

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 205, October 30, 2007 ]**

**DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE ON JUNE 12, 2008**

**WHEREAS**, the heroism, patriotism and nationalism of our forebears in the struggle for the independence of our country merit noble commemoration;

**WHEREAS**, the 110th anniversary of the proclamation of Philippine Independence is an ideal occasion for all Filipinos to unite and celebrate the freedom and liberty of our nation and to rally behind the government and the country's institutions;

**WHEREAS**, in order to have a truly meaningful celebration, the proper planning, coordination and implementing of all activities are needed;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

**Section 1.** The Secretary of Education is hereby directed to take the lead in the planning, coordination, and implementation of the program of activities and events in celebration of Independence Day on June 12, 2008.

**Sec. 2.** The Department of Education, as the lead agency of the celebrations, shall convene an inter-agency organizing task force to plan, coordinate and implement effectively all programs, projects and activities related to this national event.

**Sec. 3.** The Inter-agency task force shall be composed of the representatives of the Office of the President, the Department of Education, the Department of Tourism and the National Historical Institute.

**Sec. 4.** All departments, bureaus, offices, national government agencies, local government units and government owned and controlled corporations are hereby enjoined to give full support, assistance, and cooperation to the Secretary of Education in the exercise of his responsibilities under this Administrative Order.

**Sec. 5.** All branches of the government are enjoined to actively participate in the Independence Day celebrations, as well as to enlist the participation of private sector groups and non-government organizations, so that the commemoration of the 110th Anniversary of the country's independence will truly demonstrate the spirit of patriotism, unity and national identity of the Filipino people.

Local government units, together with private sector groups and nongovernment organizations, and the Philippine Embassies abroad are likewise enjoined to