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**Department of Education**

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**2014 CONDUCT OF NATIONAL OBSERVANCES AND COMMEMORATION  
OF HISTORICAL EVENTS**

To : Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers, and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 23, entitled *Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances*, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHP) as chair, the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Tourism (DOT) as members were tasked to take charge of the **2014 Conduct of National Observances and Commemoration of Historical Events**, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

2. The activities aim to:

- a. raise the level of historical/cultural awareness and consciousness of elementary pupils and secondary students relative to the significance of the national commemorations;
- b. instill in their minds the greatness of the Filipino race, the legacy of their national heroes, and the ideals of their nationhood; and
- c. reawaken the Filipino people especially the youth of their responsibility and patriotic commitment to truly demonstrate the spirit of heroism, patriotism, nationalism, unity, and national identity.

3. This Memorandum will serve as a guide to all public and private schools nationwide to carry out meaningful activities integrated in related subject areas such as: *Sibika at Kultura*, *Heograpiya*, *Kasaysayan*, *at Sining (HEKASI)*, *Araling Panlipunan*, Values Education or Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino, and English during classroom discussions or school programs/events.

4. Enclosed is the list of national observances and historical events to be celebrated/commemorated.

5. Programs and activities to be conducted/undertaken during the abovementioned national observances and commemoration of historical events will be announced in a separate Memorandum.

6. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Programs and Projects Office (SPAPO)**, located at Room 505, Bonifacio Bldg., DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, at telephone nos.: (02) 637-58-32 and 637-58-34, mobile phone nos.: 0919-516-4759, 0915-926-0500, and 0906-261-5255.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference: N o n e

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS  
Learning Area, SIBIKA AT KULTURA  
PUPILS  
SCHOOLS  
STUDENTS

**2014 HISTORICAL EVENTS BEING COMMEMORATED**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LEGAL BASIS</b>
<b>National Observances</b>		
72 <sup>nd</sup> Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week	April 5-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989; and</li> <li>▪ Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987</li> </ul>
116 <sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration	June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 110, s. 1963; and</li> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 28, s. 1962</li> </ul>
2014 National Heroes Day	August 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Act No. 3827, s. 1931</li> </ul>
151 <sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administrative Order No. 27, s. 2012</li> </ul>
118 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal	December 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 126, s. 2001</li> </ul>
<b>Other Historical Celebrations</b>		
Commemoration of the 115 <sup>th</sup> Inauguration of the First Philippine Republic	January 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 533, s. 2013</li> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 523, s. 2012</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 28 <sup>th</sup> EDSA People Power Revolution	February 22-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1224, s. 2007</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 142 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 204, s. 2002</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 163 <sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal	March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proclamation No. 1737, s. 2009</li> </ul>
National Flag Day Celebration	May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No 374, s. 1965</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 115 <sup>th</sup> Historic Siege of Baler and 12 <sup>th</sup> Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day	June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1696, s. 2008</li> <li>▪ Republic Act No. 9187, s. 2002</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the Sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	July 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administrative Order No. 33, s. 2012</li> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 361, s. 2000</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 136 <sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	August 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Republic Act No. 6741, s. 1988</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 116 <sup>th</sup> Opening of Malolos Congress	September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 246, s. 2011</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial law	September 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administrative Order No. 30, 2012</li> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1081, s. 1972</li> </ul>
<b>Deped Related Activities/Events/Programs</b>		
Project W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty)	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1782, s. 2009</li> <li>▪ Nationwide search for the best school implementers.</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> Pambansang Gawad Sa Ulirang Kabataan	June	A nationwide search for the outstanding students in their achievements and contributions in their school and community.
Historical and Cultural Festival of Excellence	September – December	A nationwide contest to be held in connection with the Rizal Day, Bonifacio Day and Mabini Day Celebration.