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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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CELEBRATION OF THE 13TH NATIONAL ARTS MONTH

To: **Regional Directors**
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 603 declaring the month of February of every year as the National Arts Month, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) will spearhead the activities for the said celebration with the theme "Bahagharing Kalinangan: A Celebration of Diversity in Philippine Arts and Culture".
2. The objectives of this year's celebration are the following:
 - a. To celebrate the National Arts Month;
 - b. To encourage the active participation of art groups and organizations in the regions;
 - c. To create new and original artistic works;
 - d. To develop quality cultural programs in coordination with the regional art groups/institutions; and
 - e. To identify areas of partnership in the celebration of the National Arts Month.
3. In support of the celebration, the Department of Education (DepEd) is enjoined to participate and undertake different school/division/regional activities in the form of music, dance and theater performances, film or visual exhibits, visit to museums or cultural sites, art workshops or any other form relevant to the theme of this year's month-long celebration. The celebration should be made part of the regular classroom activities to avoid disruption of classes, and to minimize time for learning. This is consistent with DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2002.
4. The regional, division, district offices, and schools are requested to provide their own streamers to be displayed at the building facade throughout the month of February. The streamer shall bear the following information:

<p>Name of Agency/School. . . . Joins the NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS in the celebration of the 2003 NATIONAL ARTS MONTH February 1-28, 2003</p> <p>Theme: "BAHAGHARING KALINANGAN: A Celebration of Diversity in Philippine Arts and Culture"</p>

5. The DepEd National Capital Region (NCR), Division of Quezon City officials, teachers and high school students are invited to attend the grand launching of the Arts Month Celebration on February 1, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the Quezon City Hall. Likewise, the regions, divisions, districts and schools may replicate the said ceremonies to stress the importance and richness of Filipino arts and culture.

6. For further information, please contact the following:

- a. NCCA
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- b. DepEd – Special Events Unit
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7. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

Luz, Special Events Unit, DM 13th National Arts Month
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