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Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM

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125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) will participate in the commemoration of the **125th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence** with the theme, *Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan* from May 28 to June 30, 2023. This is in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 110, s. 1963, titled **Declaring June 12 as Philippine Independence Day**, and Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011, titled **Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances**. All departments, bureaus, offices, government agencies, and government-owned and controlled corporations are required to give full support, assistance, and cooperation to the National Steering Committee (NSC), chaired by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), in the exercise of its responsibilities and functions in order to achieve the celebration's objectives.

2. This year's celebration aims to

- a. commemorate the heroism, patriotism, nationalism, and self-sacrifice of our Filipino forefathers in the struggle for independence;
- b. instill in the hearts and minds of the youth the greatness of the Filipino race, the legacy of their national heroes, and the ideals of their nationhood; and
- c. show unity and strength during challenging times.

3. The exhibit on *Pampamahalaang Programa at Serbisyo*, an activity that will showcase the programs and services of various government offices, will be held on **June 11-12, 2023 (Sunday and Monday)**, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Rizal Park, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. The following DepEd offices are invited to participate:

- a. Bureau of Education Assessment (BEA),
- b. Public Affairs Service (PAS),
- c. Administrative Service (General Services Division),
- d. External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU)-National Technical Working Group (TWG/Coordinator), and
- e. DepEd National Capital Region (NCR).

4. To commemorate the **125th Anniversary of Philippine Independence** and to observe the **National Flag Day**, the DepEd central office (CO), regional offices (RO), schools division offices (SDO), and schools are required to undertake the following activities:

- a. Simultaneous Flag Raising in schools or historical sites on **June 12, 2023**;
 - b. Display of the Philippine Flag in the classrooms (charged to the School's MOOE), offices, and residences of all teaching and nonteaching personnel from **May 15 to June 30, 2023**;
 - c. Discussions on the Philippine flag awareness and significant events in history, which led to the Proclamation of Philippine Independence especially in *Sibika at Kultura, Heograpiya, Kasaysayan at Sining (HEKASI), Araling Panlipunan, Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP), Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English*, at least once a week for the whole year;
 - d. Submission of school work related to the celebration of Independence Day. Grades 1 to 3 learners will submit a drawing of the Philippine Flag, while higher grade levels will submit a one-page reflection paper on what they did during Independence Day or share experiences on what the Philippine Independence means to them, to be collected by their teachers;
 - e. Conduct of symposium and/or round table discussion to raise awareness on the event, and propagate values like nationalism, patriotism, and love of country, which were exhibited by the Filipinos during the trying periods of the country;
 - f. Putting up a bulletin board or a venue within the campus where informative materials concerning the commemorative event may be displayed;
 - g. A month-long sharing of insights on the same topic is encouraged during the flag ceremony at the ROs, SDOs, and schools to be spearheaded by the *Araling Panlipunan* Supervisors; and
 - h. Other creative and fitting activities.
5. All DepEd officials, teachers, and learners at the national, regional, schools division, and school levels are required to actively participate in the scheduled activities.
6. DepEd requests the support, assistance, and cooperation of the regions stated in the enclosure for the Simultaneous Flag Raising and Wreath-laying Ceremonies on **June 12, 2023, 8:00 a.m.** at various historical sites and venues.
7. Teachers shall receive appropriate service credits as stipulated in DepEd Order (DO) No. 53, s. 2003, titled **Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers**, and DO 84, s. 2003, titled **Addendum to DO No. 53, s. 2003 (Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers)**, while nonteaching personnel should attend programs and activities on **official time only**.
8. Travel expenses (transportation and per diem) of the TWG, meals, communication, documentation, supplies, carpentry materials, preparatory, and other incidental expenses from May 28 to June 30, 2023, shall be charged to the 2023 Building Partnership and Linkages Program, whereas exhibitors' travel expenses from various DepEd offices and participating schools, and the materials production of flyers, tarpaulins, and other materials shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
9. For more information, please contact the **External Partnerships Service**, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at externalpartnerships@deped.gov.ph or telephone number (02) 8638-8637, (02) 8638-8639.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:



ATTY. MICHAEL WESLEY T. POA
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order (Nos.: 53 and 84, s. 2003)
DepEd Memorandum No. 053, s. 2019



To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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**125th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence****125th National Flag Day Celebration**

May 28, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

REGION/DIVISION CONCERNED	PARTICIPANTS	VENUE	GUEST OF HONOR
Region IV-A CALABARZON – Schools Division Office of Imus City	Attendance of concerned officials (Central Office, Region, Division) supervisors, principals, teachers, and students from nearby schools	Heritage Park, Miguel Santo, Alapan II-B, Imus, Cavite City	TBA

Simultaneous Flag Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies

June 12, 2023, 7:00 a.m.

REGION/DIVISION CONCERNED	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS REQUESTED (composed of concerned officials (Central Office, Region, Division) supervisors, principals, teachers, and learners from nearby schools)	VENUE	PROPOSED GUEST OF HONOR
National Capital Region (NCR)	100	Mausoleo de los Veteranos de las Revolucion, Manila North Cemetery, Manila	Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Department of National Defense
Region IV-A CALABARZON Schools Division Office (SDO) of Cavite	100	Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo, Kawit, Cavite	His Excellency Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. President of the Republic
NCR All 16 Divisions	400	Rizal National Monument, Roxas Blvd., Manila	TBA
Region III SDO of Malolos City	100	Barasoain Church Historical Landmark, Malolos, Bulacan	Chief Justice Alexander G. Gesmundo Supreme Court of the Philippines
NCR SDO of Caloocan City	100	Andres Bonifacio National Monument, Caloocan City	House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez House of Representatives

NCR SDO of San Juan City	100	Spirit of Pinaglabanan Monument, Pinaglabanan Shrine, San Juan City	Senate President Miguel F. Zubiri Senate of the Philippines
Region III SDO of Angeles City	100	Museum of Philippine Social History, Angeles City, Pampanga	TBD
Regions I, II, IV-B MIMAROPA, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII, CARAGA, CAR, BARMM	100	(for coordination with respective Local Government Units)	

FLOAT PARADE

June 12, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

REGION/DIVISI ON CONCERN	Proposed Participants	Venue
NCR - SDO of Manila	50 Teachers 50 learners	Quirino Grandstand

NOTE: There will be a general rehearsal of contingent participants on June 2023 (TBA) at the venue. Participants are advised to wear red shirts during the rehearsal for easy identification.