REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 279 s. 2021

INFORMATION ON THE QUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES (QCP) AND THE 2021 QCP CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Executive Orders No.55, s. 2018 that created the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) and 103, s. 2020 entitled Reconstituting and Strengthening the National Quincentennial Committee, And Amending EO No. 55, s. 2018 for the Purpose, the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP), shall be observed by the Filipino nation to mark the 500 years of various historic events with the theme: Victory and Humanity.

2. In support of this 2021 celebration, all DepEd Officials and all others concerned are encouraged to promote the educational materials relative to the quincentennial commemorations that are published at the NCQ website (www.nqc.gov.ph) and the official You Tube Channel (www.youtube.com/c/nqc2021).

3. The national celebration of the 500th anniversary of the victory of Lapulapu at the Battle of Mactan will be on April 27, 2021.

4. The list of the thirty-four (34) quincentennial events, when and where these events will be commemorated, is attached to this memorandum.

5. For immediate dissemination, information and compliance.

For the Regional Director:

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FROM : ANNALYN M. SEVILLA
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SUBJECT : INFORMATION ON THE QUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES (QCP) AND THE 2021 QCP CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

DATE : February 24, 2021

The 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP) is a series of observances organized to mark the 500th anniversary of various events in the Philippines notably the role of the country in the Magellan–Elcano circumnavigation, the victory of Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan, and the introduction of Christianity in the Philippines. On April 27, 2021, the Filipino nation will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan April 27, 1521.

The National Quincentennial Committee (NQC), per EO 55, s. 2018 as amended by Executive Order 103 s. 2020 entitled Reconstituting and Strengthening the National Quincentennial Committee, and Amending Executive Order No. 55, s. 2018 for the Purpose, serves as the coordinator and clearing house of all government initiatives relative to the commemorations, except the ecclesiastical aspect of the 500 anniversary of the introduction of Christianity in the Philippines which shall be taken care of by the 500 Years of Christianity (500 YOC) Committee, a special committee created by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

The Executive Order No. 103 espouses a Filipino-centric point of view of the first circumnavigation of the world, underscoring the magnanimity, compassion and humanity of our ancestors in helping the impoverished crew of the first circumnavigators—the Armada de Maluco, a.k.a., Magellan-Elcano expedition—that traversed the Pacific Ocean, and the courage and bravery of the warriors in Mactan which served as inspiration to our heroes and martyrs who founded the Filipino nation and the generations hence.

The theme of the commemorations is Victory and Humanity.

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Victory represents Lapu-Lapu and his men's triumph that transcends to our generation. This also represents how the gallantry and the spirit of freedom of our ancestors and forebears determined our destiny and history.

Humanity represents the compassion of our ancestors in saving the sick, starving, undernourished, and hopeless crew of the first circumnavigators of the planet in Homonhon, Guiuan, Eastern Samar. This trait of us as a people is recurrent in our history, and we want the world to know this further.

The theme song of the commemorations is Bagani, a song written by Roel Rostata. The title of the song, Bagani, is a term derived from the Manobo word for warrior class, literally protector of the community. It is akin to various Austronesian words: 'bayani' (originally means 'warrior' among the ancient Cebuanos and Tagalogs, and 'brave' in early Kapampangan society), 'bagani' (Bagobo and Mandaya for a chieftain, a great man or someone who has contributed something to the betterment of the community), 'balani' (Tausug for 'brave'), 'barani' (Magindanaw for 'brave'), and 'berani' (Malay for 'courageous')—all referring to dauntless, responsible person. The theme song aims to remind each and every Filipino that it takes a bagani heritage to be a modern-day champion of camaraderie and humanity.

In support with the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines Celebration, Regional Directors, Schools Division Superintendents, School Heads, and all others concerned are encouraged to promote the educational materials relative to the quincentennial commemorations that are published at the NQC website (www.nqc.gov.ph) and the official YouTube Channel of NQC (www.youtube.com/c/nqc2021).

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