Republic of the Philippines DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS UL Complex, Pasig City

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OPERATIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINES-AUSTRALIA PROJECT IN BASIC EDUCATION (PROBE)

To: Undersecretaries/Assistant Secretaries
Bureau/Regional Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

- 1. To make quality basic education more accessible, the five-year (1996-2000) Philippines-Australia Project in Basic Education otherwise known as PROBE is hereby operationalized.
- 2. The Project seeks to improve the teaching of English, Science and Mathematics in the public sector elementary and secondary schools by: (a) improving preservice teacher education; (b) expanding inservice teacher education; and (c) providing instructional materials.
- 3. The Project will assist four (4) focus regions, namely: Regions II, VII, IX and X through a network of 14 Teacher Education Institutes (TEIs), 100 Elementary Leader Schools (ELSs), 50 Divisional Leader Schools (DLSs), 4 Regional Materials Development Centers (RMDCs) and 150 Teacher Support Units (TSUs). Within the Project's development framework, each of the ELSs and the DLSs will serve as the leader of a cluster of five (5) satellite schools within their respective service areas.
- 4. A Project Coordinating Committee (PCC) shall be organized to provide policy and program directions. It will be chaired by the DECS Undersecretary for Programs and International Relations and with membership from the stakeholders and other collaborating agencies.
- 5. A Project Advisory Group (PAG) which shall include members from other participating agencies not represented in the PCC or PMU shall be constituted to oversee and manage project activities and ensure timely and effective coordination and utilization of inputs in complementation with the regional and divisional units.
- 6. A Project Management Unit (PMU) at EDPITAF shall be created to oversee Project operations and the day-to-day management of Project implementation.

7. For immediate dissemination.

A.T. LUC (ICARDO T. GLORI): Secretary Reference: None

Allotment: 1-2-3--(M.O. 1-87)

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