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**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
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**120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL**

To: Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Regional and Division Special Events Coordinators  
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 126 entitled *Declaring the Month of December of Every Year as Rizal Month*, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) as Chairman, together with the officials of all the departments, bureaus, offices, government agencies, and government-owned and controlled corporations, are enjoined to give full support, assistance, and cooperation to the National Steering Committee (NSC) to achieve the objectives of the celebration of the **120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal**.

2. This year's Celebration aims to:

- a. give the youth a chance to fully recognize the value of historical events, especially the martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal which shaped the nation and constituted the soul of the people, giving meaning to their collective life and aspirations;
- b. inspire the Filipino people to keep the lofty ideals and teachings of the national hero to stay alive in their hearts and minds;
- c. know the significance of Rizal's life and the lessons on nationalism, civic consciousness, and the importance of education for Filipino youth of today; and
- d. utilize artistic and cultural activity to promote and educate the pupils and students on the essence of Filipino literacy classics in their lives.

3. The Department of Education (DepEd), as member of the NSC, enjoins the attendance, participation, and support of the regional and division school officials, teachers, and students to the different programs, events, and commemorative activities. Likewise, they are requested to coordinate with their respective local government units (LGUs) and concerned offices regarding their participation in the following events or programs:

- a. Display of Philippine Flag, buntings, and Rizal Day 2016 streamers;
- b. The 54<sup>th</sup> National Rizal Youth Leadership Institute Conference from December 14 to 17, 2016 at the Teachers Camp, Baguio City;
- c. Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal: A Light and Sound Presentation, and Guided Tour from December 28 to 30, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Rizal Park, Manila;
- d. Reenactment of Rizal's Walk from Fort Santiago to Luneta on December 30, 2016, 5:00 a.m., to be followed by the commemorative rites; and

- e. Simultaneous Flag-Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies on December 30, 2016, 7:00 a.m., at the following sites and venues:
  - i. National Capital Region (NCR): Rizal Monument, Rizal Park, Manila and Rizal Monument, Quezon City Hall;
  - ii. Region IV-A (CALABARZON): Rizal Shrine, Calamba City;
  - iii. Region IX: Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City; and
  - iv. Various cities and municipalities.
4. All public and private school heads are encouraged to carry out the activities integrated in related subject areas such as *Sibika at Kultura*; *Heograpiya*, *Kasaysayan at Sining (HEKASI)*; *Araling Panlipunan*; Values Education; Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH); Filipino; and English during classroom discussions to make this commemoration more meaningful.
5. All regional and schools division officials, teachers and employees who will attend in the Flag- Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies on December 30, 2016 at all sites and venues shall be given a one day service credit.
6. For more information, all concerned may contact the following:
  - **National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP)**  
T.M. Kalaw Street, Ermita, Manila  
Telephone No.: (02) 254-7482 loc. 131
  - **External Partnerships Service–Special Events Unit (EPS–SEU)**  
Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Mabini Building, DepEd Complex  
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City  
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7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

Reference:

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