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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **346**, s. 2005

2005 NATIONAL WEEK FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 199 dated October 19, 1999, the 2005 National Week for the Gifted and Talented will be observed on November 21-25, 2005 with the theme "**Giftedness: Soaring New Heights for Global Competence**". The celebration aims to strengthen value formation, academic excellence, leadership and love of country among all the gifted and talented.

2. All schools, both public and private with SPED Centers, including the regular schools with organized programs for the gifted and talented are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities:

- a. academic competition;
- b. visual and performing arts competition;
- c. arts and crafts competition/exhibits;
- d. educational field trips;
- e. fun games and sports activities;
- f. leadership training;
- g. symposia/fora fostering talent and giftedness; and
- h. other related activities.

3. The celebration shall be made part of the regular classroom activities to avoid disruption of classes and to maximize time for learning. This is consistent with DepED Order No. 20, s. 2002.

4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

FE A. HIDALGO
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
DepED Memorandum: No. 374, s.. 2004

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(Enclosure to DepED Memorandum No. 346, s. 2005)

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 199

DECLARING THE FOURTH WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1999 AND EVERY YEAR
THEREAFTER AS "NATIONAL WEEK FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED"

WHEREAS, the right of the gifted and talented children and youth is mandated in the Philippine Constitution and other legal documents;

WHEREAS, the gifted and talented constitute the most important human resource of a nation to address society's need for strong leadership;

WHEREAS, it is the aim of the Philippine government to provide every gifted and talented person with opportunities, encouragement, greater attention and assistance to develop his potentials to the fullest;

WHEREAS, there is a growing concern among parents and other stakeholders to address the needs of the children who are gifted and talented in order to provide appropriate services so that eventually they will ably serve the country as scientists, inventors, technologists, artists, innovators and leaders;

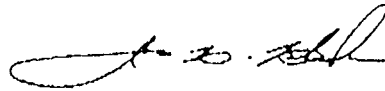
WHEREAS, the goal of the state system is the pursuit of excellence and the basic aspect of this effort is the provision of special, appropriate and relevant programs and services to effectively harness their gifts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the fourth week of November 1999 and every year thereafter as "National Week for the Gifted and Talented".

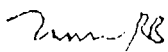
For this purpose, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of Science and Technology, Department of the Interior and Local Government, NGO and other related agencies will jointly serve as the national focal points for the commemoration of this event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

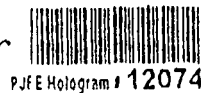
Done in the City of Manila, this 19th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety nine.



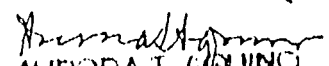
By the President:



RONALDO B. ZAMORA
Executive Secretary



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July 1999