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**DECS MEMORANDUM**

No. 501, s. 1999

**To: Regional Directors**  
**Schools Superintendents**  
**Public and Private Secondary School Principals**

**YOUTH BUILD 2000**

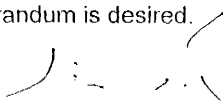
1. Youth Build 2000 is a flagship project of the Habitat for Humanity Philippines (HFHP) which is a non-profit and ecumenical housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty in housing in the country. With its theme "Today's Builders, Tomorrow's Leaders", the goal of the project is to have the youth sector build 200 houses over a ten-month time frame from January to December 2000.
2. The project aims to achieve the following:
  - a. Instill in the youth the value of giving and sharing to the less privileged people;
  - b. Build networks in schools, universities and youth-related groups that would help HFHP's campus chapters program, volunteers program, as well as raise funds for the project;
  - c. Provide opportunities for partner schools, universities, organizations and individuals to take part in addressing poverty related housing problems in their respective areas;
3. In view thereof, all secondary school administrators, teachers and students who are in their third and fourth year high school are encouraged to join the Habitat for Humanity School Chapters and participate in the Youth Build 2000 project activities.
4. All campus activities of the Habitat for Humanity Philippines are considered voluntary in nature and students' participation in out-of-campus activities must have parental consent.

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5. For queries, please get in touch with the DECS Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA) at Telefax Nos. 636-3603/631-8495 or the Campus Chapters and Youth Programs (CCYP) of the Habitat for Humanity at 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ramon Magsaysay Center 1680, Roxas Blvd., cor. Dr. J. Quintos St., Malate, Manila with Tel. Nos. 536-8450/536-8412/536-8417/536-8421 local 121/114/128 or Fax Nos. 536-8413/523-7969.

6. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is the guidelines for students' participation. Attached further is the project brief of Youth Build 2000.

7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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under the following subjects:

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**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PHILIPPINES  
YOUTH BUILD 2000**

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION

**A. HABITAT SAFETY PROVISIONS FOR YOUTH VOLUNTEERS**

1. Ensure safety of students in doing volunteer construction work.
2. Five adult escorts from the faculty or parents group are to be present at all times.
3. Provide trained construction workers to supervise construction.
4. Medical services are provided on-site.
5. Provide values formation and development of leadership skills through interaction with homepartners.
6. Allow fundraising activities, special events and awareness-raising by students.

**B. ACTIVITIES OF STUDENTS WHO ARE 16-17 YEARS OLD**

Students are allowed to work in the construction site with an option on which work they want to undertake such as:

1. Moving materials
2. Painting
3. Pre-fabrication of rebars
4. Landscaping
5. Cleaning of site
6. Coordinating of homepartner youth

**C. ACTIVITIES OF STUDENTS WHO ARE 14-15 YEARS OLD**

Students in this age group are not allowed to participate in construction works, yet are allowed to participate in volunteer services only such as:

1. Food
2. Family nurture
3. Security
4. Medical
5. Cultural programs/special events on-site
6. Site logistics like sanitation, physical arrangement, communications, merchandise, registration.

**D. OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED ON-CAMPUS**

1. Formation of Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapters
2. Membership development
3. Fundraising activities
4. Other volunteer works and co-curricular activities

## PROJECT BRIEF

### Youth Build 2000 (YB 2000)

#### *What is the YB 2000?*

This is a flagship project intended to boost the youth's involvement in Habitat for Humanity Philippines' (HFHP) on-going projects. The goal is to have the youth sector build 200 houses over a 10-month time frame from January 2000 to December 2000.

The YB 2000 is a Filipino initiative that has an international scope. It aims to bring together youth to work together at the start of the millennium here in the Philippines. It will not only focus on local youth volunteers, it will likewise encourage participation of non-resident Filipino youth and international work campers from North America and Asia Pacific.

#### *What are the objectives of the project?*

- To be able to instill in the youth, the value of giving and sharing to less privileged people.
- To be able to build networks in schools, universities and youth related groups that would help HFHP's campus chapters program, volunteers program, as well as, raise funds for the project.
- To provide opportunities for partner schools, universities, organizations and individuals take part in addressing poverty housing problems in their areas and in their level.
- To partner with corporations, organizations, institutions and foundations that support Filipino youth initiatives.

#### *Who are the target participants?*

1. Target participants are students and young individuals. They may be youth from informal groups, campus-based organizations, civic clubs or Christian communities.
2. Students from the schools where the builds will be.
3. Foreign student groups from Korea, Japan, Australia, US, Canada and Europe.
4. Filipino youth from US and Canada

#### *What are the sites for this project?*

There are actually 10 sites earmarked for YB 2000. These are the following:

1. Asamba, Quezon City
2. Christian Habitat, Las Pinas
- Bicol
  - Escalante, Negros Occidental
  - Talisay, Cebu
  - Cagayan Valley
  - Tagbilaran

8. General Santos
9. Midsayap
10. Tarlac

*What are the mechanics of participation?*

1. As a Volunteer
  - Actual house build
  - Support Services like in registration, manning of exhibit booth, etc.
  - Special events such as bikathons, concerts, etc.
2. As a Fund Raiser
  - Raise fund in-school and through special events
  - Request for in-kind donations

*How do we envision to promote the project?*

- An Honorary Youth Advisory Board will be created, composed of 12 members coming from different sectors of society. The main function of the Board is to steer and promote the YB 2000 and, if possible, to represent Habitat for Humanity Philippines in school assemblies, congress, etc.
- The endorsement of the DDCS is underway.
- The YB 2000 will be promoted through our media partners in television, radio and print.
- YB2000 coordinators/partners in NCR and the Affiliates will go to the schools and promote the build through the school officers and school assemblies.
- YB2000 will be promoted nationwide and to non-resident Filipinos in the U.S. and Canada by HHIP; in Asia-Pacific by HHI International.
- We will partner with government agencies that have direct links with youth sector.
- There will be special events to drum interest in the project.
- Use of video presentations, print and promotional materials.

*When will the project be launched?*

The YB 2000 will be launched on January 8, 2000. Promotions in radio, television, and newspaper will begin thereafter. Intensive networking with the students will continue throughout the campaign.

*When will the build begin?*

The build will begin on the first week of January through December 2000. There will be a 40-house 5-day blitz build in April 2 - 7, 2000.