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GUIDELINES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "ANG MAGALANG, BOW"
AND THE ADOPTION OF A FILIPINO HANDCLASP
AMONG PUPILS AND STUDENTS

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

1. In order to strengthen efforts towards the restoration of good manners and right conduct among our schoolchildren, the regional directors and staff bureau/center directors at a regular monthly meeting held on July 5-6 in Los Baños, Laguna, unanimously approved the implementation of "Ang Magalang, Bow" and the adoption of a Filipino handclasp in all our public and private schools, colleges and universities.

2. The following guidelines will be observed:

- a. A gesture of "Ang Magalang, Bow" will be made by the students when greeting the teacher at the start of the class, which greeting must be acknowledged by the teacher in a similar manner. "Ang Magalang, Bow" is done by slightly tilting the head downward in front of the person being greeted and putting both hands together below the breast.
- b. The same manner and gesture of greeting should be made by the students even outside the classroom towards their fellow-students, parents, teachers, school officials, visitors, and others.
- c. A Filipino handclasp is adopted where both hands will be extended in a handshake with another person. The person initiating this greeting extends both hands towards the other person who responds also with both hands. This will symbolize the sincerity and warmth of greeting that will now be known as a Filipino handclasp.

3. Administrators/supervisors and teachers of public and private schools are requested to spearhead a campaign for the implementation of "Ang Magalang, Bow" and the adoption of the

