



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **196**, s. 2018

122nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Regional and Division Special Events Coordinators
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 126, s. 2001 entitled **Declaring the Month of December of Every Year as Rizal Month**, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), in collaboration with other government agencies, local government units (LGUs) and the private sector shall conduct the simultaneous Rizal Day Flag-Raising and Wreath-Laying Rites on December 30, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. in celebration of the **122nd Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal** at the following regions and venues:

Region	Venue	Attendees from DepEd
National Capital Region (NCR)	Rizal National Monument Rizal Park, Manila	Secretary or his representative, NCR regional director (RD), schools division superintendents (SDS) (all schools divisions except Quezon City (QC), DepEd officials, principals, teachers, and learners from nearby schools
	Rizal Monument Quezon City Hall	SDS of QC, other officials, teachers, and learners from nearby schools
Region IV-A CALABARZON	Rizal Shrine Calamba City	RD, assistant regional director (ARD), SDS Calamba City, other officials, teachers, and learners from nearby schools
Region IX	Rizal Shrine, Dapitan City	RD, ARD, SDS of Dapitan City, other officials, teachers, and learners from nearby schools
Region XI	Davao City	RD, ARD, SDS of Davao City, other officials, teachers, and learners from nearby schools

	Various Cities and Municipalities	The RD, ARD, SDS, through the Division Special Events coordinators, may coordinate with their respective LGUs regarding the participation of DepEd in various programs.
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2. The Department of Education (DepEd), as member of the National Steering Committee (provided in Enclosure No. 1), enjoins the attendance, participation, and support of the regional and division school officials, teachers, and students to the different programs, events, and commemorative activities:

Activity	Date/Time/Venue	Other Details
<i>Ang Huling Paalam</i>	December 12, 2018 2:00 p.m. Museo ni Jose Rizal Fort Santiago Intramuros, Manila	This lecture puts into limelight the " <i>Ang Huling Paalam</i> ," an oil painting by Rody Herrera which won the 1960 Rizal Centennial International Contest. In more contemporary sense, the lectures explore the sociological impact of trials and executions to the immediate family and relatives of the persecuted. Learner-participants from nearby schools to be identified by the SDS/school principals
Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal: A Light and Sound Presentation and Guided Tour	December 28–30, 2018 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Rizal Park, Manila	National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) is in charge of this activity. Admission is free.
Short Prayer and Floral Offering	December 29, 2018 6:00 to 6:30 a.m. Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park Manila	The <i>Pananampalataya ng Kapatiran ang Litaw na Katalinuhan</i> (KALK) is in charge of this activity.
Reenactment of Rizal's Walk from Fort Santiago to Luneta and Commemorative Rites	December 29, 2018 5:00 a.m. Fort Santiago to Luneta	

3. 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 teaching 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 learners on the essence of Filipino literacy classics in their lives.
4. To make this commemoration more meaningful, all public and private schools are encouraged to carry out activities integrated in related subject areas such as: *Sibika at Kultura*, *Heograpiya*, *Kasaysayan at Sibika* (HEKASI), *Araling Panlipunan*, *Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao*, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English, among others during classroom discussions to make this commemoration more meaningful.
5. The travel allowances and per diem of the DepEd Technical Working Group (TWG) members (provided in Enclosure No. 2) shall be charged to the 2018 Building Partnerships and Linkages Programs (BPLP) Current Funds, subject to its availability, and to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. All regional and schools division officials, teachers, and employees who will attend in the Flag Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies on **December 30, 2018** at all sites and venues shall be given a one day service credit.
7. For more information, all concerned may contact any of the following:
 - **National Historical Commission of the Philippines**
T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila
Telephone No.: (02) 254-7482 local 131
 - **External Partnership Service-Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU)**
Department of Education Central Office
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City
Telephone Nos.: (02) 637-5832 and 637-5834
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encls.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 227, s. 2016

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

CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 23

CREATING A STEERING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL OBSERVANCES

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition;"

WHEREAS, memories of historic events that shaped the nation constitute the soul of a people, giving meaning to their collective life and aspirations;

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10086 mandates the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to determine all factual matters relating to official Philippine history as well as develop and implement educational materials in various media for the popularization of Philippine history;

WHEREAS, every year the NHCP initiates, through separate presidential issuances, the organization and implementation by different inter-agency committees of national observances to celebrate important events and honor key historic figures;

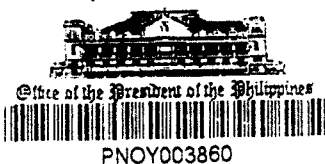
WHEREAS, a single directive creating a permanent planning committee will facilitate the necessary preparation and implementation, and dispense with repetitive presidential orders year to year; and

WHEREAS, the Revised Administrative Code of 1987 empowers the President of the Philippines with the continuing authority to reorganize the Executive Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. Creation of the Committee. A Steering Committee on National Observances shall be established to plan, organize, and undertake the commemoration of selected historical events.

SECTION 2. Composition. The Committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of the NHCP and composed of officers from the following



department or agencies with a rank not lower than Assistant Secretary, duly authorized to represent their respective Secretaries:

- a. Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- b. Department of Education (DepEd); and
- c. Department of Tourism (DOT).

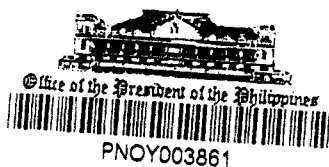
The Committee may also invite other government agencies, which it deems necessary, according to the thrust and requirements of each commemoration.

SECTION 3. Coverage. The Committee shall take charge of the following national celebrations:

- a. Araw ng Kagitingan;
- b. Independence Day;
- c. National Heroes Day;
- d. Bonifacio Day;
- e. Rizal Day; and
- f. Other historical celebrations in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. Power and Functions. The Committee shall have the following powers and functions:

- a. Formulate, organize and prescribe the manner of yearly celebrations of historical events;
- b. Draw up a mechanism among various national departments, local government units, and the private sector for effective mobilization and coordination of commemorative programs;
- c. Monitor, evaluate and submit quarterly reports to the President on all programs of the Committee; and
- d. Perform such other powers and functions as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Administrative Order.



SECTION 5. Assistance and Cooperation. All other government agencies are hereby directed to cooperate with and fully support the activities of the Committee.

SECTION 6. Funding. The Committee shall operate under the existing budget of the NHCP, except for the commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan, which shall be charged against the funds of the Department of National Defense (DND). Any deficiency shall be charged against the regular budget of the participating agencies.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Administrative Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

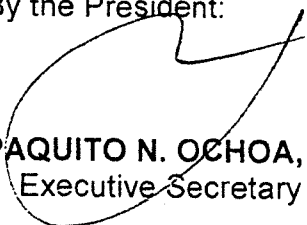
SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All orders, rules, regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Administrative Order, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately.

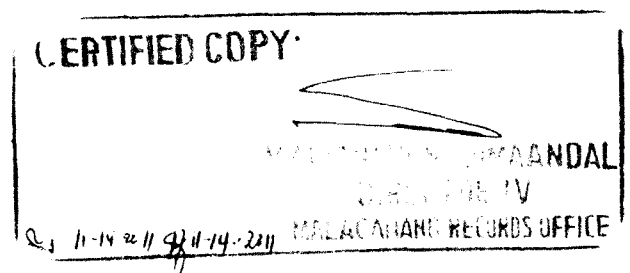
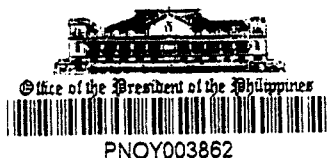
DONE in the City of Manila this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.



By the President:



PAQUITO N. OCHOA, JR.
Executive Secretary



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 126

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DECLARING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "RIZAL MONTH"

WHEREAS, December 30 of every year marks the death anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal, patriot, martyr, and National Hero;

WHEREAS, December 23-20 of each year which has been declared Rizal Week since December 19, 1986 has not been sufficient to accommodate all the activities to give due recognition to Dr. Rizal's martyrdom in order to attain their full impact to the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of December of every year as "Rizal Month".

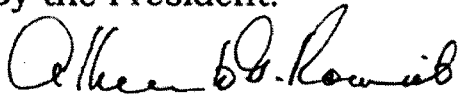
I call upon the Commission on Higher Education, Department of Education, other government agencies/instrumentalities, the Order of the Knights of Rizal and concerned organizations to extend full support to the programs and activities planned for the month.

I likewise call upon all citizens and residents of the Philippines, irrespective of race and creed to participate and support the Rizal Month activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 26th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and one.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

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Special Events Unit

Background and Legal Basis

In view of Executive Order No. 80, then Secretary Andrew Gonzalez directed the formation of the Special Events Unit – a special office under the Office of the Secretary (OSEC) – through DECS Order No. 97, s. 1999 for the coordination of the departments' historical, cultural and special commemorative events/programs. It was amended by DECS Order No. 53, s. 2000, DECS Memorandum No. 348, s. 2000 (Designation of Regional and Division Special Events Coordinators), which was followed by DepED Memorandum No. 57, s. 2005 reiterating the designation of Regional and Division Special Events Coordinators. DepEd Order No.18, s. 2012 Directing the creation of the Special Programs and Projects Office (SPAPO) to be constituted by the Special Events Unit (SEU) and the Culture and the Arts Office (CAO), DepEd Order No.39, s.2014 Amendment to DepEd Order No.18, s. 2012 renaming to Special Events Unit which will report directly to the Undersecretary for External Partnerships and Linkages. In July 2016, the unit is reporting to the Director of External Partnerships Service, and in January 2018, we are directly reporting to the Undersecretary of Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and School Sports.

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Legal Basis of the Commemorations

- By the President of the Philippines, Administrative Order No.23, s. 2011 – Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances.
- The committee shall be chaired by the Chairperson of National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and composed of officers from the following department or agencies (DILG, DEPED, DOT)

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List of Commemorative Events

Commemoration of the 76 th Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week	April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989; and ▪ Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987
Commemoration of the 120 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 2018 National Heroes Day	August 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Republic Act No. 9492, s. 2007; and ▪ Act No. 3827, s. 1931
Commemoration of the 155 th Birth Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 27, s. 2012
Commemoration of the 122 nd Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal	December 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 126, s. 2001 ▪ Republic Act. 1425 s.1956

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Commemoration of the 119 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
Commemoration of the 103 rd Death Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	February 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 54 th Death Anniversary of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo	February 06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 146 th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 204, s. 2002
Edsa People Power 32nd Anniversary	February 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Executive Order 47, S. 2017
Commemoration of the 149 th Birth Anniversary of Baldomero Aguinaldo	February 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 167 th Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal	March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1737, s. 2009

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Commemoration of the 61 st Death Anniv. of Pres. Ramon Magsaysay	March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 149 th Birth Anniversary of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo	March 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Paggunita sa Capas	Apr. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proc.No.466 s. 1986 and Exec. Order 203. s.1987
Commemoration of the 121 st Death Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 115 th Death Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
151 st Birth Anniversary of Julio Nakpil	May 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 159 th Birth Anniversary of Felipe Agoncillo	May 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 120 th National Flag Day Celebration	May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presidential Proclamation No 374, s. 1965 ▪ Executive Order No.179 S.1994

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Commemoration of the 156 th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal	June 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 158 th Birth Anniversary of Marcela Agoncillo	June 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 153 rd Birth Anniversary of Galicano Apacible	June 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011
Commemoration of the 119 th Historic Siege of Baler and 16 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 122 nd Death Anniversary of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	July 04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 203 rd Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Dela Cruz (Hermano Puli)	July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011
Commemoration of the 154 th Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	July 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Administrative Order No. 33, s. 2012 ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 261 s. 2000

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History Month	Aug.01-31	▪ Proclamation No.339
Commemoration of the 74 th Death Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	August 01	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 140 th Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	August 19	▪ Republic Act No. 6741, s. 1989
Commemoration of the 168 th Birth Anniversary of Marcelo H. Del Pilar	August 30	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 122 nd Anniversary of the "Battle of San Juan Del Monte"	August 30	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 111 th Birth Anniversary of Pres. Ramon Magsaysay	August 31	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 120 th Opening of Malolos Congress	September 15	▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 246, s. 2011

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Commemoration of the 46 th Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	September 23	▪ Administrative Order No. 30, 2012 ▪ Presidential Proclamation No. 1081, s. 1972
Commemoration of the 153 rd Birth Anniversary of Gen. Miguel Malvar	September 27	▪ Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011
Commemoration of the 108 th Birth Anniversary of Pres. Diosdado Macapagal	September 28	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 74 th Leyte Gulf Landing	October 20	▪ Administrative Order No. 108, s. 1994
Commemoration of the 161 st Birth Anniversary of Juan Luna	October 24	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 157 th Birth Anniversary of Leon Apacible	October 25	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.

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Commemoration of the 152 nd Birth Anniversary of Antonio Luna	October 29	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 143 rd Birth Anniversary of Gregorio del Pilar	November 14	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
Commemoration of the 128 th Birth Anniversary of Elpidio Quirino	November 16	▪ Proclamation No. 967
Other Programs/projects/events that may be directed by the President and the National Steering Committee for National Observances		▪ Administrative Order No. 23, 2011

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List of Commemorative Events

Milestone		
150th Birth Anniversary of Agueda Esteban- Heroine of the Philippine Revolution (Manila)	February 05	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
100 th Death Anniversary of Mariano Ponce-Member of the Propaganda Movement and Writer (Bulacan)	May 23	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
150th Birth Anniversary of Mariano Trias- Katipunán (Cavite)	October 12	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
150th Birth Anniversary of Teresa Magbanua- Female Revolutionary Leader of the Visayas (Iloilo)	October 13	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
150 th Death Anniversary of Martin Delgado	November 12	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.

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206 th Birth Anniversary of Melchora Aquino	January 6	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
85 th Birth Anniversary of Pres. Corazon C. Aquino	January 25	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
73 rd Anniversary of the Battle of Manila	February 3	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
32 nd Anniversary of Edsa People Power Revolution	February 25	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
9 th Death Anniversary of Pres. Corazon Aquino	August 1	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
35 th Death Anniversary of Sen. Benigno S. Aquino Jr.	August 21	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
122 nd Anniversary of the Cry of Pugad Lawin	August 23	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
86 th Birth Anniversary of Sen. Benigno S. Aquino	November 27	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.
119 th Anniversary of the Battle of San Mateo	December 19	▪ Administrative Order No. 23. Sec. 03 letter f.

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Existing Partnerships

Adoption Consciousness Celebration	February to November	▪ Moa dated Oct.19, 2017
Project W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty)	June-December	▪ Junior Chamber International Presidential Proclamation No. 1782, s. 2009
National Music Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA)	Sept. – Nov.	▪ NAMCYA, Inc. Presidential Proclamation No. 25, s. 1998
Phil. Flag and Anthem Advocates – RA8491 also known as the Heraldic Code of the Philippines	Oct.-Dec.	▪ PFAAI, NHCP Republic Act 8491, s. 1998
World Teachers Day	October 05	▪ Republic Act. No. 10743

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