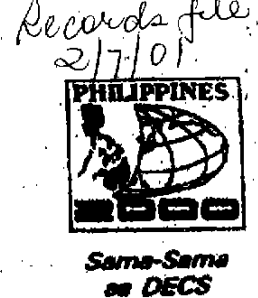




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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 12, s. 2001

NATIONAL "ALAY SA BAYAN" MARATHON TORCH RELAY

**To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals**

1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), in support of Administrative Order No. 143, announces the staging of the "Alay sa Bayan" Marathon Torch Relay for Peace, Unity and Democracy from January 21 to February 10, 2001.

2. The "Alay sa Bayan" Marathon Torch Relay is a nationwide activity aimed at stirring public consciousness on the value of peace, unity and democracy as the basic foundations of our society. It also aims to create a society of active participants in the task of nation-building by teaching them to appreciate the values of mental and physical fitness resulting in a sound mind and a sound body.

3. The DECS regional and division offices are encouraged to extend their support to the "Alay sa Bayan" Marathon Torch Relay by:

- a. Providing the necessary assistance and competent manpower resources (track and field coaches and trainers) to the DILG/LGUs in the conduct of the national Marathon Torch Relay;
- b. Allowing all students and field personnel to watch and grace the torch when it passes by the school vicinity, from one municipality to the other; and
- c. Allowing students/athletes to participate voluntarily in the program and excuse them from their classes for one (1) day provided, however, that remedial make-up classes are extended to them to compensate for the lessons missed during the activity.

4. All regional directors are directed to attend an orientation and advocacy meeting about the project at the Sheraton Hotel, 599 Pablo Ocampo Sr. St., Malate, Manila, on January 12, 2001 at 12:00 noon. Please confirm your attendance to Ofel or Annie, at fax no. 523-50-18.

5. Enclosed are the roadmap of the major route of the marathon torch relay, schedule of stopovers, list of provinces, municipalities and cities covered by the marathon torch relay, copy of Administrative Order No. 143, project summary, and the mechanics of the relay.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

Andrew Gonzalez
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Secretary

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As stated

Reference:

None

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