



**Tanggapan ng Kalihim**  
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**PHILIPPINE – SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY**

- To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
1. Republic Act No. 9187 declares June 30 as Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day. In this historic occasion, this country will commemorate the cultural and historical ties, friendship and cooperation of the Philippines and Spain. The theme of this year's celebration is: "Amistad Duradera: Mga Larangan ng Pagtatagpo."
  2. This event will be commemorated at the following key cities/municipalities: Region I – Vigan, Region III – Baler, Aurora, Region VII – Bohol, Region IX – Zamboanga City and NCR – Manila. This is a joint cooperation of the provincial/local governments, Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), the Office of the European Affairs and Instituto Cervantes.
  3. The objectives of this celebration are to:
    - a. memorialize this historic event, particularly its heroic, diplomatic, social and political antecedents and consequences to the Philippines and Spain, prior and after the reestablishment of historico-cultural ties between the two countries;
    - b. inculcate in the hearts and minds of the Filipinos, especially the youth, the heroism of their forefathers and the spirit of reconciliation and camaraderie they manifested to their erstwhile enemy forces;
    - c. rekindle the profound appreciation especially the youth of this country's history and cultural heritage as a people and as a nation; and
    - d. recognize the unsung and uncelebrated "Filipino-Spanish Day" manifested by Aguinaldos' decree on June 2, 1899.
  4. As part of the IATF, the Department of Education (DepED national, regional, division) officials, teachers, and students will actively participate in the different scheduled programs and activities.
  5. This significant event in Philippine history shall be taken up in classroom discussions and other activities like the display of Philippine and Spanish flaglets in the classrooms and corridors made by the pupils and students as a part of their activity in Social Studies, English, Filipino, Values Education, and MAPEH subjects from June 16-30, 2007.

6. The Regional/Division Supervisors, School Department Heads, and teachers of Makabayan (Social Studies), English, and Filipino in the key cities and municipalities wherein the event is commemorated will attend the scheduled conferences. However, the Observation Tour in selected historical and cultural sites will be attended by the groups invited by the IATF.
7. The travel expenses of the participants which include transportation, board and lodging, meal allowance (except during the conduct of the conference) shall be charged against local funds (such as but not limited to PTCA, local school board funds, or from NGO's, civic spirited clubs and organizations) while the traveling and other expenses of the DepED Technical Working Committee shall be charged against OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. All other expenses of the conference and commemorative programs shall be charged against the budget appropriated for the 2007 Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Celebration.
8. For more details, please contact the Special Events Unit (SEU) located at Room 505 Bonifacio Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City with telefax no. (02) 637-5832 and tel. nos. (02) 637-5834; (02) 632-1361 local 2211.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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