



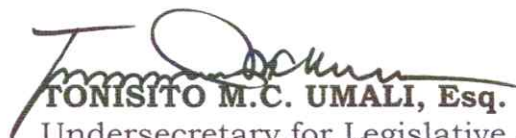
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**MEMORANDUM**  
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FOR : **Undersecretaries**  
**Assistant Secretaries**  
**Bureau and Service Directors**  
**Regional Directors**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**Assistant Schools Division Superintendents**  
**School Heads and Teachers**  
**All Others Concerned**

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SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF SIMULTANEOUS FLAG RAISING  
CEREMONIES AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES  
ON THE QUINCENTENNIAL D-DAY OR THE NATIONAL  
CELEBRATION OF THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
BATTLE AT MACTAN ON 27 APRIL 2021 AND IN  
ACTIVITIES UP TO 2022**

DATE : 15 March 2021

1. Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea issued a memorandum on December 21, 2020 enjoining the participation of all national government agencies and instrumentalities in the preparation and celebration of the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP).
2. The Quincentennial D-Day of the national celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the victory of Lapulapu at the Battle of Mactan will be on April 27, 2021.
3. On D-Day, there will be a nationwide simultaneous flag raising and wreath laying ceremonies in public plazas and monuments in various sites, at



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8:00am, to be led by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), where President Rodrigo R. Duterte and other government dignitaries and officials will be in attendance.

4. To participate in the event and to demonstrate the value of unity, the DepEd central office (CO), regional offices (ROs), school division offices (SDOs), and schools are enjoined to conduct simultaneous flag raising ceremonies in the offices and schools on the same date and time. Flowers or wreaths may also be offered at the pedestals of monuments of national heroes put up within the school premises, if any. Documentation of the flag ceremony is enjoined. Regional Offices through the Araling Panlipunan Supervisors shall select and submit three (3) documented Flag Ceremonies (RO, 1 DO, 1 school) to the External Partnerships Service – Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU) via [spapo2012@gmail.com](mailto:spapo2012@gmail.com) which in turn will select and submit to the National Quincentennial Committee (NQC) for posting on the official NQC Facebook page.
5. Only the skeletal work force of DepEd Offices and schools shall participate in the simultaneous flag raising ceremonies in strict observance of IATF guidelines in public gatherings to mitigate the spread of the corona virus. Those who are working from home are encouraged to participate in the simultaneous flag raising ceremony by watching the live coverage of the flag ceremony led by the DILG and PCOO.
6. The Philippine Flag shall be hung and displayed in all DepEd offices and schools for the period April 20 -27, 2021.
7. Everybody is encouraged to watch the following activities on D-Day which shall be on live coverage by various TV networks.
  - a) Groundbreaking of the Lapulapu Memorial Shrine and Museum, Historical Markers Unveiling, and Military Honors to Lapulapu at the Liberty Shrine in Mactan, Lapulapu City at 8:00am.
  - b) Nationwide Quincentennial Landmark Lightings (Blue) in various sites at 7:00pm.
  - c) Quincentennial D-Day Evening Show at the Metropolitan Theater, Manila, and at the Liberty Shrine in Mactan, Lapulapu City at 6:00 – 8:30pm.
  - d) Inauguration of the Newly Restored Metropolitan Theater (Part of the Evening Show) Metropolitan Theater, Manila, 7:00pm
  - e) Drone Show (Part of the Evening Show) Liberty Shrine, Mactan, Lapulapu City, 8:00pm
  - f) Fireworks Display (Part of the Evening Show) Over Marcelo Fernan Bridge and Mactan Strait, Lapulapu City, 8:00pm
  - g) Illumination of the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (Part of the Evening Show) Cebu South Road Property Side, Cebu City, 8:00pm.



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8. Supervisors and teachers, especially in Araling Panlipunan and Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao, are encouraged to: (a) continue to conduct online activities from 2021 to 2022 that retell the heroism, gallantry, and nobleness of various historical figures in history, especially the local heroes and eminent people the locality has produced; (b) honor the modern-day exceptional examples of greatness and compassion; (c) celebrate the overseas Filipino workers; and (d) highlight our achievement as a people in science, arts and culture, and in various fields.
9. The NQC has an Online Lecture Portal that can be accessed through the internet. The portal offers several lectures about Philippine History and Culture by several professors and scholars from Philippine top universities such as the University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University and others. Registration is free. Certificates are issued upon completion of most of the lectures. All DepEd educators are encouraged to participate in the lectures for updates and additional knowledge.
10. For more information, please contact **Mr. Steven Daniel Arevalo**, Senior Administrative Assistant III, at e-mail address [sdarevalo@deped.gov.ph](mailto:sdarevalo@deped.gov.ph) or **Mr. Romeo B. Parayno/ Ms. Anna Liza Awa** ([romeo.parayno@deped.gov.ph](mailto:romeo.parayno@deped.gov.ph) / [anna.awa002@deped.gov.ph](mailto:anna.awa002@deped.gov.ph)), External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU), Ground Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through telephone nos. (02) 8637-5832, (02) 8637-5834 or mobile phone nos. 0922-463-6626, 0995-911-0429, 0929-598-9089 and 0917-460-4388.
11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.