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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 154, s. 2014

**MESSAGE OF EDUCATION SECRETARY, BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
FOR THE 2014 GRADUATION AND REITERATION OF DEPED
ORDER NO. 9, S. 2014: 2014 GRADUATION RITES**

**To: OIC, Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
Secondary School Heads**

1. Attached is an Unnumbered Regional Memorandum, dated March 10, 2014, entitled, "Message of Education Secretary, Br. Armin A. Luistro FSC for the 2014 Graduation and Reiteration of DepED Order No. 9, s. 2014: Graduation Rites."
2. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.


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TO: ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL CONCERNED

SUBJECT: Message of Education Secretary, Br. Armin A. Luistro FSC for
the 2014 Graduation and Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 9, s.
2014: 2014 Graduation Rites

DATE: 10 March 2014

Attached for your reference is the message of Secretary Br. Armin A. Luistro, FSC for the SY 2014 Graduation. Both English and Tagalog versions are included.

The rites should focus on the theme "Hindi Natitinag ang Pusong Pilipino". As stated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2014, "this theme highlights the resilience of the Filipino spirit amidst the recent calamities faced during the school year. It also celebrates the ability of the Filipinos to triumph over these challenges".

We would like to reiterate the pronouncement of the Secretary to maintain the solemnity of the occasion by keeping the rites simple but meaningful. He stressed further that, graduation rites should not be used as a political forum and "extravagant attires and venues are not necessary to make an impression, the important thing is we send the message of nationalism, excellence and resilience to every graduate".

Here are other reminders from DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2014:

Item no. 3.b. Non-academic projects such as attendance to field trips, film showing, JS Promenade, and other school events, but not limited to these events should not be imposed as requirements for graduation;

For Public Schools only;

Item no. 3.c. Expenses relative to the activity should be charged to the school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) under the 2014 Budget;

Item no. 3.d. No DepEd personnel is allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution;




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Item no. 3.e. Parents and Teachers Associations (PTAs) may give donations in cash or in kind; and

Item no. 3.f. Contribution for the annual yearbook, if any, should be on a voluntary basis.

For your information and immediate dissemination.


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M E S S A G E

Congratulations to our proud graduates! My warmest greetings to our school administrators, teachers, staff, and parents who have helped and guided our graduates attain this significant milestone in their lives.

Today is a testimony to the enduring and resilient Filipino spirit, to our ability to stand up again and conquer the odds, to our innate optimism to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We have proven that we can surmount any adversity by sharing our light with each other in times of darkness.


Through the many challenging moments we've endured, many of us were tempted to give up; but a Filipino heart refuses to be broken by calamities. We see the ray of hope in the faith and joy we share with each other even in the most trying of circumstances. We may be battered but definitely never defeated.

May this year's theme "*Hindi Natitinag ang Pusong Pilipino*" be a constant reminder and a source of strength that will propel each graduate to achieve more for others and the country in spite of the obstacles that will stand in the way.

For us in the schools, may this theme remind us of the energy that should continue to animate our institutions which in turn would help us give to each of our learners the best that they deserve.

Again, congratulations to our graduates! I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Mabuhay ang lahing Pilipino! Mabuhay kayong lahat!



BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary



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M E N S A H E

Mainit na pagbati sa lahat ng ating mga magsisipagtapos, at sa lahat ng tagapamahala at kawani ng paaralan, mga guro, at mga magulang na tumulong at patuloy na gumagabay sa ating kabataan para makarating sila sa mahalagang puntong ito ng kanilang buhay.

Ang araw na ito ay isang patunay ng katatagan at kakayahan ng bawat Pilipino na muling bumangon matapos ang matitinding unos. Sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng liwanag sa bawat isa sa oras ng kadiliman, napatunayan natin na anumang hamon ang dumating ay ating kakayanin.

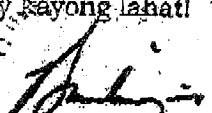
Sa gitna ng maraming pagsubok na ating hinaharap, hindi maiiwasan ng iba na isiping sumuko na lamang. Subalit sadyang matibay ang pusong Pilipino—hindi nagpapatinig sa kahit anong pagsubok—dahil sa oras ng karimlan ay nakakakita pa rin tayo ng sinag ng pag-asa mula sa pagtitiwala at kasiyahan na ibinabahagi natin sa isa't isa. Sa mga ganitong panahon, maaaring tayo ay nagahusan ngunit hindi kailanman nagpatalo.

Mga magsisipagtapos, ako ay umaasa na ang temang “Hindi Natitinig ang Pusong Pilipino” ay tumatak sa inyong kaisipan at magbigay ng inspirasyon para makamit nyo ang inyong naisin sa kabila ng mga hamon na darating—hindi lamang para sa sarili kundi para sa kapwa, at higit sa lahat para sa bayan.

Para sa ating mga nasa paaralan, ito nawa'y magsilbing isang paalala ng lakas at tibay ng loob na siyang dapat naanalaytay sa ating institusyon. Umaasa akong patuloy nating maibigay ang nararapat sa ating kabataan.

Muli, binabati ko ang mga magsisipagtapos. Hangad ko ang inyong tagumpay.

Mabuhay ang lahing Pilipino! Mabuhay kayong lahat!


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary