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INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR/FELLOWSHIP FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
SYSTEM (ALS) IMPLEMENTERS

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

1. The Mobile Teacher Program is being implemented in the 17 regions of the country. It started in 2002 and has since effectively touched lives of more than 160,000 out-of-school youth and adults through dedicated Mobile Teachers who provide literacy and continuing education and learning opportunities in the alternative learning system.
 - a. In the past five years, the Mobile Teacher Program has significantly helped change the learner's Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice as a result of the various innovative and lifeskills approaches in the teaching-learning processes adapted by Mobile Teachers;
 - b. Likewise, the Mobile Teacher Program has introduced different delivery modalities such as the use of ICT (e-skwela), radio (radio-based instruction) and in terms of the tool for instruction and the use of mother tongue.
2. As part of the continuing development program for Mobile Teachers and other ALS Implementers, the Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS) deems it necessary for Mobile Teachers, District ALS Coordinators and other ALS field implementers to be exposed to other international experiences particularly in Southeast Asia that will serve to enrich their perspective of their own local experiences.
3. Such learning experience is provided by the International Study Tour/Fellowship which aims to:
 - a. foster and exchange learning opportunities;
 - b. provide participants with an opportunity to gain valuable insights into key organizations involved in the provision of basic literacy and other basic services to the marginalized and other disadvantaged groups in Southeast Asia;
 - c. develop an understanding of the roles of the government, nongovernment organizations and other sectors in the provision of literacy and other basic services to the marginalized groups in Southeast Asia;

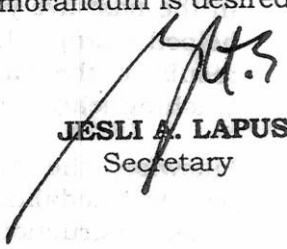
- d. learn about alternative forms of literacy/continuing education service delivery, community education, resources development and research; and
- e. facilitate cultural exchange.

4. The First Batch of Fellows consisting of 60 participants were sent to Malaysia last August 13-18, 2008 and August 26-31, 2008. The delegates were Mobile Teachers (MTs), District ALS Coordinators (DALSCs) and ALS Division Supervisors. The Second Batch of Fellows will be sent to Indonesia on January 13-18, 2009 consisting of sixty (60) ALS Implementers from Regional Offices and two (2) Mobile Teachers from different divisions.

5. Expenses relative to this Study Tour/Fellowship which includes local and international travel cost and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of all the participants will be charged against BALS funds under the USAPAN Project for the Mobile Teachers Program subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. For more information, please contact the Literacy Division, BALS, DepED Central Office, Pasig City at tel. no. (02) 635-4694.

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


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Secretary

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