



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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No. **223**, s. 2013


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**OBSERVANCE OF THE 117TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL'S
MARTYRDOM AND THE DEPARTMENT'S RELATED ACTIVITIES**

To : Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 126 entitled *Declaring The Month of December of Every Year as Rizal Month*, the Commissioner of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) as Chairman together with the officials of all government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations are enjoined to give full support, assistance and cooperation to the National Steering Committee (NSC) to achieve the objectives of this Celebration.
2. This year's Celebration aims to:
 - a. give the youth a chance to fully recognize the value of historical events, especially the martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, which shaped the nation and constituted the soul of the people, giving meaning to their collective life and aspirations;
 - b. inspire the Filipino people to keep the lofty ideals and teachings of the national hero to stay alive in their hearts and minds;
 - c. know the significance of Rizal's life and the lessons on nationalism, civic consciousness and the importance of education for Filipino youth of today; and
 - d. utilize artistic and cultural activity to promote and educate the pupils and students on the essence of Filipino literacy classics in their lives.
3. To make this commemoration more meaningful, all public and private school heads are encouraged to carry out activities integrated in related subject areas, such as *Sibika at Kultura*, *Heograpiya*, *Kasaysayan at Sining (HEKASI)*, *Araling Panlipunan*, Values Education/*Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao*, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English, during classroom discussions. Enclosed is the List of Activities.
4. There will be a simultaneous Flag Raising and Wreath-laying Ceremonies on December 30, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. in the following sites and venues:
 - a. National Capital Region (NCR): Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila;
 - b. Region IV-CALABARZON: Rizal Shrine, Calamba City;
 - c. Region IX: Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City; and
 - d. Various Cities and Municipalities.

5. Teachers who will attend to this activity shall be given one (1) day service credit as per DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003.
6. Expenses for the meals of DepEd employees during the Flag Raising and Wreath-laying Ceremonies and other incidental expenses shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Programs and Projects Office (SPAPO)**, DepEd Central Office, Room 505, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 637-5832 or mobile phone nos.: 0919-576-4759; 0915-926-0500; and 0906-261-5255.
8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Memorandum: Nos. 123, s. 2012 and 279, s. 2011

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

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1030 - November 13, 2013/11-18/11-21/11-27/12-3/12-4/12-16

117TH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL'S MARTYRDOM
List of Activities

PROGRAM TITLE/DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME/VENUE	IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
1. Ang Bagong Simula sa Kilometer Zero (Unity Run)	December 1, 2013 5:00am Rizal Park, Roxas Blvd., Manila	OKOR – Lead Agency with NHCP, DepEd , CHED, DILG, other government agencies and organizations
2. Staging the Play "Pahimakas: Huling Sandali ng Isang Bayani"	December 30, 2013 (tentative) 6:00pm Rizal Park Open Auditorium, Rizal Park Manila	DepEd and Aldaba's Theater Friends and Company
3. 51 st National Rizal Youth Leadership Institute (NRYLI) Conference	December 12-16, 2013 Teachers Camp, Baguio City	OKOR, NHCP, DepEd , CHED, and other private organizations
4. Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal: A Light and Sound Presentation and Guided Tour	December 28-30, 2013 9:00am to 5:00pm Rizal Park, Manila	NPDC, NHCP, DOT, DepEd , DILG and the general public
5. Simultaneous Flag Raising and Wreath Laying Ceremonies	December 30, 2013 7:00am at the following sites and venues: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Capital Region (NCR): Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila with the attendance of the Secretary or his representative, NCR regional director (RD), schools division/city superintendents (SDSs), other officials, teachers and students;• Region IV-CALABARZON: Rizal Shrine, Calamba City with the attendance of RD, SDS, other officials, teachers and students;• Region IX: Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City with the attendance of the SDS, other officials, teachers and students; and• Various Cities and Municipalities: The SDS, through the Division Special Programs and Projects Coordinator, may coordinate with the Local Government Unit (LGU) regarding the participation of DepEd in various programs.	NHCP – lead agency with DILG, DepEd , DTI and all government agencies and organizations