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18TH NATIONAL ARTS MONTH

To: Bureau Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is organizing the Celebration of the 18th National Arts Month this February. Also dubbed as Philippine Arts Festival 2008, the theme of this activity is **"Ani ng Sining: Arts in Public Spaces"**. An agency, region, province, city, municipality may choose to have its own sub-theme that is most relevant to its local conditions and community aspirations depending on the focus and direction of its arts activities.

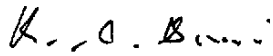
2. The objectives of this activity are to:

- a. promote and popularize the outstanding artistic creations of Filipino artists;
- b. promote the creativity and productivity of the young and upcoming artists, with special attention to the marginalized sector;
- c. illustrate the significant role of art in uplifting the nation's spirit; and
- d. utilize arts as a catalyst for values education in generating collective action to realize the UN millennium development goals in line with the government's 10 point agenda.

3. The suggested activities may be undertaken by the agency or institution in accordance with its own capabilities. These may be in the form of music, dance or theater performances, film or visual arts exhibits, visits to museums or cultural sites, arts workshops or any other forms relevant to the theme and selected subtheme of the agency. The agencies are requested to provide their own streamers to be displayed at their building façade throughout the month of February. Likewise, they are encouraged to post posters and other information materials within or outside of their offices. The Philippine Arts Festival Secretariat shall provide the materials.

5. Further inquiries may be coursed through Mf. Rizfrancis Delos Santos at tel. no. 527-2192 loc. 512; fax no. 527-2198 or e-mail at phil arts fest@yahoo.com.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary

Reference:

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