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VOLUNTARY PEER ACCREDITATION FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education (DepED), through the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), and the National Association of Public Secondary School Heads, Incorporated (NAPSSHI), in collaboration with the Ford Foundation and University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), are in the final process of setting up a voluntary accreditation system for public high schools through the Project Sterling Silver.
2. The project aims to set workable standards and benchmarks for Philippine public high schools and encourage schools to submit themselves to peer accreditation.
3. In the light of these objectives, Project Sterling Silver has conducted twenty one (21) pilot and roll-out runs to test, validate, and fine tune the instruments that will be used for the accreditation proper, as well as, to polish the accreditation process itself. In the process, the project has trained a number of accreditors per region through hands-on accreditation. Additional training shall be conducted to enable those who did not make in the pilot and roll-out runs and to provide opportunity for the hands-on training for more accreditors.
4. One major activity related to the subsequent runs is the Post Accreditation Conference on Rubrics and Standards Coaching to be held in Bohol City on April 13-15, 2004 for the Visayas and Mindanao regions and on April 22-24, 2004 in Antipolo City for the NCR and Luzon regions.
5. Participation to this training in different venues shall be by invitation to be issued by the project team. A registration fee of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) will be charged each participant. The fee and all other expenses incurred thereto may be charged against local funds or against local school board funds.
6. In view of the educational importance of this project to the full realization of excellent schools, this Office strongly encourages attendance to all the above-mentioned activities. For inquiries, please contact Dr. Severina M. Villegas or Ms. Fe Gladys B. Golo at tel. nos. (02) 637- 0912 local 71; tel. fax no. (02) 634-2828.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

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