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CHANGE IN AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 24, S. 2017
(Dissemination of the Philippines' Association of Southeast Asian Nations
(PH ASEAN) Chairmanship Theme Song-ASEAN Spirit)

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The **Dissemination of the Philippines' Association of Southeast Asian Nations (PH ASEAN) Chairmanship Theme Song-ASEAN Spirit** was announced through DepEd Memorandum No. 24, s. 2017. However, the first sentence in Paragraph No. 2 is changed as follows:

*The **PH ASEAN Spirit Chairmanship Song** was composed by Professor Josefino "Chino" Toledo with lyrics written by National Artist for Literature, Professor Virgilio S. Almario, both commissioned by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.*

2. Moreover, the song, ASEAN Spirit, reflects the core message of the Philippines for its ASEAN Chairmanship, that is, **The Philippines**, as the chairman of ASEAN 2017, champions positive change in the community to produce a unified voice in the world. Likewise, the lyrics echoes the six thematic thrusts of the Philippines:

- a. A people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN;
- b. Peace and stability in the region;
- c. Maritime security and cooperation;
- d. Inclusive, innovation-led growth;
- e. Resilient ASEAN; and
- f. ASEAN: A model of regionalism, a global player.

3. Enclosed is a copy of the lyrics of the ASEAN Spirit. A copy of the .mp3 file of the ASEAN Spirit featuring Christian Bautista (2012 ASEAN Youth Achievement Awardee) and the Hail Mary Children's Choir can be accessed in this dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1k6ytf43ryg8gxr/AACmuSuHFqjGLRNLT-aXeimZa?dl=0>

4. All other provisions in the said Memorandum still remain.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encl:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum (No. 24, s. 2017)

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“ASEAN SPIRIT”

PH- ASEAN Chairmanship Theme Song

Lyrics | Virgilio S. Almario, National Artist for Literature
Music | Josefino ‘Chino’ Toledo

- I. ASEAN Spirit soar
Above all frailties and boundaries
ASEAN Spirit roar
Against wars, pests, and miseries.

- II. ASEAN Spirit roar
Against wars, pests, and miseries
ASEAN Spirit soar
To greater heights and victories.

- III. ASEAN Spirit free us
From the tyranny of ignorance
Release us, release us
From the shackles of intolerance
And help us, and help us
Divine in united governance.

- IV. ASEAN Spirit soar
Above all frailties and boundaries
ASEAN Spirit soar
To greater heights and victories

- V. ASEAN Spirit lead us
To justice and the common good
Transform us
Into grains to feed, steel to build
And re-rose
Most precious diamond for the world.

Repeat IV & V

Coda:

Transform us
Into grains to feed, steel to build
And re-rose
Most precious diamond for the world.