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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 535, s. 1999

DECS PARTICIPATION IN THE MILENYO FILIPINO FESTIVAL

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
District Supervisors
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 128 establishing the Presidential Commission For the New Century and the Millennium, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), Department of Tourism (DOT) in cooperation and coordination with the different government agencies and non-government organizations have prepared and will hold the MILENYO FILIPINO FESTIVAL PISTANG PAMBATA to implement the country's celebration of the millennium among the youth on December 26 - 31, 1999.
 2. All regional directors and schools division superintendents are enjoined to coordinate with their respective local officials or DECS - Special Events Unit, (Tel. 632 - 58 - 32/34) regarding the kick-off programs towards ^{the} new millennium.
 3. The DECS - Central Office in coordination with Region III - Division of Bulacan, Region IV - Division of Batangas and Division of Rizal and the National Capital Region - Division of Quezon City will participate in the PISTANG PAMBATA, on December 26 - 31, 1999 at the Children's Playground, Luneta Park Manila.
1. PISTANG PAMBATA (Pinoy Children's Festival) - The Children's Park located beside the DOT Building will be spruced up and will be sprinkled with additional local mythological figures such as Ibong Adarna, Kapre to heighten awareness and interest of Filipino children on our own mythology of childhood. There will also be puppet shows, folk games, gigantes parade among others.

4 Teachers, students and school officials of DECS - NCR, Regions III and IV are hereby requested to visit the venue of the MILENIO FILIPINO FESTIVAL - PISTANG PAMBATA on December 26 - 31, 1999.

5 Attached herewith is the program of activities during the aforementioned dates.

6 Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is hereby desired.

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Secretary

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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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parades in Cavite and the region in Cebu, Quezon

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MILENYO PILIPINO FESTIVAL

I. DESCRIPTION:

The MILENYO PILIPINO FESTIVAL is a weeklong celebration of the Filipino spirit in the 21st Century. It will be held on December 26 to 31, 1999. It will consist of various art/cultural/historical, agri-related, scientific and technological, and trade/industry activities meant to highlight the achievements made by the Philippines on the aforementioned fields during the last Century. The Rizal Park, the locale of the festival, will be transformed into a special Millennium theme park that will have interesting decorations and festivities meant to attract people to come to the festival and to the TURN OF THE CENTURY PROGRAM at the Quirino Grandstand on December 31, this year.

The Milenyo Pilipino Festival, while serving its basic purpose of presenting our best in arts and culture, in agriculture, in science and technology, and in trade and industry, will be used to drumbeat the meaning and importance of the TURN OF THE CENTURY Program on December 31. It will be a set of events to stimulate the interest of the people on the national government's Millennium Program.

In other words, the festival will be a very important component of the month long national millennium celebration. It is going to be our answer to the United Kingdom's MILLENNIUM DOME. It is going to be our counterpart to Singapore's MILLENNIAMANIA. It is going to be our primary showcase of the best in the Philippines.

II. VENUE/LOCALE

The entire Rizal Park will be the venue of the festival. The park will be dressed in a truly special fashion - it will carry highly interesting Filipino outdoor decorations (arches, buntings, surprise art objects, banners) that will put into focus the general theme of the Philippine millennium celebration: food security for all Filipinos amidst the country's march to a higher level of science and technology.

It is important that the park is tastefully dressed up for the festival purposely to attract more park goers particularly among the upper brackets of the society. It is also important that there is a special look for the park to generate greater interest among the discriminating foreign and local tourists. Hopefully, it will also lend itself to good and positive publicity for the country particularly in the international media.

III. PROGRAM

As envisioned, the Milenyo Pilipino Festival will have various events to be held in designated areas of the Rizal Park. These events with their corresponding venues are as follows:

1. PISTANG PAMBATA (Pinoy Children's Festival) -- The Children's Park located beside the DOT Building will be spruced up and will be sprinkled with additional local mythological figures such as Ibong Adarna, Kapre to heighten awareness and interest of Filipino children on our own mythology of childhood. There will also be puppet shows, folk games, gigantes parade among others.

2. TURISMO NG KALIKASAN (Philippine Ecotourism Center) - The Halamanan ng Bayan at the corner of Taft Avenue and Padre Burgos Street will be the site of ecotourism displays, exhibits, concerts, demos and teach-ins. It will be used to propagate the care and preservation of our precious environment.
3. SINING PINOY (Pinoy Café Scene) - The entire Agrifina Circle will be transformed into a veritable Café Street where there will be outdoor art exhibits, cultural performances, concerts, fashion shows, poetry reading among others.
4. LIWASANG BULAKLAKAN (Philippine Millennium Garden Show) - The Orchidarium at the Park will become a spectacular garden show where the best collection of orchids, bromeliads, mums, poinsettias, roses and other tropical plants will be shown. There will also be a commercial exhibit of cut flowers and other ornamental plants.
5. AMBAG NG SINING SILANGAN (Exhibit of Japanese and Chinese Influences on Philippine Culture) - Both the Japanese and the Chinese Gardens at the park will show exhibit of photos and art objects about the vast influences of Japanese and Chinese culture on Philippine cultural history.
6. TEATRO AT PELIKULA (A Program of Cultural Shows and Movies) - The Open-Air Auditorium will show the best Filipino musicals and plays as well as the best Filipino movies starting at 6:00 in the evening.
7. GININTUANG ANI NG LUPANG PILIPINO (A Special Agricultural Fair) - The Kanlungan ng Sining located at the back of the National Library is a beautiful tree-shaded area in the park. It will be a fitting venue for a special agricultural fair where our strides or achievements in the field of agriculture will be shown.
8. SULONG, AGHAM AT TEKNOLOHIYA (Science and Technology Exhibit) - This special Science and Technology Exhibit will be mounted at the Planetarium. It will showcase interesting Philippine inventions and achievements of the country in the field of science and technology.
9. DISENYO AT KALAKALAN (Philippine trade exhibit) - The lobby and the other open areas inside the National Library will be the venues of this special trade exhibit where our country's best designs on exportable products will be shown.
10. SINAUNANG KABIHASNAN (Philippine Pre-historic Exhibit) - This interesting exhibit on Philippine pre-history will be located at the "Cave" at the Rizal Park. It will have live performances that will show vignettes of the early civilization of the country.
11. HANDAAN (Philippine Food Fiesta) - The tree-shaded area corner of T. M. Kalaw Street and Roxas Boulevard will be set aside for food stalls and dining. Restaurants and hotels will have their respective outlets in this area.

IV. OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

To enliven the park and to add more color to the celebration, there will be parades of our popular fiestas at designated days and hours of the festival. Some of these fiestas are the Carabao Festival in Pulilan, Bulacan; Pahiyas in Lucban; Maytinis in Cavite and the Agawan in Sariaya, Quezon.

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