



Office of the Secretary

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OBSERVANCE OF THE 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM  
OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 126 entitled "Declaring the Month of December of Every Year as Rizal Month", the National Historical Institute (NHI) was tasked to organize and undertake programs for the observance of the 111<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal with the theme "Isa-isip at Isa-Puso ang Paggunita ng Kabayanihan ni Rizal". This will be participated in by various government agencies, local government units, government owned and controlled corporations, and non-government organizations.

2. The Secretary, as member of the National Organizing Committee (NOC) enjoins all DepED regional, division, district, and schools to actively participate in the nationwide celebration. Likewise, the said offices are requested to coordinate with their respective local government units (LGUs) regarding their participation in the simultaneous Flag-Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies:

- a. Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) – Rizal Shrine Burnham Park, Baguio City (with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as the /Guest of Honor, and the attendance of Secretary Jesli A. Lapus and Assistant Secretary Jonathan E. Malaya, Regional Director, Schools Division/City Superintendents, other officials, teachers and students);
- b. National Capital Region (NCR) – Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila (with the attendance of Undersecretary Ramon C. Bacani, Regional Director, NCR Division/City Superintendents, other officials, teachers and students);
- c. Region IV - CALABARZON - Rizal Shrine, Calamba City (with the attendance of Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes, Regional Director, Schools Division/City Superintendents, other officials, teachers, and students);
- d. Region IX – Division of Dapitan City, Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City (with the attendance of the City Schools Superintendent, other officials, teachers, and students);
- e. Region VII – Division of Cebu City (with the attendance of Regional Director, Schools Division/City Superintendents, other officials, teachers and students); and

- f. Region XI – Division of Davao City (with the attendance of the Regional Director, Schools Division/City Superintendents, other officials, teachers and students).

3. All DepED central, regional, division, district and schools are enjoined to display the Philippine flags, buntings, and Rizal Day 2007 streamers. Also, the NHI will be conducting the Rizal Annual Lectures on December 30 after the flag-raising and wreath laying ceremonies at the following venues to be attended by 100 teachers:

- a. Rizal Shrine, Fort Santiago, Manila;
- b. Rizal Shrine, Calamba City; and
- c. Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City.

4. In connection with the Rizal Day Celebration, the Grand National Finals of the Second Rizal National Festival of Excellence (RNFE) Competitions on Rizal/History and Musical Theater for high school students and an Oratory for elementary will be held at Teachers Camp, Baguio City on December 27-30. The DepED Division of Baguio City is requested to send students and teachers in the following scheduled programs:

December 27	2:00 pm	Arrival of Participants at Teachers Camp, Baguio City
	6:00 pm	Dinner and Orientation Teachers Camp, Baguio City
December 28	9:00-5:00 pm	General Rehearsals for the Musical Theater Competition
	9:00 am	Grand Finals of the Rizal/History Quiz Contest (100 teachers and students)
	1:30 pm	Grand Finals of the Oratorical Competition (100 teachers and students)
December 29	8:00 am	Grand Final Competition on Musical Theater (200 teachers and students)
	5:00 pm	Awarding Ceremonies and Socials (200 teachers and students)
December 30	7:00 am	Flag Raising and Wreath Laying Ceremonies Rizal Shrine, Burnham Park, Baguio City (200 teachers and students)
	Before 12:00 nn	Home – Sweet – Home

5. The Oratorical Contestants are requested to prepare and submit five (5) copies of their oratorical piece and the Musical Theater Groups to submit five (5) copies of the play synopsis and list of cast and crew before the contest starts on or before December 27, 2007.

6. This is to reiterate that the mechanics of the contest for the three categories as stated in DepED Memorandum No. 345, s. 2007 will be strictly followed. However, the contestants for Rizal/History Quiz Contest shall wear their school uniform, for the Oratory shall wear a Barong Tagalog (for male) and a Filipiniana or regional costume (for female), and for the Musical Theater each group may bring their own lapel microphones for the performance.

7. The Department of Education shall provide transportation allowance to the participants from DepED Central Office to Teachers Camp, Baguio City and vice-versa on December 27 and 30, respectively. Board and lodging of the following expected number of participants from the 17 regions and 5 clusters are free. Excess in number shall be at their own expense:

- a. Rizal/History Quiz (17 regions) (3 per region)  
Contestant + Coach + Regional Social Studies Supervisor (Secondary);
- b. Oratorical Contest (17 regions) (3 per region)  
Contestant + Coach + Regional HEKASI Supervisor (Elementary); and
- c. Musical Theater (5 Clusters) (25 members/cluster)  
25 Group Members (including the director, instrumentalist/s, staff, crew and Division Special Events Coordinator)
- d. Regional Special Events Coordinators (17 regions/ 1 per region)

8. Travel expenses (transportation and per diem) of the contestants, coaches, trainers, and coordinators from their point of origin to DepED Central Office and vice-versa shall be charged to local funds (such as but not limited to PTA/PTCA, local school board funds, regional/division MOOE) or may be sourced from the municipality/city and provincial funds, NGO's civic spirited clubs, associations, and organizations subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

9. Expenses for the board and lodging of the participants, coordinators, judges/consultants, and NTWC, cash prizes, honoraria of the Board of Judges/Consultants, emcee, production cost, travel expenses and extra-duty allowance of the DepED Technical Working Group, communication and documentation, preparatory expenses, supplies and materials, and other incidental and operational costs shall be charged to OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules, regulations, and procedures. Twenty percent (20%) of the cash prizes of the winning contestants on the Rizal/History Quiz and Oratorical Contests shall be given to the coaches/trainers. However, since Musical Theater finalists belong to a group, division of the cash prizes will be at their own prerogative.

10. For more details, please call the Head of the Special Events Unit (SEU) Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa and the Program Coordinators (Roy and Alpha) at tel. nos. (02) 637-5834 and (02) 632-1361 local 2211 or at mobile nos. 0919-516-4759, 0927-2204951, and 0928-6075533.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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