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PUTTING EMPHASIS IN THE TEACHING OF GEOGRAPHY IN ALL PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- to: Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries,
Bureau Directors,
Regional Directors,
Schools Superintendents,
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. It is the policy of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports to adhere to the constitutional mandate of inculcating patriotism and nationalism among the students, basic to this is a complete understanding and thorough knowledge of Philippine history, geography, government, culture, and contemporary events.

2. In line with this mandate, all educational agencies particularly those in the regional, divisional and school levels are urged to devote special attention in the teaching and learning of social studies, particularly Philippine geography, considering the unsatisfactory performance today of the students in DECS sponsored government examinations.

3. The study of Philippine geography shall focus on physical geography and at the same time introduce sociological and historical uses of geography. All classrooms and libraries shall have on display the Philippine Map/world map.

4. Varied activities may be undertaken to arouse interest, encourage studying and develop skills in Philippine geography. Among these activities are:

- Field trips;
- conduct of practical map examination, map study, map reading proficiency and map work;
- observance of Geography Consciousness Week; and
- holding of lectures, symposiums, contests, and demonstrations/lectures on geography-related topics.

For strict and immediate compliance.

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Secretary

Reference:
None

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