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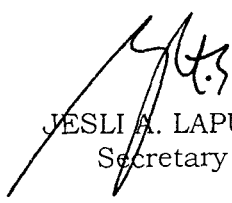
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DepED MEMORANDUM
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NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES ALONG
THE MAJOR HIGHWAYS IN LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

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

1. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepED), will conduct a nationwide simultaneous tree planting activities along the major highways in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao on August 25, 2006 at 10 o'clock in the morning.
2. The project is envisioned to strengthen public concern toward environmental protection and restore air quality within standards in the next five years.
3. Air quality survey findings show that the Philippines has the second most polluted air among the eight ASEAN countries, and its quality falls short of the appropriate standards for health.
4. While environmental protection is a responsibility of every member of our society, the project will adopt a new philosophy on shared responsibility through social mobilization enjoining everyone to get involved in this project.
5. In support of this national program, students of public and private elementary and secondary schools are requested to actively participate during the launching of the Green Philippine Highways (GPH) Project, especially those located along the three (3) major highways, namely **Pan Philippine Highway, Manila North Road** and the **West Nautical Highway**.
6. The DepED Regional and Division Offices are requested to coordinate with their respective DENR offices on this project.
7. DepED Regional and Division Offices shall report the progress of the preparation **on or before August 23, 2006** to **Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes**, Focal Person on the Green Philippine Highways (GPH) Project, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, tel. no. (02) 631-5057 or email address: ainocentes@deped.gov.ph.
8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

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

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Sheila, MPPD-TS, DM Simultaneous Tree Planting, August 11, 2006