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RAINBOW BRIDGE IN KYRGYZSTAN

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. The Meenm, an international charitable foundation, in cooperation with UNICEF, is inviting two young Filipinos to the "Rainbow Bridge in Kyrgyzstan" on August 21-31, 2004.
2. The "Rainbow Bridge in Kyrgyzstan" is a summer school of tolerance which aims to bring together young people from different countries. It will provide them with the opportunity to know and explore their differences, share ideas and exchange opinions in the spirit of tolerance, respect and mutual understanding.
3. Participants from the Philippines must be a boy and girl, between 16 to 18 years old studying in high school and fluent in English.
4. Enclosed are the registration form, brief description of the project, useful information for the participants and parents' permission. Registration form must be submitted through fax number +996 312 661727 on or before July 30, 2004. Further queries could be addressed to the organizer through e-mail address: asel19@mail.ru, tel. no. +996312.621.356 and fax no. +996312.661.727.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

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under the following subjects:

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RUDY/MPPD/RAINBOW BRIDGE
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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

DEADLINE for submission: 30 July 2004.

First Name: _____	Surname: _____
Date of birth: _____	
School: _____	
Street Address: _____	
Town / City _____	Postal Code: _____
State / Province: _____	Country: _____
Telephone: _____	Fax: _____
E-mail: _____	Male: _____ Female: _____
Special needs (food / health / other): _____	
Do you require a special menu? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
If yes, you: <input type="checkbox"/> are vegetarian (no chicken, beef or pork) <input type="checkbox"/> eat no pork <input type="checkbox"/> eat kosher	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other - if so, please explain: _____	
Do you have any special health needs? – if so, please explain: _____	

Emergency contact name and telephone: _____	

WORKSHOPS

Please help us determine the most popular workshops. Check off three workshops that interest you most:

- Watersports Journalism Self-defence Music Theatre / Drama
 Dancing Painting Debates

Other workshops – here is your chance to let us know what other workshops you may be interested in:

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TO SUBMIT YOUR FORM

Please fax this form to +996 312 661727

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS regarding registration or anything else:

- Contact:
asel_19@mail.ru
tel: +996312 621356(direct)
fax: +996312 661727

**ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SEND IN A COMPLETED
PERMISSION SLIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP**

Name of student _____

Birth date of student: _____ (Day/Month/Year)

I agree that my son / daughter travels to Kyrghyz Republic in August 2004
(21-31.08.2004) to attend the *Rainbow Bridge* youth summer camp:

Parent / guardian signature

Date

I agree to come to Kyrghyz Republic to participate in the *Rainbow Bridge*
youth camp and I accept all mentioned above.

Participant's signature

Date

TO SUBMIT THIS FORM

Please also fax this form to +996312 661727

Camp site

Camp's location has been chosen very carefully to provide the best environment possible for implementing the project's objectives and goals. The camp will be located on the shore of a highland lake at the site surrounded by great Tien Shan mountains in Northern Kyrgyzstan.

The whole camp is intended as the entire life of the participants during the project will focus around the camp site. All participants as well as the trainers will sleep in kyrgyz traditional "yurta" (woolen house), attend workshops, sessions, eat and assembly for bigger events at the site. The choice of such a remote location was deliberate for it will allow the participants to live and work together in a small community, undistributed by outside interference.

The students will have the opportunity to learn and practice a variety of sports and outdoor games. They will also have a chance to get acquainted with a unique ecosystem of the forest and the Issyk-Kul highland district.

Moreover, the students may be required to perform some of the "household" chores such as maintenance of camp site. This will allow them to learn being responsible for their community in which they live as well as provide additional opportunity for informal interaction in a task-oriented context.

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Description of the project

Most of the wars and conflicts which have ever emerged can be attributed to a lack of understanding and a growth of xenophobia, nationalism and intolerance among people who have been involved in them. The proposed project will bring together young people **aged 16-18 (studying in high school and English speaking)** from the different countries of the world in order to provide them with the opportunity to lie together, explore their differences and acknowledge similarities, to share ideas and exchange opinions in the spirit of tolerance, respect and mutual understanding. It is hoped that the project will foster reconciliation among students from the areas affected by recent and present conflicts and will help to create a generation of socially aware citizens of the world. The camp is to be conducive to the creation of a model of conflict resolution and peace education which may then be replicable and applicable in other contexts and post-conflict regions of the world.

The camp's schedule is divided into structured sessions which will provide the participants with the opportunity to interact with each other during workshops, creative activities and sports but it will also allow for plenty of informal and unstructured time to share ideas and learn about each other.

The morning sessions will be conducted in small groups by psychologists who will stimulate the discussion and experience sharing on themes related to personal and group identity, diversity and conflict. In the afternoon sessions the students will engage themselves in a variety of creative activities ranging from art and theatre to communication workshops, debates and cultural diversity games.

The Rainbow Bridge Project is intended to be a tool and a method of conflict resolution and peace education which will be applicable in the regions of the world affected by post-conflict tension or as one of the array of solutions to emerging conflicts. Its methodology and results will be published and made available to international organisations, NGOs and governments as an educational tool to foster peace and tolerance in the world.

Apart from political and diplomatic efforts leading to conflict-prevention and resolution, it is imperative to make a long-term contribution through "education for peace" - allowing the future generations to develop mutual understanding, to resolve differences without recourse to violence, and to show how human diversity can be embraced rather than become the basis for barbaric behaviour

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Rainbow Bridge in Kyrghyzstan 21-31 August 2004

Dear participants.

Here it is some useful information which you will definitely need before your departure for Kyrghyzstan.

1. Weather: as for temperature in August, it may range from 10 to 30 degrees Celsius but, of course, there can already be some cold evenings and some rainy days, too- so, better take a warm jumpers, raincoat, wellingtons and some warmer autumn jacket in case it gets a bit colder. Yet, we hope that we will have ten wonderful sunny days.

2. Other types of clothes and things that you should take for the camp are:

T-shirts

Shorts

Sportswear

Trousers

Sports shoes

Jumper

Flip-flops, sandals

1 pair of strong laced shoes

swimming suit

underwear

socks

towels, including one bath towel

personal washing kit

sunglasses

protection cream with UV

If you feel like, you can also bring with you ...

...a portable instrument you like playing (like guitar, violin or flute)

...a songbook, some cassettes with your national music

...some photos or postcards of your country

...a camera

• Don't forget your passport and other necessary documents

• If you take some money with you, have it in US dollars or Euro, it will be easy for you to exchange it

• If you take some medicines, do not forget to bring them

ATTENTION:

As it is a camp you will be sleeping in kyrghyz national yurt (woolen house)