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**SEMINAR WORKSHOP ON THE COMFORT WOMEN**

To: Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The National Historical Institute (NHI), Lila-Pilipina, Inc. and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), will hold a one-day Seminar Workshop on the Filipino Comfort Women dubbed as "Narrativizing the Trauma, Memorializing the Past" on November 15, 2003 (Saturday, 8:00-5:00 p.m.) at the Mair Theatre of the University of the Philippines-Manila, P. Faura St., Ermita, Manila.
2. The seminar workshop aims to: a) bring together academicians, professionals, historians and history teachers as well as the group of Filipino victims of military sexual slavery (better known as comfort women) and their families in order to raise the level of discussion; b) address the issues and concerns; and c) better equip the participants with knowledge in their instruction of the subject matter. It also expect the participants to have acquired the academic familiarity with the issues concerning the Filipino comfort women and thus gain historical perspective of analyzing the issues revolving military sexual slavery during World War II.
3. The Regional Directors are encouraged to send their Schools Division/City Superintendents (SDSs), District Supervisors (DSs), teachers of history and culture, especially those who are teaching HEKASI and Makabayan subjects to this seminar-workshop. Public school participants are allowed to attend on **official time only**.
4. The seminar-workshop is free of charge but on "first come, first served" basis. Certificates of Participation will be given to participants.
5. For more information, please contact Dr. Regino P. Paular, Chief, Historical Education Division, NHI, tel. nos. (02) 523-1019/536-3196 and fax nos. (02) 523-9043/536-3181.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

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