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Office of the Secretary*

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**DECS MEMORANDUM**  
No. 15, s. 2001

**2<sup>ND</sup> BATANG PINOY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

**To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents**

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Batang Pinoy National Games Championship will be held on January 21-28, 2001 at the new San Luis Recreational, Educational, Cultural and Sports Complex, Sta. Cruz, Laguna. It will be hosted by the Provincial Government of Laguna.
2. As per Executive Order No. 44, and consistent with the DECS-DILG-PSC Memorandum of Agreement of December 2, 1998, all DECS regional offices, division offices and concerned schools are expected to extend their cooperation and support for the successful conduct of the games.
3. A DECS Oversight Committee for the Batang Pinoy Games is hereby formed under the Chairmanship of Mr. Romeo M. Fernandez, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Programs and Regional Operations. The members shall be the Regional Physical Education and School Sports (PESS) division chiefs and the members of the DECS Task Force for School Sports.
4. The functions of the Committee shall be as follows:
  - a. Oversee the general conduct of the Games;
  - b. Review, evaluate and reassess the Program relative to the curricular reforms being undertaken;
  - c. Recommend to the Secretary a program concept involving the DECS, DILG, PSC and LGUs that will streamline school sports program; and

d. **Recommend to the Secretary measures that will improve DECS relationship and linkages with other sports-serving agencies.**

5. **Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.**

*Andrew Gonzalez*  
**ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC**  
Secretary

**References:**

**DECS Memoranda: Nos. 17 and 19, s. 1999**

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10 November 2000

Mr. Monico O. Puentevella  
Commissioner  
Philippine Sports Commission  
Rizal Memorial Sports Complex  
Malate, Metro Manila

Dear Commissioner Puentevella:

This pertains to the draft DECS Memorandum on the General Guidelines for the Conduct of the Philippine National Youth Games - Batang Pinoy 2000 submitted to this office for comments. Overall, we appreciate the PSC's initiative to continually search for talented and promising athletes. However, we would like to submit the following comments and suggestions:

1. It is commonly observed in the field that the Philippines has one of the greatest number of "NATIONAL" meets held in one year compared to other countries. These include the following:
  - Batang Pinoy for 12 years and under;
  - Palaro ng Bayan for 13 to 18 years in and out-of-school youth;
  - Palarong Pambansa for in-school 18 years old and below;
  - CHED National Games;
  - National Youth Games of the Philippine Olympic Committee
2. Parents have complained about the many national games their children were asked to participate in as these affect the latter's time for study.
3. The DECS maintains a policy of discouraging the pulling out of teachers from their classes during schooldays as this will seriously affect the time on task for teaching-learning.

4. The special services of the local government units tend to be depleted by these various sports activities at the expense of

5. It is therefore strongly suggested that an integrated national sports program be conceptualized involving the PSC, DECS, DILG and LGUs to avoid duplication of sports activities and de-saturate teachers of year-round sports related activities. It should clearly provide sports development opportunities for the in-school and out-of-school children and youth. One option is for DECS and CHED to concentrate on the Palarong Pambansa to cater to in-school youth and for Batang Pinoy and Palang ng Bayan to be integrated to cater to out-of-school youth.

We hope our comments will be seriously considered.

Very truly yours,

*Andrew Gonzalez*  
**ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC**  
Secretary