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No. 44, s. 1977

GUIDELINES TO REGULATE THE ENTRY OF FOREIGN
STUDENTS IN THE PHILIPPINES

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement of the Department of Education and Culture, Department of Foreign Affairs, Commission on Immigration and Deportation, and National Intelligence and Security Authority, dated July 27, 1977, the inclosed guidelines to regulate the entry of foreign students in the Philippines are hereby prescribed for strict observance by all concerned.
2. Regional directors are enjoined to disseminate these guidelines to all schools in their respective regions.
3. These guidelines shall take effect the second semester of the school year 1977-1978.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
Department Order: No. 33, s. 1976

Allotment: 1-2-3-4-- (D.O. 1-76)

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The following measures to regulate the entry of foreign students in the Philippines, in the interest of national security, shall be observed:

A. Department of Education and Culture

1. The DEC shall not issue Certificates of Eligibility to enroll in any course in college to temporary visitors (E.O. No. 403 and CID 66-117).
2. The DEC shall not issue certification for temporary enrolment unless the foreign student has actually arrived in the country.
3. No foreign student shall be enrolled in any Philippine school unless he presents a Study Permit.
4. A system of centralized control in the admission of foreign students shall be instituted to facilitate coordination with the DFA, CID, and the NISA.

B. Department of Foreign Affairs

1. Control by Philippine Consular Offices abroad:
 - a. Not to entertain applications for student visa of those below 18 years of age.
 - b. Not to issue temporary visitor visas to those who are coming principally to study.
 - c. Stricter requirements for student applicants, particularly those who could not speak English and those without adequate means of support while studying in the Philippines.
2. The following documents from the Department of Education and Culture should be submitted to Philippine Consular Offices abroad by applicants for student visa:
 - a. Certificate of eligibility of admission, together with a letter of acceptance of a Philippine school.
 - b. Recommendation for the issuance of a student visa issued by the Foreign Students and Foreign Schools Office of the DEC.

C. Commission on Immigration and Deportation

1. The CID should not grant extension of stay to temporary visitors (tourists) on the basis of letters of acceptance or certificates of enrolment issued by any Philippine school.

2. The CID should coordinate with the Foreign Students and Foreign Schools Office, Office of the Secretary of Education and Culture, in connection with any recommendation for the issuance of student visa to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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