

Republika ng Pilipinas
(Republic of the Philippines)
MINISTERI NG EDUKASYON, KULTURA AT ISPORTS
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS)
Manila

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MECS ORDER
No. 47, s. 1984

MESSAGES AND INDORSEMENTS

To: Deputy Ministers
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Cultural Agency Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. This Office has come across official letters by Ministry officials endorsing books, advertising solicitations/requests, fund-raising and other campaigns by private profit-making agencies, which invariably tend to lead to suspicions of ulterior motives, expose Ministry officials to criticism and, at the worst, cast doubt on the Ministry's institutional integrity.
2. Because of its impropriety, the Ministry or its officials should refrain from participating in any promotional scheme of a private enterprise. In the rare instances where the giving of an affirmation or testimonial is unavoidable, great care should be taken that such indorsements are not misunderstood or misused. In case of doubt, requests should be declined.
3. Relative hereto, it is reiterated that MECS orders/memoranda/circulars should not be issued, whether from the Central Office or from regional and division offices, which would be addressed to teachers, students or school officials endorsing or favoring some private activity, program or project. In cases where there are deserving undertakings to be done by a professional organization or an educational institution, the Ministry should write a message and/or letter addressed to the agency, indicating therein the circumstances and conditions under which teachers/students/officials/employees can participate. Exceptions to this policy should be adequately justified and sent to the Minister for prior approval.
4. For a better understanding of the Minister's position ~~vis-a-vis~~ the matter of deserving activities described in the preceding paragraph, Ministry officials concerned should explain verbally to the interested party that MECS' financial resources are insufficient, for which reason blanket memoranda and circulars to the field endorsing private undertakings may no longer be issued as it has been done in the past.
5. Strict compliance herewith is enjoined upon all concerned.

(SGD.) JAIME C. LAYA
Minister

Reference: None

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

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