



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

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 37, s. 1999

**CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL BIRTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LATE FRANCISCA REYES AQUINO**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The 100th birth anniversary of the late Francisca Reyes Aquino, recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1963 and the National Artist in Dance Award in 1973 falls on March 9, 1999. Francisca Reyes Aquino was the first Filipino to make comprehensive research and compilation of Philippine folk dances which were published in volumes. Her initial efforts provided the basis of the organization and presentation of dance groups/troupes that have gained honor and international recognition and appreciation.

2. In this connection, it is desired that appropriate activities be undertaken in schools to develop awareness among teachers, students of the contribution of Francisca Reyes Aquino to the development of our cultural efforts. Suggested activities are:

- a. dance festival or presentation of the dances found in the Philippine National Dances and Volumes I to VI of Philippine Folk Dances by Francisca Reyes Aquino;
- b. exhibit of Philippine costumes used in folk dances, books and tapes of Philippine folk dances;
- c. dance clinics and workshops on the researches of Mrs. Aquino;

- d. lessons on the life and works of Mrs. Francisca Reyes Aquino;
 - e. essay contest on why Mrs. Aquino deserved to become a National Artist; and ,
 - f. recognition/awarding of outstanding teachers in the field of folk dances.
3. Regional PESS supervisors and Division supervisors of physical education are expected to provide the necessary leadership in undertaking the aforementioned activities.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance of this Memorandum is enjoined.

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Secretary

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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