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COMMEMORATION OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY  
OF SENATOR BENIGNO S. AQUINO, JR.

To: Regional Directors  
District Supervisors  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Presidential Proclamation No. 420 dated July 12, 2003, was issued to recognize the efforts and sacrifices of Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. after twenty years following his assassination and seventeen years following the restoration of a representative democracy.

2. The celebration aims to: (a) inculcate the values of self-sacrifice and patriotism that his life and death exemplified; (b) enable people to appreciate the gifts of democracy and freedom that Ninoy died for; and (c) recall for the present generation of school children how the assassination inspired the Filipinos of his time to seek justice for Ninoy and the other victims of the authoritarian regime.

3. To make this celebration more meaningful, all DepEd regional, division, and school officials are encouraged to hold programs and other related activities on August 21, 2003 with the participation of pupils on both public and private schools. The following are some suggested activities that maybe undertaken:

- a. Fly flag at half-mast;
  - b. Special commemorative prayers and CAT honors at flag ceremony;
  - c. Talk and classroom discussion on the significance of Ninoy's death in the return of freedom to the nation;
  - d. Singing of "Ang Bayan Ko";
  - e. Essay and poem writing contests;
  - f. Film-showing;
  - g. Library services to feature Ninoy Aquino readings and materials; and
  - h. Hanging of streamers.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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