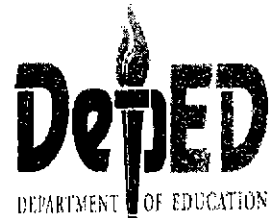


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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 270, s. 2004

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2004 PHILIPPINES ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, enclosed is a copy of Proclamation No. 643 dated June 9, 2004 entitled "Amending Proclamation No. 396 dated June 2, 2003, entitled "Enjoining the Active Participation of All Government Agencies, Including Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations, Private Sector, Schools, Civil Society Groups and the Citizenry in Tree Planting Activity and Declaring June 25, 2003 as Philippines Arbor Day".
2. In view of this, all DepED offices and schools nationwide are expected to initiate tree planting activities in schools and communities. Planting materials will be provided by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through their field offices and nurseries.
3. Likewise, School Health and Nutrition personnel are expected to coordinate with the DENR on the turn-over of planting materials to the schools and on other activities to celebrate this significant event.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

Encl.: As stated
Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 194, s. 2003
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"Educating for a Strong Republic"

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 643

AMENDING PROCLAMATION NO. 396 DATED JUNE 2, 2003, ENTITLED "ENJOINING THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, PRIVATE SECTOR, SCHOOLS, CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS AND THE CITIZENRY IN TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY AND DECLARING JUNE 25, 2003 AS PHILIPPINES ARBOR DAY"

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 396 dated 02 June 2003' was issued in cognizance by the state of the necessity to promote a healthier ecosystem for our people through the rehabilitation and greening of our environment;

WHEREAS, there is a need to sustain the wide support and success gained from the implementation of proclamation No. 396, and to institutionalize Philippines Arbor Day;

WHEREAS, planting more trees will not only help reforest denuded areas but also make the entire country a greener and healthier place to live in;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to declare a day each year for conducting actual tree planting and thus foster partnership and environmental stewardship among various sectors in our society.

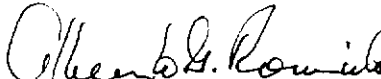
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby amend Proclamation No. 396 dated 02 June 2003 by declaring every 25th of June as Philippines Arbor Day to be observed throughout the nation by planting trees and ornamental plants and other forms of relevant activities.

All other provisions of the said Proclamation not inconsistent herewith shall remain valid and operative.

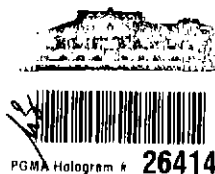
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this **9th** day of **June**, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.


By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary





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