



MAY 30 2007

DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 217, s. 2007

109th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

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

1. The 109th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence will be commemorated from May 28 (The National Flag Day) to June 30, 2007. This is a collaborative task of all the government agencies, private sectors, non-government associations and organizations. The theme of this year's celebration is "**Sama-Sama Tayo Tungo Sa Pag-Asenso.**"
2. The objectives of this year's celebration are to:
 - a. Reawaken the Filipinos of their responsibility and patriotic commitment especially the youth to commemorate the heroism, nationalism and self-sacrifice of our forefathers in the struggle for independence;
 - b. Instill in our minds the greatness of our race, the legacy of our heroes and the ideals of nationhood; and
 - c. Unite and rally behind the government's Ten Point Agenda to "BEAT THE ODDS" and the country's institutions.
3. As co-chairman of the 2007 National Organizing Committee (NOC), the Secretary with the DepED officials (national, regional, divisions), teachers and students will actively participate in the scheduled programs and activities which are divided into three modules namely: The Watawat and Pambansang Awit Module (May 21 to June 4), The Kalayaan Module (June 5 to 15), and the Kabayanihan Module (June 16 to 30).
4. All DepED offices and schools, both public and private are hereby requested to display and raise the Flag from May 21 to June 30 to support the National Flag Day. Also, significant events in history that lead to the proclamation of independence be taken up in classroom discussions especially in Social Studies, English, Filipino, Values, and MAPEH.
5. Some of the highlights of the celebration are the awarding ceremonies of the 3rd Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan and the Launching of the Walk for LIFE (Leadership In Filipino Education) under the Kalayaan Module on June 11, the Rizal Is Alive Forum and the Grand Raffle Draw of the Rizal National Festival of Excellence tickets on June 19 as part of the Kabayanihan Module.

6. The transportation/travel expenses of the awardees (17) and the Regional Special Events Coordinators or their alternates (17) shall be charged against local funds. All other preparatory and actual expenses shall be charged against OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Expenses for the awards, plaques, medals, service bus/van for the participants, honoraria of the board and panel of judges and emcee shall be charged against NHI 2007 Independence Day funds.

7. Enclosed is the DepED program of activities from May 21 to June 30, 2007. The list of the National Events will follow.

8. For more information, please contact Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa and the staff of the Special Events Unit located at 505 Bonifacio Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City with Tel. Fax No. (02) 637-5832 and Tel. Nos. (02) 637-5834 and (02) 632-1361 local 2211.

9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DepED Memorandum: No. 197, s. 2006

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS
OFFICIALS
SCHOOLS

Sally - 109 anniversary Phil. independence
May 4, 2007

109th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence
Theme: Sama-Sama Tayo Tungo sa Pag-Asenso!
May 21 to June 30, 2007

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
(Department of Education)

Part I May 21 to June 4, 2007, *Watawat at Pambansang Awit Module*

- May 21** **Flag Raising Ceremony**
(Monday) Topic: Historical Background - The Symbolic Significance of the Flag
Opening of the Flag Day Exhibit at DepED lobby
"Independence Day Across the Years"
- May 28** **Flag-Raising Ceremony**
(Monday) Topic: RA No. 8491 - Heraldic Code of the Philippines
Kick-Off Ceremony - National Flag Day
Flag Raising and Wreath Laying Ceremonies
Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila
Battle of Alapan
Alapan Historical Landmark, Imus Cavite
- Jun 4** **Flag-Raising Ceremony**
(Monday) Topic : National Anthem and June 12 Activities

Part II June 5 to 15, 2007, *KALAYAAN 2007 Module*

- Jun 9** **Arrival of Participants for the 3rd Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan**
(Saturday) (17 Regional Awardees, 17 Regional Special Events Coordinators,
Technical Working Committee Members, Panel of Judges)
- Jun 10** **AM Holy Mass (in a nearby church or in the Hotel)**
(Sunday) Panel Interview and Final Judging
PM City Tour (To be arranged by NHI)
- Jun 11** **AM Launching of the "A Walk for LIFE" (Leadership In Filipino Education)**
(Monday) Sponsored by: OCCI, DepED, and OKOR
PM Awarding Ceremonies of the 3rd Pambansang Gawad sa
Ulirang Kabataan (Venue to be announced later)
- Jun 12** **AM Flag Raising and Wreath Laying Ceremonies**
(Tuesday) Main Flag Pole, Rizal Park, Manila
PM Kalayaan Parade
Quirino Grandstand, Roxas Blvd., Manila
- Jun 13** **AM Home-Sweet-Home**

Part III June 16 to 30, 2007, *KABAYANIHAN! Module*

- Jun 18** **Flag Raising Ceremony**
(Monday) Topic : Rizal Day: Birth Anniversary of Jose P. Rizal
- Jun 19** **AM Rizal Is Alive Forum**
(Tuesday) Simultaneous Forum in NCR Schools (14 Divisions)
PM Grand Raffle Draw of the Rizal National Festival of Excellence
Conducted by RNFE Technical Working Committee
- Jun 25** **Flag-Raising Ceremony**
(Monday) Topic : Rizal and the Philippine Revolution
- Jun 30** **Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day**
(Saturday) Simultaneous Activities: Vigan, Baler, Bohol, Zamboanga, and Manila

Note: Flag-Raising Ceremonies can be replicated in DepED offices and schools nationwide.