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**Department of Education**

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**DISSEMINATION OF MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NOS. 33 AND 34**

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

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are copies of the following issuances from the Office of the President of the Philippines:

Issuance	Title
Memorandum Circular No. 33 dated November 16, 2017	Enjoining All Departments, Agencies and Instrumentalities of the National Government, Including Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations, Local Government Units, and State Universities and Colleges, to Support the Intramuros Regional Fairs of the Department of Tourism and the Intramuros Administration
Memorandum Circular No. 34 dated November 16, 2017	Urging All Concerned Agencies to Fully Implement the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements Entered into by the ASEAN Member States Affecting Eight (8) Professional Services

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

Encls.: As stated

Reference: N o n e

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

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 33

ENJOINING ALL DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, TO SUPPORT THE INTRAMUROS REGIONAL FAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND THE INTRAMUROS ADMINISTRATION

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 is geared towards the promotion of Filipino culture and values as it acknowledges the empowering nature of culture in the enhancement of the social fabric toward a high-trust society;

**WHEREAS**, the Government aims to expand inclusive cultural structures as civic spaces for dialogue and cultural exchange by utilizing cultural infrastructure and facilities as venues for fostering social cohesion and valuing cultural diversity;

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the PDP cultural agenda, the Department of Tourism and the Intramuros Administration will organize regional fairs at the historic district of Intramuros, beginning March 2018, to highlight the history and culture of the Filipino people through lectures, workshops, performances, fashion exhibits, culinary festivals, tourism destination products and trade exhibits;

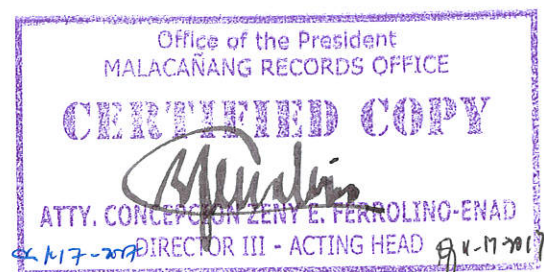
**NOW, THEREFORE**, all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the national government, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, local government units, and state universities and colleges, are enjoined to lend full support in the conduct of the Intramuros regional fairs and to encourage active participation in all its programs and activities.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

**DONE**, in the City of Manila, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

By authority of the President:

SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA  
Executive Secretary



**Office of the President  
of the Philippines  
Malacañang**

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 34**

**URGING ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES TO FULLY IMPLEMENT  
THE ASEAN MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENTS ENTERED  
INTO BY THE ASEAN MEMBER STATES AFFECTING EIGHT (8)  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States (AMS) adopted the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) on 15 December 1995 and the 2003 Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) on 07 October 2003, recognizing the importance of Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) in overall services integration in ASEAN;

**WHEREAS**, Article V of the AFAS provides that the AMS may recognize the education or experience obtained, requirements met, or licenses or certifications granted in other AMS, for the purposes of licensing or certification of service suppliers;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Bali Concord II, AMS called for the completion of the MRAs for qualifications in major professional services by 2008 in order to facilitate free movement of professionals/skilled labor/talents in the ASEAN;

**WHEREAS**, the Governments of the AMS, namely, Brunei Darussalam, the Kingdom of Cambodia, the Republic of Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, the Union of Myanmar, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, concluded eight (8) ASEAN MRAs to liberalize the practice of the following professions: (1) Engineering Services; (2) Nursing Services; (3) Architectural Services; (4) Surveying Qualifications; (5) Dental Practitioners; (6) Medical Practitioners; (7) Accountancy Services; and (8) Tourism-related Services;

**WHEREAS**, the objectives of the ASEAN MRAs are the following: (1) to facilitate mobility of practitioners within the ASEAN region; (2) to exchange information and enhance cooperation with respect to mutual recognition of practitioners; (3) to promote adoption of best practices on standards and qualifications; and (4) to provide opportunities for capacity building and training of practitioners;

**WHEREAS**, ASEAN shall continue its efforts to ensure closer and mutually beneficial integration among its member states and among their peoples, and to promote regional peace and stability, security, development and prosperity with a view of realizing an ASEAN Community that is open, dynamic and resilient;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, all concerned departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including government-owned and controlled corporations, government financial institutions, state universities and

colleges and local government units, especially those named in **Annex A**, are hereby directed to fully implement the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) in their respective sectors.

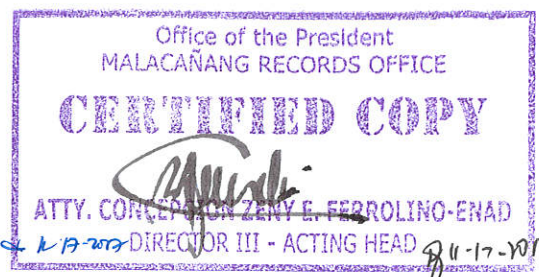
The requirements for the implementation of the MRAs shall be charged against the regular budget of the concerned agencies and instrumentalities, subject to the availability of funds, and applicable budgetary, accounting and auditing laws, rules, regulations and procedures.

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By authority of the President:

  
**SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA**  
Executive Secretary 



**ANNEX A -**

Department of Foreign Affairs  
Professional Regulation Commission  
Department of Tourism  
Department of Justice  
Department of Labor and Employment  
Department of Health  
Department of Budget and Management  
Commission on Higher Education  
Securities and Exchange Commission