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ESTABLISHING A LITERACY VOLUNTEER PROGRAM UNDER THE NATIONAL  
SERVICE CORPS CREATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 788

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

1. President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 788 (copy enclosed) entitled Promoting a Youth National Service dated March 30, 2009 that aims to promote community service among the youth in the country. The Department of Education was identified as one of the primary implementing agencies of the said program.

2. In consonance with the implementation of the said EO, the Department of Education, through the offices of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects, and the Bureau of Alternative Learning System is hereby tasked to establish a Literacy Volunteer Program under the National Service Corps created under the said executive issuance.

3. The National Service Corps shall be like a domestic "Peace Corps". The members shall be tasked with community service programs like literacy education, building parks, planting trees, and assisting in livelihood programs, among others. They are envisioned to be a corps of committed youth who are willing to devote their time and effort towards the improvement of the communities where they are asked to serve.

4. The Literacy Volunteers of the Department of Education shall assist in the delivery of Alternative Learning System (ALS) programs, namely, the Basic Literacy Program and the Accreditation and Equivalency Program, in areas with low literacy rate. The members shall be composed of unemployed or underemployed skilled youth or college graduates who shall undertake a two-year national service commitment with a modest stipend. They shall be deployed in target areas in teams of two to five individuals.

5. The Central Office and the regions/divisions shall contract the Literacy Volunteers. To qualify for the program, each applicant must satisfy the following minimum qualifications:

- 18-24 years of age;
- Preferably a bachelor's degree holder in elementary or secondary education or holder of any bachelor's degree, college level, or at the very least, high school graduate;

- Must be willing to work in the target community/ies;
- Must be wiling to undergo training and refresher courses on ALS;
- Must be in good physical condition supported by appropriate medical certificate; and
- Must have good public relations.

6. The Regional Offices will coordinate with the Division Office/s in order to organize a Selection Committee to screen the applicants. The interested applicants must submit their resume to the nearest Division Office. Enclosed are a copy of the Target Sites of Literacy Volunteer Program and Report Form to be filled up by the Division Offices and to be submitted by the Regional Offices to the Central Office for the final list of literacy volunteers.

7. The Literacy Volunteers shall be contracted by the Central Office/Division Office beginning September 2009 and will end August 2011. A Basic Training for the New Literacy Volunteers by the selected Regional Core of Trainers shall be conducted before their actual work service in their communities which shall be announced later. Administrative arrangement shall be discussed during the one-day orientation to be announced later.

8. For further details, please contact the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects at tel. no.: (02) 633-1940/633-7224/631-9641, the Bureau of Alternative Learning System at tel. no.: (02) 635-5191/636-3227 or the National Youth Commission at tel. no.: (02) 781-1163.

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

  
**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1- (D.O. 50-97)

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 788

PROMOTING A YOUTH NATIONAL SERVICE

WHEREAS, we must tackle many challenges at once to keep our economy and way of life going strong;

WHEREAS, on the part of government, we must live within our means and run a lean, efficient government. This includes continued fiscal prudence and efforts to work towards a balanced budget. All the while, we must also simultaneously invest in key programs for our people: economy, environment, education;

WHEREAS, On the part of the people, now is the time for pulling together and focusing on family and the community. We must initiate a new era of volunteerism and community spirit. This should include the government, religious and civic groups and non-governmental organizations harnessing our people to engage in coordinated volunteer activities. We should focus on initiatives such as cleaning up our environment, building parks and planting trees and bringing comfort to the poor through food banks and bringing the dignity of literacy to adults who cannot read;

WHEREAS, During these trying times, the Philippine spirit and commitment to caring should prompt each of us to count our blessings and give back to those who are less fortunate. Our nation needs us all pulling in the same direction. Volunteering time, skill and resources is a noble undertaking we should all take seriously;

NOW THEREFORE I, GLORIA M. ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. A youth national service targeting 18 to 24 year-olds is hereby promoted. This national service shall be composed of a National Service Corps and a Youth Conservation Corps.

Section 2. The National Service Corps shall be like a domestic "Peace Corps." It shall be geared to the unemployed or underemployed skilled youth or college graduates. It shall focus on their contributions to education and community service programs. Such youth shall be recruited to undertake a two-year national service commitment with a modest stipend.



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Section 3. The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) shall be composed of the unskilled or less-educated youth. They shall focus on environmental and infrastructure projects. Such youth shall be recruited to likewise undertake a two-year national service commitment with a modest stipend. The current program known as Out of School Youth Serving Towards Economic Resiliency (OYSTER) shall be subsumed into the YCC.

Section 4. The funding for the national service shall initially come from the savings of all the national agencies, including government owned and controlled corporations, of one and a half percent (1.5%) of their maintenance, operating and overhead expenses and from the Road User's Tax. Thereafter, it shall be supplemented by specific provisions in the annual national budget submitted to Congress.

Section 5. The national service shall be coordinated by the National Youth Commission. The National Service Corps shall be implemented by the Department of Education and the Department of Social Welfare and Development. The YCC shall be implemented by the Philippine National Police with the support and assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Section 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila on the 30th day of March in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.

*Gloria M. Arroyo*

By the President:

  
EDUARDO R. ERMITA  
Executive Secretary



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**Target Sites of Literacy Volunteer Program  
(First Year of Implementation)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Number of Literacy Volunteers</b>
<b>I</b>	Pangasinan I	10
	Pangasinan II	10
<b>II</b>	Cagayan	10
	Isabela	10
<b>III</b>	Pampanga	30
<b>IV-A</b>	Batangas	10
	Quezon	10
<b>IV-B</b>	Oriental Mindoro	10
	Palawan	10
<b>V</b>	Albay	10
	Masbate	10
<b>VI</b>	Iloilo Province	10
	Negros Occidental	10
<b>VII</b>	Bohol	10
	Cebu Province	10
<b>VIII</b>	Southern Leyte	10
	Leyte	10
<b>IX</b>	Zamboanga del Norte	10
	Zamboanga del Sur	10
<b>X</b>	Bukidnon	10
	Misamis Oriental	10
<b>XI</b>	Davao City	10
	Davao Oriental	10
<b>XII</b>	North Cotabato	10
	South Cotabato	10
<b>CAR</b>	Abra	10
	Mt. Province	10
<b>CARAGA</b>	Agusan del Sur	10
	Surigao del Sur	10
<b>ARMM</b>	Lanao del Sur I A	10
	Lanao del Sur IIA	10
<b>National Capital Region</b>	Caloocan City	2
	Las Pinas City	2
	Malabon & Navotas	2
	Manila	2
	Marikina City	2
	Muntinlupa City	2
	Pasay City	2
	Pasig	2
	San Juan	2
	Taguig Pateros	2

**Total Number**

**350**

REPORT FORM

Region : \_\_\_\_\_  
Division : \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NUMBER	NAME OF SUGO	ADDRESS OF LITERACY VOLUNTEER	ASSIGNED BARANGAY
Team 1	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	5.		
Team 2	1.		
	2.		
	3.		
	4.		
	5.		