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DISSEMINATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NOS. 474, 475 AND 476

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
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1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed are copies of the following Presidential Proclamations:

- (a) Proclamation No. 474 dated September 17, 2003, entitled "Declaring the Month of October 2003 as Toastmaster Month";
- (b) Proclamation No. 475 dated September 19, 2003, entitled "Declaring the Period from November 16 to 21, 2003 as National Consciousness Week for Punctuality (Respect for the Value of Time) and Civility (Respect for the Right of Others) Linggo ng Pagpahalaga sa Oras at sa Karapatan ng Kapwa"; and
- (c) Proclamation No. 476 dated September 22, 2003, entitled "Extending the National Registration Week for First Time Voters".

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Ramon C. Bacani
RAMON C. BACANI
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

RUDY/MPPD/DISSEMINATION PROC.

Encls.: As stated

Reference: None

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

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

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MALACAÑANG

Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 474

DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2003 AS TOASTMASTERS MONTH

WHEREAS, TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL is an international non-profit organization founded in October, 1924, and is dedicated to making its members better communicators and leaders for society;

WHEREAS, PHILIPPINE TOASTMASTERS, known as DISTRICT 75, in coordination with the rest of the districts worldwide, celebrates *Toastmasters Month* annually to commemorate its anniversary and to further propagate the mission of the organization;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to develop the communication and leadership skills of Filipinos to enhance our competitiveness nationally and internationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of October 2003 as *Toastmasters Month*.

I call upon all agencies of the government, professional, civic, and religious organizations, and the mass media to extend their wholehearted cooperation and support to the Philippines Toastmasters in this laudable effort of making the Filipino a better thinker, listener and speaker.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

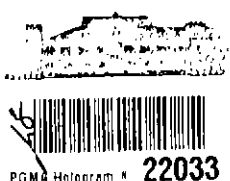
DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



By the President:

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ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



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MARIANITO M. DIMAANDAL
Director II
Malacañang Ke. Sec. Office

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 475

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 16 TO 21, 2003 AS NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK FOR PUNCTUALITY (RESPECT FOR THE VALUE OF TIME) AND CIVILITY (RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS) (LINGGO NG PAGPAPAHALAGA SA ORAS AT SA KARAPATAN NG KAPWA)

WHEREAS, for the last seven (7) years, the *Organized Response for the Advancement of Society, Inc. (ORAS)*, a non-government, non-profit and non-stock organization composed of leaders from all sectors of society, has continually and effectively promoted a national campaign for the transformation of the habit of our people in respect to the value of time and respect for the rights of others;

WHEREAS, punctuality and civility are two indispensable virtues that our citizenry must possess if we are to aspire for a peaceful, prosperous and united society;

WHEREAS, the ORAS movement has gained the popular support of every community, the public and private sectors, non-government organizations, other associations, and the media;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a new breed of Filipino who makes the most of his time and respects the equal rights of his fellowman to his time and freedom, thus insuring a responsible citizenry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from November 16 to 21, 2003 as the *National Consciousness Week for Punctuality (Respect for the value of time) and Civility (Respect for the Rights of Others) (Linggo ng Pagpapahalaga sa Oras at sa Karapatan ng Kapwa)*.

All government offices, local and national, and all public schools are enjoined to observe this week with appropriate programs to promote the twin values of punctuality and civility.



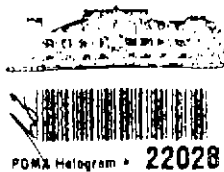
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 19th day of September, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:

Alberto G. Romulo
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 476

EXTENDING THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION WEEK FOR FIRST-TIME VOTERS

WHEREAS, the role of the youth in nation building and the need to uphold and protect the rights of the Filipino Youth have been consistently recognized;

WHEREAS, the COMELEC has scheduled the resumption of registration from 04 August 2003 until 31 October 2003;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 430 declared the third week of October as the National Registration Week for first-time voters;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Kabataan National Federation, through its President, Mr. Ariel Joseph Arcillas, requested an extension of the National Registration Week until the fourth week of October 2003;

WHEREAS, the COMELEC has considered the extension as an occasion to give meaning and importance to the political exercise and as an apt conclusion to the period of registration which has been set only until 31 October 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the Third and Fourth Weeks of October 2003 as the ***National Registration Weeks for first-time voters.***

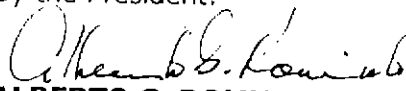
All Filipino youth who will be eighteen (18) years old on or before May 10, 2004 are hereby enjoined to register.

The COMELEC, all government agencies, non-government organizations, mass media, sectoral groups and individuals are also hereby enjoined to conduct information campaign to encourage the youth to register, observe and mark this week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 22nd day of SEP, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary



