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Office of the Undersecretary

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MEMORANDUM

No. 279, s. 2001

NATIONAL WEEK FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 199 dated October 19, 1999 (see Inclosure No.3), the National Week for the Gifted and Talented will be observed every 4th week of November. This year's celebration will be observed on November 19-23 with the theme *Leadership Competence: Key to the Enhancement of the Gifted and Talented for Global Competitiveness*.
2. The objectives in this year's observance of the Giftedness Week are:
 - to promote opportunities for children of like minds to mix and interact;
 - to foster an environment that promotes educational leadership;
 - to encourage the utilization of leadership skills at home, in school, and community; and
 - to hone the multiple intelligences among gifted and talented children.
3. All schools, public and private with SPED Centers, including regular schools with organized classes/programs for the gifted and talented are enjoined to conduct similar activities to highlight the exemplary performance of the gifted and talented.

The following are some activities that could be undertaken:

- a. Fora on giftedness with focus on:
 - Leadership training
 - Journalism/Theater Arts
 - Success stories of gifted graduates
 - School-based training on the nurturance of the gifted/fast learner
 - b. Talents Unlimited – showcasing multiple intelligences among gifted /fast learners
 - c. Academic competitions
 - d. Educational field trips to museums, historical places etc.
4. It is suggested that this Office be furnished a copy of activities on or before December 15, 2001.
 5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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As stated

Reference:

DECS Memorandum: No. 497, s. 2000

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MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 199

DECLARING THE FOURTH WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1999 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER AS "NATIONAL WEEK FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED"

WHEREAS, the right of the gifted and talented children and youth is mandated in the Philippine Constitution and other legal documents;

WHEREAS, the gifted and talented constitute the most important human resource of a nation to address society's need for strong leadership;

WHEREAS, it is the aim of the Philippine government to provide every gifted and talented person with opportunities, encouragement, greater attention and assistance to develop his potentials to the fullest;

WHEREAS, there is a growing concern among parents and other stakeholders to address the needs of the children who are gifted and talented in order to provide appropriate services so that eventually they will ably serve the country as scientists, inventors, technologists, artists, innovators and leaders;

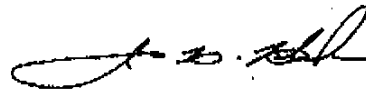
WHEREAS, the goal of the state system is the pursuit of excellence and the basic aspect of this effort is the provision of special, appropriate and relevant programs and services to effectively harness their gifts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the fourth week of November 1999 and every year thereafter as "National Week for the Gifted and Talented".

For this purpose, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of Science and Technology, Department of the Interior and Local Government, NGO and other related agencies will jointly serve as the national focal points for the commemoration of this event.

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 19th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.



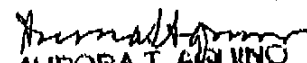
By the President:



RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary



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