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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS**  
DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue  
Pasig City, Philippines



*Sama-Sama  
sa DECS*

September 26, 2000

DECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 428, s. 2000

**LINGGO NG KATANDAANG FILIPINO**  
(Elderly Filipino Week Celebration)

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. Under Presidential Proclamation No. 470 dated September 26, 1994, the first week of October of every year, has been declared as "Linggo ng Katandaang Filipino (Elderly Filipino Week). The theme for this year's activity is "Lolo at Lola: Mahalaga sa Bagong Milenyo".

2. His Excellency, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada, signed on July 15, 2000, Executive Order No. 266, entitled "Approving and Adopting the Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons, 1999-2004".

3. Cognizant of the above Proclamation and Executive Order, a one week activity will be held for older persons focused on the eight (8) major areas of concern of the Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons (PPAOP) 1999-2004 namely:

- a. Older Persons and the Family;
- b. Social Positions of Older Persons;
- c. Health and Nutrition;
- d. Housing, Transportation and the Built Environment;
- e. Social Services and the Community;
- f. Older Persons and the Market;
- g. Income Security, Maintenance and Employment; and
- h. Continuing Education/Learning Among the Older Persons.

4. The Nonformal Education staff in the field level shall spearhead the activity in coordination with DSWD, FSCAP, COSE, DILG, DOH, SM Foundation, PIA and other GOs and NGOs. It is requested that division offices submit the reports regarding the said activity with pictorials to the Bureau of Nonformal Education, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Mabini Bldg., DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

5. Enclosed are copies of Presidential Proclamation No. 470, s. 1994 and EO No. 266, s. 2000 for reference.

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6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly enjoined.

*Andrew Gonzalez*  
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC  
Secretary

Encls.:  
As stated

Reference:  
DECS Memorandum: No. 385, s. 1997

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

✓ CELEBRATIONS and FESTIVALS  
✓ NONFORMAL EDUCATION

**MALACAÑANG  
MANILA**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 470**

**DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS LINGGO NG  
KATANDAANG FILIPINO (ELDERLY FILIPINO WEEK)**

**WHEREAS,** The United Nations adopted the General Assembly Resolution 37/51 of 3 December 1982 to pursue an International Action Plan on Ageing;

**WHEREAS,** The Executive Department, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development, is responsible for the development of a social welfare programme designed to promote the well-being of the elderly;

**WHEREAS,** Republic Act 7432 maximizes the contribution of Senior Citizens to nation building and grants benefits and special privileges to senior citizens who are at least 60 years of age with an income not exceeding P60,000 annually;

**WHEREAS,** The elderly population is becoming the fastest growing sector of the population and is expected to double before the year 2000;

**WHEREAS,** The increasing population of elderly persons is entitled to adequate food, shelter, clothing and health care should be provided with opportunities for livelihood, family and community support and self-help;

**WHEREAS,** Elderly persons should, likewise, have access to appropriate educational and training programmes either as participants or as resource providers, considering their wealth of experience and capabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS,** President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by law, do hereby amend Proclamation No. 1503, s. 1975, and declare the period from October 1 to 7, 1994, and every first week of October of every year as Linggo ng Katandaang Pilipino (Elderly Filipino Week).

The Department of Social Welfare and Development, the Department of Health, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and Coalition of Services for the Elderly (COSE) shall coordinate with and provide the necessary assistance to the Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines (FSCAP), a non-government organization nationwide

Linggo ng Katandaang Filipino  
(Elderly Filipino Week)

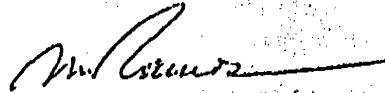
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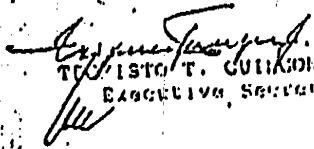
machinery for carrying out the activities for the week. The Secretary of Social Welfare and Development shall chair the national committee it is to constitute, with FSCAP as permanent Secretariat.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety four.



By the President:



TITO T. CULIQUINA, JR.  
Executive Secretary

MALACAÑANG  
MANILA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 266

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE PHILIPPINE PLAN OF ACTION FOR  
OLDER PERSONS, 1999-2004**

**WHEREAS**, Article XIII, Section 11 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged sick, elderly, disabled, women and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers." It is also stated in Article XV that "The family has the duty to take care of its elderly members but the State may also do so through just program of social security."

**WHEREAS**, every effort is being exerted by concerned departments, bureaus, offices, agencies or instrumentalities of the government including government owned or controlled corporations and local government units and non-government organizations to ensure that older person's rights are upheld, their needs and concerns are addressed, their roles as active participants in nation building are fully recognized.

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of its membership in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Philippines is committed to implement the actions agreed upon in the Macau Declaration and Plan of Action on Ageing for Asia and the Pacific.

**WHEREAS**, a Technical Working Group, spearheaded by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) formulated the 1999-2004 Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons (PPAOP) which contains the country's vision for the upliftment and development of older persons and which shall serve as the main instrument in implementing our international commitments.

**WHEREAS**, the Plan addresses the eight (8) areas of concerns related to population ageing in the Philippines, namely: a) Older Persons and the Family; b) Social Positions of Older Persons; c) Health and Nutrition; d) Housing Transportation and the Built Environment;



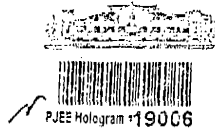
e) Income Security, Maintenance and Employment; f) Social Services and the Community; g) Continuing Education/Learning Among the Older Persons; and h) Older Persons and the Market.

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Plan of Action for the Older Persons was approved by the Joint Social Development Committee Cabinet Level and Cabinet Cluster C on the 15th of September 1999.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby approve and adopt the "Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons, 1999-2004," as the country's blueprint to institute appropriate policies, strategies, programs and projects for older persons, and order the following:

**SECTION 1. Creation of an Inter-Agency Committee.** There is hereby created an Inter-Agency Committee chaired by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and co-chaired by the Department of Finance (DOF) to oversee, coordinate, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Older Persons. The Committee shall also review and regularly update the Plan and be responsible for the widest possible dissemination of information about the Plan. The Committee shall include as members the following agencies;

- a). National Economic and Development Authority
- b). Department of Education, Culture and Sports
- c). Department of Health
- d). Department of Science and Technology
- e). Department of Interior and Local Government
- f). Department of Labor and Employment
- g). Department of Trade and Industry
- h). Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council
- i). Government Service and Insurance System
- j). Social Security System
- k). National Anti-Poverty Commission
- l). Philippine Information Agency
- m). Coalition of Services of the Elderly
- n). Federation of Senior Citizens Associations of the Philippines
- o). Philippine Retirement Authority
- p). Philippine Retirement Authority Members Association



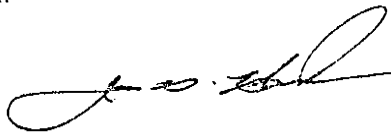
**SEC. 2.** An appropriate focal point for older persons' concerns or any other similar mechanisms shall be instituted in each concerned department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the government, including government-owned or controlled corporations and local government units, to ensure the implementation and monitoring of the Plan, review and updating of programs and projects identified for each agency.

**SEC. 3.** The Committee is hereby authorized to call upon any department, bureau, office, agency or instrumentality of the National Government, including government-owned or controlled corporations and LGUs, to assist and ensure the full implementation of the programs and activities contained in the Plan.

**SEC. 4.** All government agencies are hereby enjoined to allocate necessary funds from other sources for the remainder of CY 2000 to support the implementation of the Plan. Appropriation for succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals for congressional action.

**SEC. 5. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand.



By the President:



**RONALDO B. ZAMORA**  
Executive Secretary

