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REQUIRING DIRECT DEPOSIT OF THESES AND DISSERTATIONS  
TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1. In an ever growing complex society, knowledge and information are important tools for national development. Information, specially those created and generated within the nation, is a unique resource and should therefore be managed for the national endeavor at development.
2. The time lag in the creation, publication and distribution of research and development studies is growing ever wider than before. This fact should not be allowed to continue if only to avoid unnecessary duplication of research studies already done. Moreover, considering that theses and dissertations are original contributions to human knowledge generated in the academe which form significant part of our heritage and reflect the intellectual life of our society, they should be made readily available to provide scholars and researchers immediate access to the source materials they need.
3. To this end, and to further strengthen the research base of the National Library and preserve for posterity these invaluable source materials generated within the national community, all schools, colleges and universities, private and public, offering graduate programs are hereby enjoined to deliver a copy of every thesis or dissertation presented in their respective institutions directly to The National Library, Manila, and at no cost to the latter. The same shall be properly acknowledged.
4. This MEC Order shall take effect immediately.

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







References:

Department Order: No. 18, s. 1967  
Department Memorandum: No. 138, s. 1976

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