEC 4 Said LGUs are hereby authorized to appropriate whatever amount is necessary from their available budgets for the promotion of the National Policy and Program of Sports for All including a well synchronized year round calendar of sports activities and competitions culminating with the celebration of the Philippine Youth Games – Batang Pinoy in 1999

SEC 5 The PSC is hereby encouraged to solicit additional funding support for the Philippine Youth Games Batang Pinoy from government and non government organizations The PSC shall extend the tax incentive pursuant to Section 20 of RA 6847 on donations and contributions

SEC 6 All concerned Non Government Organizations the Philippine Olympic Committee concerned National Sports Associations are hereby encouraged to lend their cooperation to the program


This Executive Order shall take effect immediately

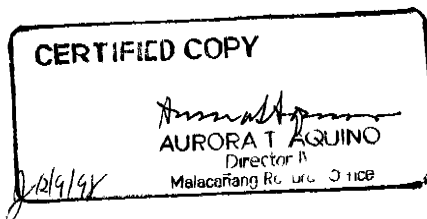
DONE, in the City of Manila this 2nd day of December in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Eight


JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA
President of the Republic of the Philippines



By the President


RONALDO B ZAMORA
Executive Secretary



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