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DECS MEMORANDUM
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NATIONWIDE STUDY ON THE USE AND APPLICATION OF IT
IN ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTRY:
THE INITIAL ACTIVITY OF PROJECT CARES

- To: Undersecretaries/Assistant Secretaries
 Bureau/Center/Service Directors
 Regional Directors
 Schools Division Superintendents
 The Philippine Association of School Superintendents (PASS)
 The Philippine Elementary School Principals' Association (PESPA)
 The Philippine Association of Secondary School Administrators (PASSA)
 The Association of DECS Directors (ADD)
 The Philippine Association of Public Secondary School
 Administrators (PAPSSA)

1. The Senate Committee on Education chaired by Senator Teresa Aquino-Oreta, has commissioned the SEAMEO INNOTECH to undertake Computer-Assisted Reforms for Schools (CARES), which is designed to provide schools and district offices with computer-based management and operations support tools and the necessary platform to facilitate school-based management and make school heads more efficient and productive. This initiative is in response to a felt need for accurate and timely data that would help school principals and teachers in the conduct of their daily tasks and functions. Such need was articulated in a nationwide study called Project TAO (Teacher Assistance for Optimum Well-Being) in 1999.

2. Project CARES will begin with a nationwide survey on the present use and curricular inclusion of IT in Philippine elementary and high schools all over the country. The results of the survey shall be the basis of legislative actions along IT development of education in general and the modernization of basic education in particular.

3. **Project Steering Committee.** A Project Steering Committee (PSC) and pool of technical experts which was convened to provide guidance and technical support for Project TAO in 1999 (DECS Memorandum No. 122, s. 1999) is hereby reconstituted to serve as the general advisory body for all the projects commissioned by the Senate Committee on Education, Culture and the Arts (Inclosure No. 1).

4. In preparation for this nationwide survey, a number of activities shall be carried out:

- a. A Project Steering Committee meeting to be held on March 5, 2001, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Richmond Hotel in Pasig City. The participation here of Dr. Teresita Arriola, President, Philippine Elementary School Principals Association (PESPA); Mr. Leovigildo Arellano, President, Philippine Association of School Superintendents (PASS); as well as Dr. Sol F. Matugas, President of the Association of DECS Directors (ADD), and Undersecretary Ramon C. Bacani, is hereby authorized.
- b. Orientation/consultative meetings on the CARES and briefing on the nationwide survey, specifically the administration/retrieval of the survey instruments to concerned education officials:
 - For the DECS Regional Directors
March 5, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Richmond Hotel, Pasig City
 - For the DECS Schools Division Superintendents
March 6, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.
ACCEED AIM, Makati City
 - For the PESPA Division Coordinators
March 7, 8:00 – 4:00 p.m.
ACCEED AIM, Makati City

All concerned offices are enjoined to attend the Committee meetings and other succeeding meetings/work group meetings.

All expenses covering transportation, accommodation and board relative to this activity shall be borne by the Project.

5. In line with this, all regional directors and schools division superintendents are enjoined to help the staff of SEAMEO INNOTECH in floating the inclosed questionnaire to all public school principals nationwide and in retrieving the same which should be submitted to SEAMEO INNOTECH on or before April 30, 2001. Expenses involved in the abovementioned meetings and in the distribution/retrieval of the questionnaire in their respective regions/divisions and submission of the same to SEAMEO INNOTECH shall

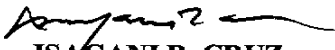
be chargeable against CARES project funds, and shall be reimbursed by SEAMEO INNOTECH upon presentation of travel receipts such as bus and air tickets, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. All DECS associations, their local chapters and other organizations are also enjoined to cooperate and support the said undertaking.

7. Further information/query may be addressed to:

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8. Full cooperation of all concerned and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum are desired.


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