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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**2021 ARLING PANLIPUNAN DIVISION VIRTUAL LAKBAY ARAL AND LOCAL HISTORY FORUM**

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, School Governance and Operations Division  
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division  
All School Heads

1. In reference to the memorandum from the Office of Under Secretaries for Finance and Legislative Affairs, External Partnerships and Project Management Service, OUF-2021-0222, dated March 24, 2021, Annalyn M. Sevilla and Tonisito M. C. Umali, re: **"National Heritage Month"** recognizing the month of May being the month of traditional festivities and the month of the people's participation in the preservation of tangible and intangible heritage as part of the life of the nation. **The Schools Division Office will participate in this celebration through the conduct of 2021 Araling Panlipunan Division Virtual Lakbay-Aral and Local History Forum on May 28, 2021, Friday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**
2. The said activity aims to:
  - a. promote awareness of Araling Panlipunan teachers on the preservation of different cultural heritage and local history of Biñan City.
  - b. build up support, appreciation, respect, and love for tangible and intangible local cultural heritage; and
  - c. recognize the value of local history in teaching Araling Panlipunan.
3. Participants to the aforementioned conduct of Division Virtual Lakbay-Aral and local history forum are the Araling Panlipunan teachers of elementary, junior high schools, and teachers in Social Science subject of Senior High School.
4. A link for registration will be forwarded to the participants to ensure attendance in the activity.
5. Enclosed is the Memorandum OUF-2021-0222 for reference.
6. For any query, you may contact Joel J. Valenzuela, Education Program Supervisor of Araling Panlipunan thru email: [joel.valenzuela003@deped.gov.ph](mailto:joel.valenzuela003@deped.gov.ph) or mobile numbers 0945-540-2049/0945-677-6105.



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7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**EDNA FAURA-AGUSTIN**  
Schools Division Superintendent





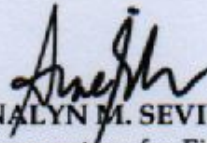


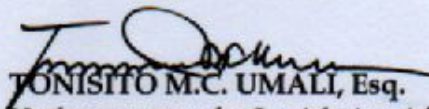
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**OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FINANCE**

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**MEMORANDUM**  
**OUF-2021-0222**

**FOR :** UNDERSECRETARIES  
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES  
BUREAU AND SERVICE DIRECTORS  
REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ASSISTANT SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS  
REGIONAL CULTURE AND ARTS COORDINATORS

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**SUBJECT :** NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH

**DATE :** 24 March 2021

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1. The month of May was declared as the National Heritage Month (NHM) by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 439, s. 2003, in recognition of the month of May being the month of traditional festivities and the month of the people's participation in the preservation of tangible and intangible heritage as part of the life of a nation.
2. As the lead agency tasked in carrying out activities in the celebration of the national heritage month, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) enjoins all cultural agencies, national government agencies (NGAs), schools, Philippine embassies and consulates, public libraries, and private institutions to participate in the national event by encouraging them to initiate their own heritage-related activities for the month of May.
3. The celebration aims to create among the Filipino people consciousness, respect, and love for the legacies of the nation's cultural history.





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4. For 2021, the NHM celebration shall carry the theme, "VICTORY AND HUMANITY: Upholding Filipino Heritage and Identity" in solidarity with the commemorations of the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan (27 April 2021) and the 500th anniversary of the Philippine part in the first circumnavigation of the world (16 March - 29 October 2021). The theme underscores the need to strengthen public awareness and explore initiatives on advocating for the conservation and promotion of Philippine cultural heritage and the Filipino identity in this time of crisis.
5. The objectives of the month-long celebration are the following:
  - a) To strengthen the advocacy of caring and upholding both tangible and intangible local cultural heritage in this time of crisis;
  - b) To recognize the value of Philippine cultural heritage by participating in events relative to the NHM celebration and the Quincentennial Commemorations of the Philippines (QCP);
  - c) To promote solidarity amongst the Filipinos by encouraging them to initiate their own heritage-related activities for the month of May in line with the NHM 2021 theme and celebration, including online workshops and talks, webinars, competitions, etc.; and
  - d) To explore the use of various virtual platforms to help in the promotion and other initiatives for the NHM 2021.
6. The central office, regional offices, schools division offices and schools are encouraged to organize their own heritage-related activities including forums, online workshops and lectures; and engage the public to participate in them. Virtual exhibits or showcasing/featuring on the official Facebook Page or on other social media platforms of DepEd Gabaldon School Buildings that were conserved and restored is highly suggested. Such activities are requested to be submitted by the Regional Culture and Arts Coordinators to the NCCA through Cecilia R. Mendiola of the External Partnerships Service - Culture and Arts on or before April 7, 2021 for inclusion in the official 2021 NHM Calendar of Activities for better promotion.
7. All are encouraged to participate in initiatives relative to the conservation and preservation of Philippine cultural heritage, including talks and workshops, and to join competitions and other activities of cultural organizations to raise awareness and promote solidarity in caring for our local culture and the arts!
8. For further inquiries and clarifications, kindly contact Steven Daniel C. Arevalo, Senior Administrative Assistant III at email [sdarevalo@deped.gov.ph](mailto:sdarevalo@deped.gov.ph) and Cecilia R. Mendiola, External Partnerships Service - Culture and Arts at email [ndcep2014@gmail.com](mailto:ndcep2014@gmail.com) or the NHM secretariat of the NCCA Cultural Heritage Section; at mobile number (09260626345) or e-mail at [nhmsecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:nhmsecretariat@gmail.com).

For your information and guidance.