



Office of the Secretary

DepED MEMORANDUM

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**BAGUIO TEACHERS' CAMP:
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EDUCATING THE NATION**

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
All Others Concerned

1. For the past 100 years, the Baguio Teachers' Camp (BTC) has attained national recognition as an essential facility for the advancement and development of Philippine Education at all levels by providing a unique and excellent venue for the professional growth of hundreds of public and private school teachers and as an ideal rest and recreation facility in the Summer Capital since its foundation by the Thomasites on April 6, 1908.
2. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1338 of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued on July 24, 2007 and in order to enhance awareness of its contribution to the development of Philippine Education, the Department of Education through the BTC Centennial Task Force and the BTC Management has lined-up year-long activities celebrating and marking the Camp's centenary.
3. As highlights to the celebration, the DepED will be holding the following events:
 - a. April 6 – Centennial Celebration of BTC: Motorcade around Baguio City; Media Presentation of the Centennial events and of the BTC Mascot; *Sayawan sa BTC: Isang Pagbabalik-Tanaw.*
 - b. May 10 – Grand Opening of "Visit Teachers' Camp Year" with Secretary Jesli A. Lapus as Guest of Honor. Grand Parade to be participated by teachers from different regions wearing their regional costumes and the Philippine Military Academy (PMA); the Reenactment of BTC's Foundation with special participation of the Baguio City National High School and Philippine High School for the Arts (PHSA); Ceremony declaring BTC as a National Heritage Site and Installation and Unveiling of Historical Markers in coordination with the National Historical Institute; Unveiling of BTC calendar and postage stamp; Blessing and Inauguration of BTC Buildings and Museum; Opening of the BTC Exhibit, and Grand Concert for Teachers;
 - c. May 11 – Tree Planting Ceremony. Planting of 100 trees in the BTC grounds;

- d. June 12 – 110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence;
- e. July 4 – Fil-American Friendship Day “Tribute to the Thomasites” Program, Centennial Park Blessing, and Unveiling of Monuments dedicated to Teachers;
- f. September 5- Baguio Day; BTC Grand Canao Festival; National High School Debate Championships;
- g. October 8-10 – Academic Conference: “The Centenary of American Education and Cultural Interaction in the Philippines” organized in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy and to be participated in by the country’s top educators, academicians, scholars, among others;
- h. October 30 & 31 – Baguio Teachers’ Camp Halloween Festival;
- i. November – The Search for the National Model Public School Teacher and Student of the Year;
- j. December 6 – Reunion of Retired DepED Key Officials & Regional Directors and the 2008 Educators Congress to close the Visit Teachers’ Camp Year 2008;
- k. And such other activities as may be announced in future memoranda.

4. Further, Baguio Teachers’ Camp has launched its commemorative Centennial Car Plate and other Camp memorabilia. The Car Plates are available at the BTC Administration Office at a discounted rate and at all Regional and Division Offices through consignment basis. Teachers may enter into a consignment agreement for the said purpose. Proceeds of the sales shall be used for the rehabilitation and upgrading of Benitez Hall, the main conference hall of the Camp.

5. Likewise, Regional Directors and Schools Division Superintendents are advised to send participants to the Grand Parade on May 10, 2008. Each delegation shall be headed by the Regional Director who shall undertake the necessary coordination in the field pertaining to their respective delegation and representation which shall not exceed 30 participants per region (please see attached detailed Schedule of Events/Program for May 10). Participants shall be in regional/traditional attire. A special award shall be given to the best participating region based on the following criteria: a) originality; b) audience impact; and c) number of participants. Each region is also advised to bring their regional banners/flags which shall be permanently flown in the new flagpole area in front of Albert Hall.

6. The 30 participants per region shall not include the delegates to the Third National Congress of the National Association of Public Secondary School Heads (NAPSSHI) which will also be held at the same time at BTC. For purposes of the parade, however, they shall also be in regional costumes and they shall join their respective regions.

7. The Baguio City National High School and the Philippine High School for the Arts shall take part in the reenactment ceremony during the program on May 10. Regional and Division SPA Coordinators and the staff of the Culture and Arts Office (CAO) are likewise authorized to undertake preparations for the Centennial celebrations on official business.

8. There is no registration fee and free board and lodging will be provided for the official participants. However, each region should be represented by not more than thirty (30) participants. First meal will be breakfast on Friday, May 9 and last meal will be lunch on Sunday, May 11, 2008.

9. Travel expenses of DepED Management and Staff, Task Force on the BTC Centenary, and other related and incidental expenses for the May 10 event shall be charged to OSEC funds while travel expenses of the participants are chargeable against school, division, and regional MOOE/local funds/PTCA funds, School Board Funds, and other sources subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

10. All DepED officials, employees, and friends are encouraged to visit Baguio Teachers' Camp during the entire centennial year which ends on December 2008.

11. For further details, please contact the BTC Centennial Task Force c/o Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects and Legislative Liaison at tel. nos. (02) 633-7224; (02) 633-9641; or telfax no. (02) 633-1940, and look for Ms. Joan Armada or Ms. Vanessa Nallano; BTC Administration c/o Ms. Lovenia Gorospe at tel. nos. 074-442-6032; 074-442-4417 or Mr. Dodo Melicor, Events and Marketing Manager, at cellphone no. 09175336724.

12. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

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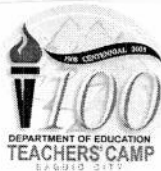
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CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS
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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Baguio Teachers' Camp Centennial Celebrations
BTC: Celebrating 100 Years of Educating the Nation

Grand Launching of "Visit Teachers' Camp Year 2008!"
10 May 2008, Baguio City

- 7:30 am **Eucharistic Celebration**
Bishop Carlito J. Cenzone, CICM, DD, *celebrant*
Quezon Hall
- 8:30 am **Centennial Grand Parade: *BTC in the Service of the Nation***
Burnham Park, Baguio City to Baguio Teachers' Camp
Centennial Quadrangle
- 10:30 am **Grand Launching of Visit Teachers' Camp Year!**
New Amphitheatre, BTC Grounds
- Arrival Honors for Guest of Honor
National Anthem PMA Band
Invocation Bishop Cenzone
Welcome Address Sec. Jesli A. Lapus
Reenactment of BTC Foundation: **"Tents up on Baguio Hills"**
BCNHS and PHSA
- Introduction of GOH
Address of GOH
Declaration to Open Visit Teachers' Camp Year!
Release of 100 Balloons and Playing of Mabuhay March
Unveiling of Centennial Historical Marker
and Stamp Unveiling Ceremony
GOH, Sec. Lapus and
NHI Chairman Ambeth Ocampo
- Presentation of Centennial Memorabilia
BTC Mascots, Stamps, Calendar, and
Commemorative Car Plates
- 11:30 am **Blessing and Inauguration**
Newly restored Gov. Pack Administration Building
- 12:00 pm **Lunch**
Gov. Pack Administration Building (by invitation)
Albert Hall

- 12:40 pm **Departure Honors for Guest of Honor**
- 1:30 pm **Blessing and Inauguration of BTC Museum and Art Gallery**
- Blessing and Inauguration of selected restored buildings**
Executive Cottages, Hernandez Hall, Superintendent's Quarters,
And Abada Hall
- With Sec. Jesli A. Lapus and senior DepED officials
- 6:30 pm **Dinner**
Albert Hall and Abada Hall
- 7:30 pm **Teachers' Rock!** Concert for Teachers
Fireworks Display
Centennial Quadrangle and Flag Pole Area