



*Tanggapan ng Kalihim
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UNESCO INTERNATIONAL LITERACY PRIZES FOR YEAR 2000

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals

1. The DECS-Bureau of Nonformal Education (BNFE) was awarded the UNESCO Noma International Literacy Prize by the UNESCO International Jury for its Nonformal Education Accreditation and Equivalency (NFE A&E) System.
2. The International Literacy Prizes are awarded in recognition of the most innovative and inspiring experiences in the field of making education accessible to all sectors of society throughout the world.
3. The NFE Accreditation and Equivalency was developed under the Asian Development Bank (ADB)-funded, Philippines Nonformal Education Project. The NFE A & E System which is at its core, offers an alternative certification for learning to Filipinos, balikbayan and foreigners, aged fifteen (15) years old and above who are unable to avail of the formal school system or who have dropped out of formal elementary and secondary education.
4. The NFE A & E System is one of the pro-poor flagship projects of the Philippine Government dedicated to breaking the cycle of illiteracy and poverty and providing opportunity to the educationally disadvantaged to upgrade their skills and knowledge in order to improve their social, political and economic quality of life.
5. In the letter of Undersecretary Rosario G. Manalo, Department of Foreign Affairs and Director General, UNESCO National Commission, she stated that the BNFE has brought honor not only to the DECS but also to the entire Filipino nation.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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Secretary

Reference:

DECS Memorandum: No. 75, s. 1992
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)
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