

June 10, 2014

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 267, s. 2014

**116<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE**

**TO :** Assistant Superintendents  
Division Supervisors/Coordinators  
Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 309 s. 2014 entitled, **116<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE** for the information and guidance of all concerns.
2. For more details, please refer to the attached Memorandum.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 309, s. 2014

116<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE

To: Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Officers-in-Charge of Regular and Interim Divisions  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is DepEd Unnumbered Memorandum, dated April 25, 2014, entitled, "116<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence", which is self-explanatory.
2. For details, refer to the attached communication.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
 Schools Division City Superintendents  
 Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
 All Others Concerned

**THRU : DINA S. OCAMPO**  
 Undersecretary  
 For Programs and Projects

**FROM : DR. LORNA D. DINO**  
 Assistant Secretary  
 For Programs and Projects

**DATE : April 25, 2014**

**SUBJECT : 116TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE**

In line with the celebration of the 116th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence anchored on the theme: "KALAYAAN: Bunga ng Kagitingan, Kadakilaan at Karangalan" as announced in DepEd Memorandum No. 43, s. 2014, the department is requesting your usual support, assistance and cooperation in the following line-up activities/programs:

1. Attendance of officials, teachers and students during the simultaneous Flag Raising in the following historical venues on June 12, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock ~~4:00~~.
  - a. Plaza Kinse Martirez, Naga City;
  - b. Rizal National Monument, Rizal Park, Manila;
  - c. Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite;
  - d. Barrasagin Church Historical Landmark, Malolos, Bulacan;
  - e. Pinaglabanan Memorial Shrine, San Juan City;
  - f. Mausoleo de los Veteranos de la Revolution, Manila North Cemetery;
  - g. Bonifacio National Monument, Caloocan City;
  - h. Paminluan Mansion, Angeles City, Pampanga;
  - i. Davao City;
  - i. Cebu City; and
  - k. Other cities and municipalities within the area of your jurisdiction.
2. "Watawat Ko, Iwagayway Ko" (a flag in every home, office, school, major thoroughfares, establishments, etc.) from May 26, 2014 to June 30, 2014.
3. The Search for the Pambarangay Gawad sa Ultrang Kabalaan (PGUK) which will start June 2014 for the school, division and regional search. This search will culminate on December 2014. Mechanics of the contest will be announced later.

4. Public and private elementary and secondary school heads are encouraged to conduct different classroom/campus activities related to different subject areas such as HeKaSi, Araling Panlipunan, Edukasyon sa Pagpapahalaga, MAPE/MAPEH, Filipino and English.

In addition, the Regional Director and Division Superintendent of the historical venues wherein simultaneous Flag Raising will be conducted are requested to represent the department during this momentous occasion. However, higher officials (Secretary, Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary) of the department will attend at the venues Plaza Kinse Martinez, Naga City and Rizal National Monument, Manila.

The travel expenses of officials and teachers and other incidental expenses shall be charged to local funds while the TEV of TWG, meals, uniform of exhibitors and other expenditures shall be charged to OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For further details, please contact the Special Programs and Projects Office, Rm. 505, Bonifacio Bldg., DepEd CO., Meralco Ave., Pasig City, telephone nos.: (02) 637 58 32 and 637 58 34 or mobile nos.: 0919 516 4759, 0915 926 0500, 0906 261 5255 and 0929 196 5567.

We hope for your most needed cooperation and support to this milestone event in our history.



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
 No. **43**, s. 2014

**2014 CONDUCT OF NATIONAL OBSERVANCES AND COMMEMORATION  
 OF HISTORICAL EVENTS**

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

1. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 23, entitled *Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances*, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHP) as chair, the Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Tourism (DOT) as members were tasked to take charge of the **2014 Conduct of National Observances and Commemoration of Historical Events**, in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

2. The activities aim to:

- a. raise the level of historical/cultural awareness and consciousness of elementary pupils and secondary students relative to the significance of the national commemorations;
- b. instill in their minds the greatness of the Filipino race, the legacy of their national heroes, and the ideals of their nationhood; and
- c. reawaken the Filipino people especially the youth of their responsibility and patriotic commitment to truly demonstrate the spirit of heroism, patriotism, nationalism, unity, and national identity.

3. This Memorandum will serve as a guide to all public and private schools nationwide to carry out meaningful activities integrated in related subject areas such as: *Sibika at Kultura, Heograpiya, Kasaysayan, at Sining (HEKAS)*, *Araling Panlipunan*, Values Education or Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino, and English during classroom discussions or school programs/events.

4. Enclosed is the list of national observances and historical events to be celebrated/commemorated.

5. Programs and activities to be conducted/undertaken during the abovementioned national observances and commemoration of historical events will be announced in a separate Memorandum.

6. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Programs and Projects Office (SPAPO)**, located at Room 505, Bonifacio Bldg., DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, at telephone nos.: (02) 637-58-32 and 637-58-34, mobile phone nos.: 0919-516-4759, 0915-926-0500, and 0906-261-5255.

7 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**DR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encl:

As stated

Reference: N o u e

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

CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS  
Learning Area, SIBIKA AT KULTURA  
PUPILS  
SCHOOLS  
STUDENTS

## Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 43, s. 2014

**2014 HISTORICAL EVENTS BEING COMMEMORATED**

<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LEGAL BASIS</b>
<b>National Observances</b>		
72 <sup>nd</sup> Araw ng Kagitingan and Philippine Veterans Week	April 5-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 466, s. 1989; and</li> <li>Executive Order No. 203, s. 1987</li> </ul>
116 <sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration	June 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 110, s. 1963; and</li> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 28, s. 1962</li> </ul>
2014 National Heroes Day	August 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Act No. 3827, s. 1931</li> </ul>
151 <sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Andres Bonifacio	November 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Order No. 27, s. 2012</li> </ul>
118 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal	December 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 126, s. 2001</li> </ul>
<b>Other Historical Celebrations</b>		
Commemoration of the 115 <sup>th</sup> Inauguration of the First Philippine Republic	January 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 533, s. 2013</li> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 523, s. 2012</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 28 <sup>th</sup> EDSA People Power Revolution	February 22-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 1224, s. 2007</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 142 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Martyrdom of GOMBURZA	February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 204, s. 2002</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 163 <sup>rd</sup> Birth Anniversary of Paciano Rizal	March 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proclamation No. 1737, s. 2009</li> </ul>
National Flag Day Celebration	May 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 374, s. 1965</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 115 <sup>th</sup> Historic Siege of Baler and 12 <sup>th</sup> Philippine Spanish Friendship Day	June 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 1696, s. 2008</li> <li>Republic Act No. 9187, s. 2002</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the Sesquicentennial Birth Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini	July 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Order No. 33, s. 2012</li> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 361, s. 2000</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 136 <sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of President Manuel L. Quezon	August 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Republic Act No. 6741, s. 1988</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 116 <sup>th</sup> Opening of Malolos Congress	September 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 246, s. 2011</li> </ul>
Commemoration of the 42 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Declaration of Martial Law	September 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative Order No. 30, 2012</li> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 1081, s. 1972</li> </ul>
<b>DepEd Related Activities/Events/Programs</b>		
Project W.A.T.C.H. (We Advocate Time Consciousness and Honesty)	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presidential Proclamation No. 1782, s. 2009</li> <li>Nationwide search for the best school implementers.</li> </ul>
7 <sup>th</sup> Pamantasan Gawad Sa Uuring Kabataan	June	A nationwide search for the outstanding students in their achievements and contributions in their school and community.
Historical and Cultural Festival of Excellence	September - December	A nationwide contest to be held in connection with the Rizal Day, Bonifacio Day and Mabini Day Celebration.

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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;

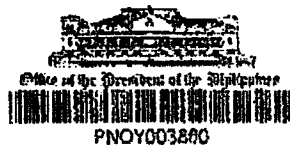
WHEREAS, a single directive creating a permanent planning committee will facilitate the necessary preparation and implementation, and dispense with repetitive presidential orders year to year; and

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).

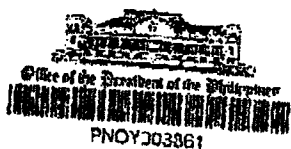
The Committee may also invite other government agencies, which it deems necessary, according to the thrust and requirements of each commemoration.

**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

