



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education



DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **279**, s. 2011

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**OBSERVANCE OF THE 115<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL'S  
MARTYRDOM AND THE GRAND FINALS OF THE RIZAL  
NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF EXCELLENCE (RNFE)**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 126, entitled "*Declaring the Month of December of Every Year as Rizal Month*" and to the Administrative Order No. 23, dated November 10, 2011 entitled "*Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances*," the Chairperson of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) as Chairman, with the officers from the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Tourism (DOT) as members of the Committee were tasked to formulate, organize, monitor and evaluate the programs and projects undertaken in the **Observance of the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal's Martyrdom**. This year is the Sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal hence, the same theme "*Rizal, Haligi ng Bayan*," has been adopted.

2. In view of this, the DepEd Secretary enjoins all regions, divisions, districts, and schools to actively participate in the nationwide celebration. Likewise, the said offices are requested to coordinate with their respective Local Government Units (LGUs) regarding their participation in the simultaneous conduct of the Flag Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies at the following venues:

- a. **National Capital Region (NCR): Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila** with the attendance of the Secretary or his representative, Regional Director (RD), NCR Schools Division/City Superintendents (SDSs), other officials, teachers and students;
- b. **Region IV-CALABARZON: Rizal Shrine, Calamba City** with the attendance of RD, SDS, other officials, teachers and students; and
- c. **Region IX: Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City** with the attendance of the SDS, other officials, teachers and students; and
- d. **Various Cities and Municipalities:** The SDS, through the Division Special Events Coordinator, may coordinate with the Local Government Unit (LGU) regarding the participation of DepEd in various programs.

3. All DepEd offices (central, regional, division, district and schools) are enjoined to display the Philippine Flags, buntings, and the Rizal Day 2011 streamers.

4. In connection with the Rizal Day Celebration, the **Grand Finals of the Rizal National Festival of Excellence (RNFE)** on Rizal/History Quiz and *Kundiman* Chorale for high school students and an Oratorical for elementary pupils will be held at the Bayview Park Hotel on December 27-30, 2011. The schedule of the programs are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
December 27, 2011	2:00 pm	Arrival of Participants at the Hotel (Check-in)
	5:00 pm	Orientation and House Rules
	6:00 pm	Welcome Dinner
December 28, 2011	8:00 am	Opening Program
	9:00 am	Grand Finals of the Rizal/History Quiz Contest
	1:30 pm	Grand Finals of the Oratorical Competition
	9:00 am-5:00 pm	General Rehearsals for the <i>Kundiman ni Rizal</i> Chorale Competition
December 29, 2011	8:00 a.m.	Grand Finals on <i>Kundiman ni Rizal</i> Chorale Competition
	5:00 pm.	Awarding Ceremonies and Socials
December 30, 2011	5:00 am	Re-enactment of Rizal's Walk from Fort Santiago to Luneta
	7:00 am	Flag Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies at the Rizal Monument, Rizal Park, Manila
	12:00 nn	Home Sweet Home

5. Contestants of the Oratorical Contest are requested to prepare and submit five (5) copies of their oratorical pieces, and the *Kundiman* Chorale Groups to submit five (5) copies of the musical scores and the list of choir members/other staff upon registration on **December 27, 2011**.

6. This is to reiterate that the mechanics of the contest for the three (3) categories as stated in DepEd Memorandum No. 178, s. 2011 will be strictly followed.

7. The contestants for the Rizal/History Quiz Contest shall wear their school uniform, contestants for the Oratorical Contest shall wear an appropriate Filipiniana attire. Each chorale group may bring their own equipment needed for the performance.

8. The DepEd shall provide free board and lodging for the following number of participants from the seventeen (17) regions and five (5) clusters:

- a. Rizal/History Quiz – (17 Regions) 2 per region
  - Contestant + Coach
- b. Oratorical Contest – (17 Regions) 2 per region
  - Contestant + Trainer
- c. *Kundiman* Chorale Competition – (5 Clusters) 20 members per cluster
  - 20 group members (including the conductor, accompanist/s, staff and Division Special Events Coordinator) = Total 100
- d. Regional Special Events Coordinators – (17 Regions)
  - Please see the enclosed list of Regional Special Events Coordinators

9. The travel expenses (transportation and per diem) of the contestants, coaches, trainers, conductors shall be charged to local funds such as PTA, local school board funds, regional/division MOOE or may be sourced from the municipality/city/ provincial funds, NGOs, civic spirited clubs, associations, and organizations subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

10. The expenses for the board and lodging of the participants, coordinators, judges/consultants and National Technical Working Committee (NTWC), honoraria and production cost, communication and documentation, preparatory expenses, supplies and materials, parade uniforms, medals, trophies, special dinner, and other incidental and operational costs shall be charged to the approved Rizal@150 Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. While the cash prizes and honoraria of judges shall be charged to the partner agencies as follows:

- a. Rizal/History Quiz - National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP);
- b. Oratorical Contest - Order of the Knights of Rizal (OKOR); and
- c. *Kundiman* Chorale Competition - National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA)

11. For more information, please contact **Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa**, Head, Special Events Unit (SEU); **Ms. Jonalyn I. Salvador** or **Mr. Joel M. Faustino**, Program Coordinators at telephone no.: (02) 637-5832 or at any of these mobile phone nos.: 0919-516-4759; 0917-661-0780; 0929-598-9089.

12. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: (No. 178, s. 2011)

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(Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 279, s. 2011)

### LIST OF DEPED REGIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATORS

REGION	NAME	POSITION
I	DR. MIRIAM L. NAJERA	EPS II, SED
II	DR. MARYLINDA RAMOS	EPS III/CHIEF, PESS/SE
III	DR. VIOLETA M. VILLANUEVA	ASST. CHIEF, SESU
IV-CALABARZON	DR. PABLITO ALAY	EPS II, SED
IV-MIMAROPA	DR. ESMERALDO LALO	EPS II, SED
V	DR. CARMEN ALMONTE	EPS II, SED
VI	DR. EDEN DERIADA	CHIEF, RMSPPD
VII	DR. VIVIAN GINETE	CHIEF, RMSPPD
VIII	DR. CECILIA M. LIBRES	EPS II, SED
IX	DR. MELCHORA M. HAMOY	EPS II, EED
X	DR. RAYMOND ANTOLO	EPS II, SED
XI	DR. CHANETTE CADIENTE	CHIEF, PESS/SE
XII	DR. MARIANELA ANGELES	EPS II, SED
CARAGA	DR. THELMA VILLANUEVA	CHIEF, PESS/SE
CAR	DR. AGUSTIN GUMUWANG	ASST. CHIEF, SED
NCR	DR. NOEMI BELLOSILLO	CHIEF, PESS/SE
ARMM	DR. TAYA K. APLAL	DIRECTOR, BPE and SE