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DECS MEMORANDUM

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1999 OBSERVANCE OF ARBOR WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. Every year, Arbor Week is observed during the last week of July as mandated under Executive Order No. 113 dated July 22, 1993; and the Monday within the week is DECS National Tree Planting Day.

2. This year, Arbor Week will be observed on July 26-31, with the theme, "Punong Kahoy Itanim Malinis Na Hangin Kamtin".

3. To give significance to the week-long celebration, the following activities are suggested:

a) Monday, July 26 - Tree Planting

- Planting of forest/fruit trees in the school, pupil's home or any vacant lot within the community

b) The rest of the week -

- Maintenance of previously planted trees like: watering, fencing, underbrushing, removal of undesirable branches/twigs, putting crutches/support to bended trunk of young trees;
- Restorative care for old trees such as: scraping of dead portion of tree bark or trunk and applying coat of coal tar or paint;
- Plastering/cementing of hollowed trunk of centennial trees to make it stable, and withstand strong wind pressure;
- Removal of plant parasites that threaten the survival of old trees; and
- Integration of messages in the school curricula on the significant role of trees for a safe and healthful environment.

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4. All concerned DECS officials/personnel and school administrators are enjoined to take the lead and lend support to the conduct of appropriate activities during the week. A narrative report is expected to be included in the 3rd quarter report on the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program for submission to: The Director, Health and Nutrition Center, DECSO, UL Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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