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DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. 200, s. 2006

CONSTITUTING AN INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE/NATIONAL ORGANIZING  
COMMITTEE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

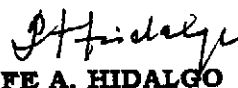
Her Excellency, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, directed the Secretary of Education, through Memorandum Order No. 217, to take the lead in the planning and implementation of activities and programs in the celebration of Philippine Independence Day on June 12, 2006. A copy of the MO # 217 is attached herewith.

Pursuant to and by the virtue of the authority granted under said Memorandum Order, an Inter-Agency Task Force/National Organizing Committee is hereby constituted with the following members:

The Secretary, Department of Education Fe A. Hidalgo	- Honorary Chairman
The Secretary, Department of Tourism Joseph Ace Durano	- Chairman
The Chairman, Nat'l. Historical Institute Ambeth R. Ocampo	- Co-Chairman
The Undersecretary, Department of Tourism Phineas Alburo	- Vice-Chairman
The Executive Director, National Historical Institute Ludovico D. Badoy	- Vice-Chairman
The Secretary Department of the Interior and Local Government	- Member
The Secretary Department of Foreign Affairs	- Member
The Chairman Metropolitan Development Authority	- Member
The Secretary Department of Finance	- Member
The Secretary Department of Budget and Management	- Member
The Secretary Department of Public Works and Highways	- Member
The Secretary Department of Agriculture	- Member
The Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources	- Member
The Secretary Department of Labor and Employment	- Member
The Secretary Department of National Defense	- Member
The Secretary Department of Health	- Member
The Secretary Department of Trade and Industry	- Member

The Secretary Department of Social Welfare and Development	Member
The Secretary Department of Transportation and Communication	Member
The Secretary Department of Agrarian Reform	Member
The Secretary Department of Science and Technology	Member
The Press Secretary	Member
The Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines	Member
The Chief, Philippine National Police	Member
The Chief, Presidential Protocol Office	Member
The Chief, Presidential Management Staff	Member
The Director-General, Philippine Information Agency	Member
The President, Cultural Center of the Philippines	Member
The Chairman, Commission on Higher Education	Member
The Executive Director National Parks Development Committee	Member
The Governor, Province of Cavite	Member
The Governor, Province of Caloocan	Member
The Mayor, City of Manila	Member
The Mayor, City of Caloocan	Member
The Mayor, Municipality of San Juan, Metro Manila	Member
The Mayor, City of Malolos, Bulacan	Member
The Mayor, Imus, Cavite	Member
The Mayor, City of Davao	Member
The Mayor, City of Cebu	Member
The Mayor, City of Iloilo	Member
The Director-General, Boy Scouts of the Philippines	Member
The Executive Director, Girl Scouts of the Philippines	Member
Two (2) sectoral representatives to be designated by the Chairman of the Kalayaan 2006 National Organizing Committee.	

The constitution of the above-mentioned shall take effect immediately and the committee shall subsist until the full performance and completion of its responsibilities and activities



**FE A. HIDALGO**

Secretary, Department of Education  
and

Chairman, Kalayaan 2006 National Organizing Committee

Reference: DepED Memorandum: No. 197, s. 2006

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 217

DIRECTING THE ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS TO CELEBRATE PHILIPPINE  
INDEPENDENCE DAY ON  
JUNE 12, 2006

WHEREAS, Philippine Independence Day, June 12, is the special date set aside each year to commemorate the heroism, patriotism and nationalism of our forefathers in the struggle for independence;

WHEREAS, history is a special area of concern in the education of our people;

WHEREAS, Independence Day is a an occasion for domestic tourists to come to Manila and watch the festivities;

WHEREAS, the proper planning, implementation and coordination of all programs and activities related to the celebration are needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **GLORIA M. ARROYO**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall oversee the National Historical Institute;

SEC. 2. The Department of Education, through the National Historical Institute, and assisted by the Department of Tourism, is hereby directed to plan, coordinate, implement and conduct the programs and activities in celebration of the 2006 Independence Day.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education, through the National Historical Institute, and assisted by the Department of Tourism shall organize a task force headed a senior official of the Department of Tourism to organize the programs related to this event.

SEC. 4. All departments, bureaus, offices, national government agencies, local government units and government-owned and -controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to give full support, assistance and cooperation to the task force in the exercise of its responsibilities under this Memorandum Order.



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**SEC. 5.** All agencies of government including Philippine embassies abroad shall participate actively in the 2006 Independence Day celebration as well as enlist the participation of private sector groups and non-government organizations.

Local government units and private sector groups and non-government organizations are likewise enjoined to celebrate the 108<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Philippine Independence in their respective localities and offices.

**SEC. 6.** The programs and events for the 2006 Independence Day celebration shall include, to the extent appropriate, the following:

- a. Pambansang Araw ng Watawat (Philippine National Flag Day) on May 28, 2006 as the kick-off ceremony for the 2006 Independence Day celebration.
- b. Flag-Raising and Wreath-Laying ceremonies at the Rizal National Monument in the Rizal Park on June 12, 2006 early in the morning. Other cities and municipalities around the country are enjoined to hold simultaneous similar activities on the same day and time.
- c. The Philippine Independence Day Parade at the Quirino Grandstand on June 12, 2006 shall follow immediately after the Flag-Raising and Wreath-Laying ceremonies.

**SEC. 7.** In support of the 108<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence Day celebration, all concerned government agencies and local government units are authorized to allocate such reasonable amounts as may be necessary to defray expenses for the said events.

**SECTION 8.** The release of FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) chargeable against the operating budgets of the Office of the President (P2,000,000.00), the Department of Education (P1,000,000.00), the Department of Tourism (P1,000,000.00) and the National Historical Institute (P1,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 2006 is hereby authorized to carry out the provisions of this Memorandum Order.

**SECTION 9.** This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

By the President:

*Gloria Arroyo*



*Eduardo R. Ermita*  
**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary

