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**THE SPANISH LANGUAGE AS AN ELECTIVE IN HIGH SCHOOL**

To: Regional Directors  
Heads of Private Schools  
Schools Division Superintendents

1. Sharing an affinity of culture, the Republic of the Philippines and Spain signed a cultural treaty to strengthen the bond of friendship between the two countries on March 4, 1949.
2. Among the initiatives pursued with the visit of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in Spain is the restoration of the Spanish language in Philippine Education.
3. Recognizing that the Spanish language is an essential part of Spain's historical, cultural and literary legacy in the Philippines, the Department of Education encourages secondary schools to offer basic and advance Spanish in the Third and Fourth Year levels respectively, as an elective.
4. The Regional Offices are advised to submit to the Bureau of Secondary of Education (BSE), attention Ms. Rosa Ligaya C. Domingo at telefax (02) 632-7586, on or before February 28, 2008, a list of public secondary schools that shall offer the language as an elective effective SY 2008-2009 so that appropriate arrangement for the services of Spanish teachers and the provision of instructional materials in Spanish can be made with the Instituto de Cervantes.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

  
**VILMA L. LABRADOR**  
Undersecretary

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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