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*Tanggapan ng Kalihim  
Office of the Secretary*

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**DECS ORDER**  
No. 17, s. 2000

**CLARIFICATION ON THE ACCREDITATION FOR PHILIPPINE  
SCHOOLS ABROAD**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In connection with Article IV, Sections 22 to 30 of the Manual of Regulations for Philippine Schools Abroad, the following clarifications are given on the concept of accreditation:

- a. Strictly speaking, accreditation applies not to the school but to a program/s i.e. elementary program which may include pre-school and/or secondary program. Thus, an accredited school may offer only elementary or secondary program or both.

The exception is a foreign school, a Saudi school for example, which requests to implement the Philippine curriculum for Filipino students. Having met all the requirements, it may be given authority to do so.

- b. Accreditation comes in two stages: the Permit Phase and the Recognition Phase. The school applies to DECS by submitting all the necessary documentation and undergoes an ocular inspection by a team of DECS officials. After satisfying the requirements, DECS issues a Permit to Operate, renewable every school year until the year previous to the beginning of the last curriculum year of the particular program/s: Grade V of the elementary level and Third Year of the secondary level.

Then, the school applies for a Certificate of Recognition to DECS, the issuance of which is dependent on the performance of the school and where possible, on the results of actual inspection of the school.

- c. The Certificate of Recognition continues to be valid, unless a written order of revocation is issued by DECS.

- d. Recognition provides the school a permanent authority to operate program/s; to give certificates or diplomas to those who have completed the program/s; to qualify its students to take the NEAT and/or NSAT; and to entitle graduates to all the benefits and privileges enjoyed by graduates of similar program/s in all schools recognized by DECS.
- e. The list of DECS-accredited schools is enclosed.

2. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Order is directed.

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Secretary

Encl.:  
As stated

Reference:  
DECS Order: No. 35, s. 1999

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

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**LIST OF PHILIPPINE SCHOOLS ABROAD**

	<b>Name of School</b>	<b>Address</b>
Abu Dhabi	1. PICSO Private School 2. United International Private School (New Filipino Private School) 3. Pioneers International Private School (Pioneers Modern School)	Abu-Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Al Gorhoud, Dubai, UAE  Abu Dhabi, UAE Sharjah, UAE
Qatar	4. Philippine School in Doha	Doha, Qatar
Saudi Arabia	5. International Philippine School in Jeddah 6. International Philippine School in Riyadh 7. International Philippine School in Al-khobar 8. Philippine Community School in Al-khobar (PHILCOSA) 9. Philippine Embassy School in Dammam (PESD) 10. Second Phil. International School	Jeddah KSA, P.O. Box 4794  Phil. Embassy Cpd. Riyadh KSA Phil. Embassy, P.O. Box 120 Al-khobar, KSA c/o OSHCO, P.O. Box, 1520, Al-khobar, 31952, KSA  Riyadh
Kuwait	11. Kuwait Philippine International School in Kuwait	Al-Anan International Gural Trading and Contracting Co., P.O. Box 20982, Safat 13070, Kuwait
Oman	12. Philippine Community School in Oman	Sultanate of Oman
Bahrain	13. Philippine School in Bahrain	#621 Kanoo Garden Road, 5624, Block 356
People' Republic of China	14. Manila-Xiamen International School	Xiamen University Campus, Xiamen, China
Greece (Athens)	15. Philippine Learning Center in Athens	(applied DECS approval thru the Embassy)
Argentina	Escuela Nunero 13, Republica de Filipinas Filipino Language Culture Escuela Republica de Filipinas Filipino Language Culture	Cosquin 1945, Buenos Aires  Chivilcoy Calles Monteagudo y Castelli, Buenos Aires

	NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS
Australia	<p>Filipino Ethnic School in South Australia Filipino Language Culture Escuelang Filipino</p> <p>Filipino Community School of Philippine Studies</p> <p>Kawayan Philippine Language and Culture School</p>	<p>1 Thomas Street, South Plympton, Sa 5038 Phil. Australia Association of A.C.T. and the Macro Region, P.O. Box 270, A.C.T. 2801</p> <p>17/20 Tinover Road, Waratac, 2298 New South Wales, Australia</p> <p>Tinover Road, #10 Tucana St. Ershire Park, NSW 2759</p>
USA (New York)	Philippine Cultural School, Inc.	<p>South Orange, New Jersey based Seton Hall University</p>
Canada	Philippine International Language Program (Philippine Heritage School)	<p>St. George School, 410 Picadilly Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1Y 0H3 Canada</p>