



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education



**Tanggapan ng Kalihim**  
Office of the Secretary

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DepED MEMORANDUM  
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**TULOY ANG PASKO NG MGA BATA**  
(*DepED Christmas Outreach Project*)

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

1. In celebration of the Christmas season and in line with the instruction of Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the Department of Education will re-launch the Christmas outreach program nationwide dubbed as "Tuloy ang Pasko ng mga Bata" on December 19, 2007.

2. The Project seeks to brighten up the holiday season through various activities with focus on 2 Million children of indigenous peoples, street and working children, children of poor families in the 5th and 6th class municipalities and children in calamity-affected areas. It also hopes to encourage the community to share their resources to these children in the spirit of love and concern.

3. The Central Office and each of the Regional and Division Offices shall organize activities in at least one per school district where the above children shall be gathered. Although various activities may be included, the following, however, must form part of the celebration:

Community Prayer: This should depend on the religious affiliation of the children-participants. A Holy Mass or a religious service must be held before any other activities to emphasize the meaning of the celebration. This should be participated by all the children-participants together with their parents.

Entertainment Program: This should go hand in hand with the celebration. This must involve the children- participants, teachers and students and other DepED officials. Parlor games and other competitions related to the Christmas season with prizes participated by the children-participants should be included in the program. Local entertainers can also be tapped to lead the festive mood.

Gift-Giving: This may be done during the program or after lunch or snack time. Only the children-participants shall be given gifts which may be pack of groceries, educational toys, school supplies, and reading materials.

Medical/Dental Outreach: This must be held on December 17-21, 2007 in all districts.

4. The Central Office and each of the Regional and Division Offices shall create a Committee which shall be tasked to implement this directive. Regional Directors and Schools Division/City Superintendents and their assistants, with the help of the School Principals, shall personally lead the planning, preparation and implementation of this project. The local community leaders shall be invited and asked to help in identifying children-participants and in making the celebration a success.

5. Funds for the purpose shall be sourced from the MOOE savings of each office or from PTCA funds, School Canteen or solicited from private organizations subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. Each of the Regional and Division Offices shall submit a report of their compliance on this directive on or before January 15, 2008 to the Office of the Secretary. It shall include details of the project: expenses, pictures, and list of the recipients. The project should be widely publicized and its implementation should be known to the local media representatives who shall be invited.

A streamer following the text/design below shall serve as the backdrop during the program:

PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO  
*and the entire*  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FAMILY  
*present*  
TULOY AND PASKO NG MGA BATA  
(DepED *Christmas Outreach Program*)

7. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is hereby enjoined.

  
JESLI A. LAPUS  
Secretary

Reference:  
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-87)

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