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**ADVISORY**

No. 123, s. 2019

**TO: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**


**FROM: THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

**SUBJECT: 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic Siege of Baler and  
17<sup>th</sup> Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Celebration**

This Office received a letter from Undersecretary Tonisito M.C. Umali, Esq., Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and Project Management Service, Department of Education, Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City dated April 1, 2019, for appropriate action.

Attached is the said letter for more details.

For and in the absence of the Regional Director:

  
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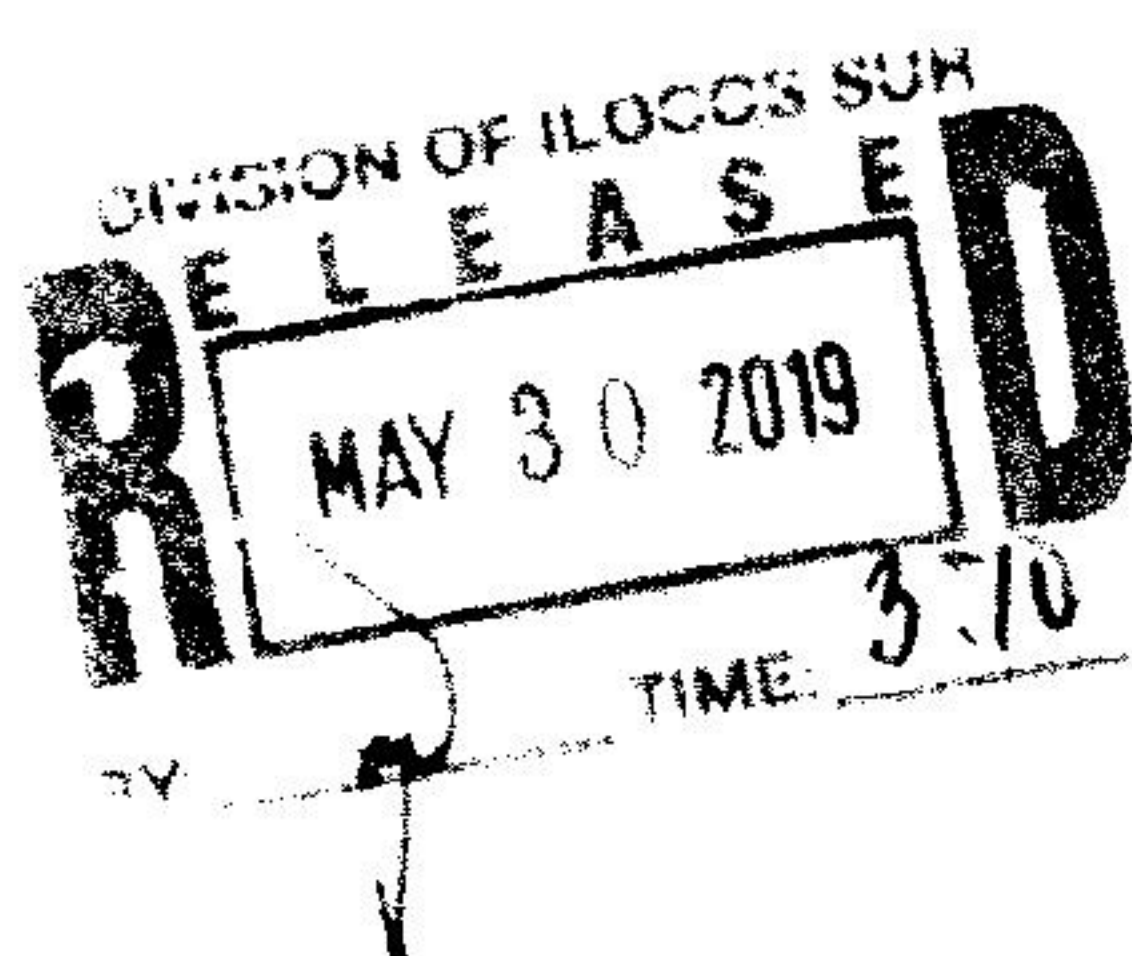
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TO: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent  
Chiefs Education Supervisor  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisor  
Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

For information and guidance.

  
**GEMMA Q. TACUYCUY, CESO V**  
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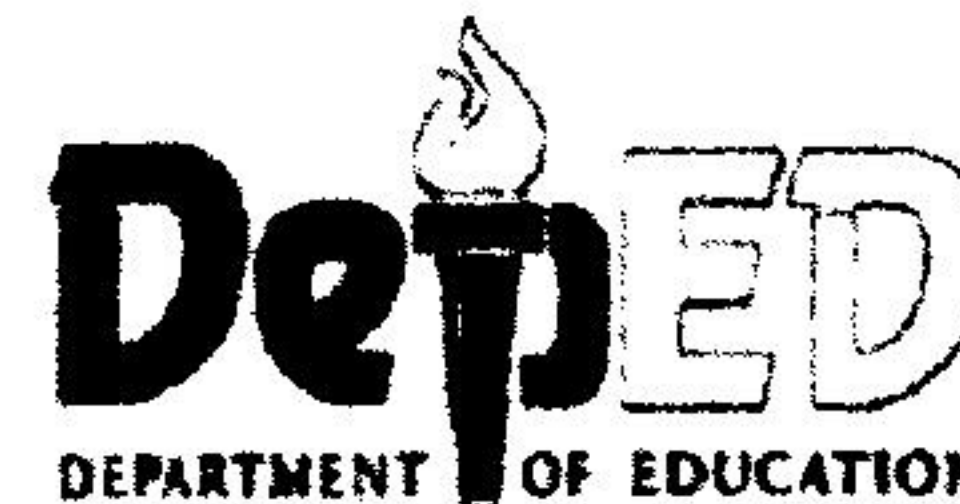
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**MEMORANDUM**

OU-LAPP No. 205, s. 2019

TO : **Regional Directors – I, II, III, CAR**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**Regional and Division Special Events Coordinators**  
**Head, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools**  
**All Others Concerned**

FROM :   
**TONISITO M.C. UMALI, Esq.**  
Undersecretary

SUBJECT : **120<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC SIEGE OF BALER**  
**AND 17<sup>TH</sup> PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY**  
**CELEBRATION**

DATE : 1 April 2019

1. Pursuant to Republic Act. No. 9187, s. 2002 declaring June 30 of every year as the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day, the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Historic Siege of Baler and 17<sup>th</sup> Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day shall be commemorated on **30 June 2019** in the **Municipality of Baler, Province of Aurora**.
2. All the concerned members of the Technical Working Committee (TWC), composed of the Office of the Senator Sonny Angara, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Embassy of Spain, Embassy of Mexico, Province of Aurora, Municipality of Baler, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Tourism (DOT), University of the Philippines-Department of History, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), National Museum, National Archives, and Instituto Cervantes, are enjoined to give full support, assistance and cooperation to the National Organizing Committee (NOC), chaired by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) in the exercise of its responsibilities and functions to achieve the objectives of the celebration.
3. The celebration aims to:
  - a. recognize the role of Baler in Philippine history and national development;
  - b. promote the diverse manifestation of Baler's wealth of heritage, habitat, history, language, artistic expression and creative industry;



- c. commemorate the cultural and historical ties, friendship and cooperation between the Philippines and Spain; and
  - d. conserve the sea of Baler and its sea creatures and promote the place as a tourist destination for surfing and scuba diving.
4. To highlight the Department's participation in this national commemoration, the following activities/contests will be conducted:
- a. Division Contest in DepEd Regions I, II, III and CAR on the "Gallery of the Seas" Surf Board and Sail Painting Contests. The division winners will be sent to the final competition on 26 June 2019 at Baler, Aurora (Enclosures No. 1 and 2: Mechanics of the Contests and Enclosures 1a and 2a: Registration Forms);
  - b. Division Himig Pinoy/Spanish Songs and Dance Conference/Competition among the ten (10) districts of Aurora on 27 June 2019 at Baler Municipal Plaza, Baler, Aurora (Enclosures No. 3 and 4: Mechanics of the Contest and Enclosures 3a and 4a: Registration Form);
  - c. Activities integrated into related subject areas, such as Sibika at Kultura, HEKASI, Araling Panlipunan, Values Education, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English, during classroom discussions highlighting the significant events during the Siege of Baler that led to the friendship of Filipino-Spanish soldiers as proclaimed by President Emilio Aguinaldo;
  - d. Inter-school campus essay writing, drawing, storytelling, debate and oratorical contest;
  - e. Symposium/round table discussion to raise awareness on the event and the values of nationalism, patriotism and love of the country that were exhibited by the Filipinos during the trying periods of this country;
  - f. Simple campus program spearheaded by the Social Studies Department to be participated by the students;
  - g. Displaying of any informative materials concerning the commemorative events on a bulletin board or venue within the campus;
  - h. Month-long sharing of insights on the same topic during the flag ceremony at the Schools Division Offices and Regional Offices.
5. There will be Flag Raising and Wreath-Laying Ceremonies at the Municipality of Baler on June 30, 2019 to be attended by the Ambassadors of different countries, government officials, government agencies, members of the TWC and the united townspeople of Baler, Aurora.
6. All DepEd concerned officials, teachers, pupils and students at the national, regional, division and school levels are encouraged to actively participate in the scheduled activities.



7. Teachers who will attend the activity scheduled on weekends (Saturday and/or Sunday) or holidays will be given one (1) day service credit depending on the number of weekends/holidays the activity falls on consistent with *(DepEd Order no. 53, s. 2003 "Updated Guidelines on Grant of Vacation Service Credits to teachers, item 1.d.k; and DepEd Order No. 84, s. 2003 "Addendum to Deped Order No. 53, s. 2003")*.
8. Members of the TWC (External Partnerships Service – Special Events Unit [EPS-SEU]) are authorized to travel one (1) day before and after the scheduled competitions and commemorative program.
9. Travel expenses (transportation and per diem) and board and lodging of the participants shall be charged against local funds, regional/division MOOE, PTA funds, local school board funds and other sources subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. While the travel expenses (transportation and per diem) of the members of TWC and other incidental expenses incurred during preparation and actual conduct of the activities shall be charged against Building Partnerships and Linkages Program- current funds (BPLP-FY 2019) subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
10. The division participants must confirm their attendance using enclosure No. 1a (Northern Luzon Regional Surf Board Painting Contest) and 2a (Northern Luzon Regional Sail Painting Contest) 10 days before the scheduled contests for hotel reservation/billeting arrangement.
11. For more information, you may contact the following:

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12. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.