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Department of Education

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**2015 CONDUCT OF NATIONAL OBSERVANCES AND COMMEMORATIONS
OF HISTORICAL EVENTS AND 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 Administrative Order No. 23, entitled *Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances*, the Chairperson of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) as Chair, the representatives of the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Tourism (DOT) as members were tasked to take charge of the **2015 Conduct of National Observances and Commemorations of Historical Events and Related Activities**, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.
2. The activities aim to:
 - a. raise the level of historical/cultural awareness and consciousness of the elementary pupils and secondary students relative to the significance of the national commemorations;
 - b. instill in their minds the greatness of the Filipino race, the legacy of their national heroes, and the ideals of their nationhood; and
 - c. reawaken the Filipino people, especially the youth, of their responsibility and patriotic commitment to truly demonstrate the spirit of heroism, patriotism, nationalism, unity and national identity.
3. This Memorandum shall serve as a guide to all public and private schools nationwide to carry out meaningful activities integrated in related subject areas such as: *Sibika at Kultura*, *Heograpiya*, *Kasaysayan at Sining (HEKASI)*, *Araling Panlipunan*, Values Education or *Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EP)*, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino, and English during classroom discussions or school programs/events.
4. Enclosed is the list of national observances, commemorations, and related activities to be conducted and implemented.
5. Programs and activities to be conducted/undertaken during the abovementioned national observances and commemorations will be announced in a separate Memorandum.

6. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Events Unit (SEU)**, Room 505, Bonifacio Building, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO), DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, at telephone nos.: (02) 637-5832; (02) 637-5834, or mobile phone nos.: 0919-516-4759; 0906-261-5255.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 43, s. 2014

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

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2015 HISTORICAL/NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMS	DATE	LEGAL BASIS
National Observances		
Commemoration of the 73 rd Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week	April 5-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989; and ▪ Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987
Commemoration of the 117 th Philippine Independence Day Celebration	June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 110, s. 1963; and ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 28, s. 1962
Commemoration of the 2015 National Heroes Day	August 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Republic Act No. 9492, s. 2007; and ▪ Act No. 3827, s. 1931
Commemoration of the 152 nd Birth Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 27, s. 2012
Commemoration of the 119 th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal	December 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 126, s. 2001
Other Historical/National Celebrations		
Commemoration of the 116 th Anniversary of the Inauguration of the First Philippine Republic	January 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 533, s. 2013 ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 523, s. 2012
Adoption Consciousness Celebration	February 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proclamation No. 72, s. 1999
Commemoration of the 143 rd Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 204, s. 2002
Commemoration of the 29 th EDSA People Power Revolution	February 22-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1224, s. 2007
Commemoration of the 164 th Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal	March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1737, s. 2009
117 th National Flag Day Celebration	May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No 374, s. 1965
Commemoration of the 150 th Birth Anniversary of Galicano Apacible	June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011
Commemoration of the 116 th Historic Siege of Baler and 13 th Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day	June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1696, s. 2008 ▪ Republic Act No. 9187, s. 2002
Commemoration of the 200 th Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Dela Cruz (Hermano Puli)	July 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011
Commemoration of the 151 st Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	July 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 33, s. 2012 ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 361, s. 2000
Commemoration of the 137 th Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	August 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Republic Act No. 6741, s. 1988
Commemoration of the 117 th Opening of Malolos Congress	September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 246, s. 2011
Commemoration of the 43 rd Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	September 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 30, 2012 ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1081, s. 1972
Commemoration of the 150 th Birth Anniversary of Gen. Miguel Malvar	September 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011
2015 Consumer Welfare Month	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1098, s. 1997; and ▪ Republic Act No. 7394, s. 1992
Commemoration of the 71 st Leyte Gulf Landing	October 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 108, s. 1994
Other Programs/projects/events that may be directed by the President and the National Steering Committee for National Observances		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23, 2011
Related Activities		
Project W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty)	June-December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1782, s. 2009
Search for the Pambansang Gawad Sa Uilrang Kabataan	June - December	A nationwide search for the outstanding students in their achievements and contributions in their school and community.
2015 Kabisig Philippine Government Expo and Trade Fair	June	The activity features the Government agencies and private organizations' profiles, service facilities, programs, projects, products and accomplishments.
Historical and Cultural Festival of Excellence	September – December	A nationwide contest to be held in connection with the Rizal Day, Bonifacio Day, Mabini Day, Hermano Pule, and Miguel Malvar Celebration.
2015 National Music Competitions for Young Artists	Sept. – Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 25, s. 1998
Summit and Seminar Workshop – Proper Implementation of the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Phil.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Republic Act 8491, s. 1998
53 rd National Rizal Youth Leadership Institute (NRYLI) Conference	December	A conference for student leaders from public and private schools and colleges/universities nationwide.