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COMMEMORATION OF THE 129TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. 105, s. 2025 titled "Commemoration of the 129th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal".

2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. 105 , s. 2025

COMMEMORATION OF THE 129th ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Attached Agencies
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to the Decree of December 20, 1898, signed by President Emilio Aguinaldo in Malolos, Bulacan, celebrating December 30, 1898, as a National Day of Mourning for Rizal and all the Victims of the Spanish colonial rule of the Philippines, the Department of Education (DepEd) will commemorate the said event on December 30, 2025, at 7:00 a.m., with the theme Rizal: *Sa Pagbangon ng mga Mamamayan, Aral at Diwa mo ang tunay na Gabay.*

2. This year's commemoration will be conducted simultaneously in various sites and venues nationwide (refer to the Enclosure), with the national ceremonies traditionally held at the Rizal Monument, Rizal Park, Manila. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), as the Chair of the National Steering Committee on National Observances pursuant to Administrative Order No. 23, s. 2011 (Creating a Steering Committee on National Observances), shall lead the national rites. Regional, schools division offices, and schools are likewise encouraged to coordinate with their respective local government units and stakeholders for the local conduct of appropriate and meaningful activities.

3. The following objectives shall guide the observance:

a. Honor and celebrate the life, works, and martyrdom of Dr. Jose P. Rizal;
b. Instill in learners a deep sense of nationalism, patriotism, discipline, and service to others embodied in Rizal's writing and actions;
c. Deepen awareness of Rizal's contribution to education, reform, and nationbuilding; and
d. Encourage meaningful reflection on the relevance of Rizal's ideals to contemporary Filipino society.

4. In support of this commemoration, all public and private schools are enjoined to undertake appropriate and meaningful activities, such as but not limited to:

a. Flag-raising and tribute ceremonies highlighting Rizal's life and sacrifice;
b. Classroom discussions on Rizal's works, particularly *Noli Me Tangere*, *El Filibusterismo*, and his essays (e.g., debate or panel talk);
c. Conduct quiz bees, poster or infographic-making, and essay-writing contests on Rizal's life and ideals;
d. Learner-led dramatized reading, or short role playing, or declamation of Rizal's poems (e.g., *Mi Último Adiós* or selected scenes in *El Filibusterismo* and *Noli Me Tangere*);
e. School exhibits showcasing Rizal's life, travels, and influence on Philippine nationhood (e.g., art exhibits, film viewing, and reflection); and
f. Community-based activities, including participation in local government commemorative programs in partnership with the NHCP and civic organizations.

5. Public and private schools are encouraged to integrate these activities within class discussions or schedule them appropriately to ensure learning continuity. These activities shall be conducted in a manner that will not disrupt regular classes and strictly adhere to DepEd Order (DO) No. 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engage Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.

6. Teachers who will attend the activity scheduled on weekends (Saturdays and/or Sundays) or holidays shall be granted one day service credit depending on the number of weekends/holidays the activity falls on, in accordance with DO 013, s. 2024, Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers.

7. Expenses incurred during the conduct of said activity shall be charged to local funds, regional/division Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses, and other sources as available, subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. For further information, please contact the **External Partnerships Service**, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, through email at external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph or telephone number (02) 8637-6462.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

By Authority of the Secretary:

ATTY. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Order (Nos. 013, s. 2024 and 9, s. 2005)
DepEd Memorandum No. 187, s. 2019

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JDMC, MPC, DM 129th Anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal
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(Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No105, s. 2025)

Region/Division	Venue	Proposed Guest of Honor	Requested Participants from DepEd
National Capital Region (NCR)	Pambansang Bantayog ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Liwasang Rizal, Lungsod ng Maynila	**Kagalang-galang Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.** Pangulo ng Republika ng Pilipinas	DepEd Officials & Technical Working Group/Committee from DepEd Central Office, Regional Director (RD) Assistant Regional Director (ARD), School Division Office of Manila, Superintendents, (SDSs) Assistant Schools Division Superintendents (ASDSs), non-teaching personnel Araling Panlipunan (Araling Panlipunan) Education Program Supervisor, Araling Panlipunan (Araling Panlipunan) Head Teachers, Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) Education Program Supervisor, and selected EsP Teachers
CALABARZON	Museo ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Calamba, Laguna	Punong Lungsod, Roseller Rizal, Lungsod ng Calamba, Laguna	RD, ARD, School Division Office of Laguna, SDSs, ASDSs, non-teaching personnel, Araling Panlipunan (AP) Education Program Supervisor, Araling Panlipunan Head Teachers, Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) Education Program Supervisor, and selected EsP

			Teachers
Region IX	Museo ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal-Dapitan	Punong Lungsod, Evelyn T. Uy, Lungsod ng Dapitan	RD, ARD, School Division Office of Dapitan, SDSs, ASDSs non-teaching personnel, Araling Panlipunan (AP) Education Program Supervisor, Araling Panlipunan (AP) Head Teachers, Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) Education Program Supervisor, and selected EsP Teachers
To all regions	Various Cities and Municipalities	National or local officials	RDs, ARDs, SDSs, ASDSs non-teaching personnel Araling Panlipunan (AP) Education Program Supervisor, Araling Panlipunan (AP) Head Teachers, Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) Education Program Supervisor, and selected EsP Teachers