REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 56, s. 2021

CONDUCT OF THE VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM RELATIVE TO THE
COMMEMORATION OF THE 123RD INDEPENDENCE DAY

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Department of Education enjoins in the observance of the 123RD Philippine Independence Day in consonance with Section 1 of Republic Act (RA) No. 4166 s. 1964 titled “An Act Changing the Date of Philippine Independence Day from July Four to June Twelve, and Declaring July Four as the Philippine Republic Day, Further Amending for the Purpose Section Twenty- Nine of the Revised Administrative Code”.

2. In support of this upcoming commemoration, the Department of Education through its External Partnerships Services (EPS) and in cooperation with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NCHP), shall conduct a virtual symposium on June 11, 2021 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Schools Division of Pasay City will host the said event.

3. To further promote the event, all Schools Division Offices through the lead of the EPSs in-charge of Araling Panlipunan (AP) and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (Esp) in cooperation with the Schools Governance Office Division are encouraged to create relative commemorative activities including the following:
   a. Hanging of tarpaulin on the Anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence with the theme, Kalayaan 2021: Diwa sa Pagkakaisa at Paghilot ng Bayan”;
   b. Participation to wreath-laying rites headed by respective LGUs;
   c. Hosting of a “Watch Party” for teachers and learners on the virtual symposium. The program will be shown via DepEd Official Facebook Page: DepEd Philippines which may be accessed through Facebook.com/DepartmentOfEducation.PH;
   d. Philippine Flag Display from May 28 to June 12 and July 4, 2021;
   e. Inclusion of themes on Philippine Independence during Monday Flag Raising Ceremonies and or during meetings in the month of June-July 2021; and
   f. Virtual advocacy lessons with emphasis on the essence of independence.

4. All activities relative to the celebration of this national commemoration should be compliant to DepEd Order No. 24, titled “Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools.”
5. Enclosed herewith is Memorandum OU-LAPP No.0-262, S. 2021 for more leading details.

6. For information and guidance.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Director IV

Encl.: As stated
Reference: RA No. 4166, s. 1964
DM OU-LAPP Q-262, S. 2021
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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CLMD/etg/fjed/RM_ Independence Day Virtual Symposium
June 7, 2021
MEMORANDUM
OU-LAPP No. Q-262, s. 2021

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
     ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : TONISITO M.C. UMALI, Esq.
       Undersecretary
       Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships
       and Project Management Service

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF THE VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM RELATIVE TO
          THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 123rd INDEPENDENCE DAY

DATE : 1 June 2021

Section 1 of Republic Act (RA) No. 4166 s. 1964 titled “An Act Changing the Date of Philippine Independence Day from July Four to June Twelve, and Declaring July Four as Philippine Republic Day, Further Amending for the Purpose Section Twenty-Nine of the Revised Administrative Code,” states that the twelfth day of June is proclaimed as the Philippine Independence Day, and all citizens of the Philippines are enjoined to observe such day with rites befitting Independence Day.

In support of the upcoming commemoration of the 123rd Independence Day, the Department of Education, through its External Partnerships Service (EPS) and in cooperation with National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), shall conduct a virtual symposium on June 11, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The commemorative event shall be hosted by DepEd Schools Division of Pasay City.

This activity is in line with Section 4 of Administrative Order (AO) No. 23 s. 2011, titled “Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances,” which gives committee member agencies of the National Steering Committee (NSC), including the Department of Education, the following powers and functions:

a) Formulate, organize and prescribe the manner of yearly celebrations of historical events;

b) Draw up mechanism among various national departments, local government units, and the private sector for the effective mobilization and coordination of commemorative programs;

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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 provision of this Administrative Order.

In addition, Section 5 of the same AO directs all other government agencies to cooperate with and fully support the NSC, chaired by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) in the exercise of its responsibilities and functions to achieve the objectives of national observances, commemorations, and celebrations.

To further promote the event, Regional Partnerships Focal Persons (RPFPs), Araling Panlipunan (AP) and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) Education Program Supervisors (EPSs), and learners are encouraged to host a “Watch Party” of the event on their Facebook accounts. The program will be shown via DepEd Official Facebook Page: DepEd Philippines which may be accessed through Facebook.com/DepartmentOfEducation.PH

Programs and activities in line with the celebration of the 123rd Independence Day shall be conducted virtually unless limited face-to-face is already allowed or if easing community quarantine restrictions commence. All activities relative to said event should be compliant with the COVID-19 pandemic health protocols pursuant to DepEd Order No. 24, dated June 25, 2020, titled “Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools.”

For any concern, your staff may contact the following personnel from the EPS-Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU):

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Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Thank you very much.

Cc: JUNE ARVIN GUDOY
Director IV
Public Affairs Service
# Birtwal na Simposyum sa Ika-123 Taong Paggunita sa Araw ng Kasarinlan
## Ika-11 ng Hunyo 2021
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m

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<td>TONISITO M.C. UMALI, Esq. Pangalawang Kalihim Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and Project Management Service</td>
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