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SIMPLICITY AND ECONOMY IN SCHOOL GRADUATION  
PROGRAMS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

1. In the face of soaring prices of economic commodities and the consequent rise in the cost of living, and consistent with the retrenchment policy of the government to ensure unhampered operations in the prosecution and implementation of priority development projects, this Ministry wishes to remind the school authorities and teachers of the provisions of the inclosed Department Order No. 7, series of 1964, entitled "Simplicity and Economy in Commencement Exercises." Since the afore-mentioned Department Order continues to be relevant to present conditions, it is directed that its provisions should govern the conduct of graduation programs and related activities this year and hereafter until rescinded or revoked.
2. It is likewise directed that Section 210 of the BPS Service Manual (Fourth Revision, 1960), which prohibits the publication of school annuals, be strictly observed.
3. Strict compliance is desired.

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







Incl.:  
As stated

References:

Department Order: (No. 7, s. 1964)  
Service Manual, (Sec. 210, Fourth Edition, 1960)

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(Inclosure to MEC Order No. 7, s. 1979)

Republic of the Philippines  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Manila

March 9, 1964

DEPARTMENT ORDER  
No. 7, s. 1964

SIMPLICITY AND ECONOMY IN COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

To the Directors:

Bureau of Public Schools  
Bureau of Private Schools  
Bureau of Vocational Education

1. Consistent with the retrenchment policy of the government, it is directed that this year's commencement exercises in both public and private schools be made as simple and as inexpensive as possible. School authorities and teachers should be instructed to discourage the wearing by the students of costly attire purposely for such exercises, to do away with unnecessary social activities, including graduation dances and parties, and to discourage the publication of elaborate college annuals, costly commencement issues of secondary school papers, or souvenir programs. Where some kind of printed remembrance of the fact of one's graduation is desired, a simple publication should suffice.
2. Concerning dresses for graduation, attention is invited to a memorandum of the undersigned dated February 27, 1963, which enjoined schools to conduct their commencement exercises in a simple manner and suggested, among other things, proper inducement for graduates to wear clothes made of inexpensive materials, preferably those manufactured locally. It should be stated, in this connection, that this office does not look with favor upon the wearing by students of togas or similar garbs other than for strictly academic purposes. A toga is associated usually with an office or a profession.
3. It is also hereby directed that no fees or dues should be collected from students except when their collection is sanctioned by the regulations of your Bureaus or has been duly approved by the Secretary of Education. Class donations that have no immediate, practical value should be discouraged. Of late, this Department has received many letters, especially from parents of students, complaining against monetary assessment supposedly made by school officials and teachers for activities preliminary to, or connected with, commencement exercises. Our school personnel should give no cause for such complaints.







4. This office is aware that the instructions hereby given are largely a reiteration of previous regulations on the matter. It is felt, however, that all too often these regulations have been taken for granted - if not, indeed, been honored more in the breach than in the observance. The undersigned desires that the offices concerned see to it that all our school personnel, public and private, will intensify their compliance with such regulations.

5. It will be appreciated if you can submit a report on this matter soon after the close of the present academic year.

(SGD.) ALEJANDRO R. ROCES  
Secretary

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