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COMMEMORATION OF THE 1986 SIPAT PEACE TALKS THAT LED TO THE CREATION OF THE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION EVERY SEPTEMBER 13


To: **Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private School Heads
All Divisions
All Others Concerned**

1. In line with the National Peace Consciousness Month (Proclamation 675, s. 2004), the Department of Education – Cordillera Administrative Region directs all schools and offices to commemorate the **1986 Sipat Peace Talks or the Mt. Data Peace Accord every September 13.**
2. On September 13, 1986, the Cordillera Bodong Administration-Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) led by Fr. Conrado Balweg agreed to the call for peace by the late former President Corazon C. Aquino through the forging of a *sipat* or the peace agreement at the Mount Data Hotel in Bauko, Mt. Province. A symbolic exchange of peace tokens was made between the government and the rebel force that included a bible, a rosary, and a rifle.
3. The historic event paved way for the late Aquino to issue Executive Order No. 220 creating the Cordillera Administrative Region with the mandate to administer the affairs of government in the region, accelerate the economic and social growth and development of the unit of the region, and prepare for the establishment of the Autonomous Region of the Cordillera which is likewise mandated through Article X, Section 15 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.
4. Aside from the above stated laws and provisions, this commemoration is likewise in support to Presidential Proclamation No. 802, s. 2019 declaring Friday, September 13, 2019, a Special Non-Working Day in the Cordillera Administrative Region. (*see enclosure*)
5. To make this celebration meaningful, schools division and school officials are encouraged to support the observance of said event. All public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to discuss the significance of this event during the flag raising ceremony until the end of September.
6. Moreover, schools are encouraged to carry out activities such as the following:
 - a. Conduct of Information Education Campaigns on Regional Autonomy which can be coordinated with the SPCAR under the National Economic and Development Authority-Cordillera Administrative Region (spcar@neda.gov.ph or (074) 442-3232)(DepEd RM 165, series 2018);
 - b. Holding of inter-school quiz bee, essay writing, poster, storytelling, debate and oratorical contests;
 - c. Organizing of simple campus program to be participated in by learners, and to be spearheaded by the Social Studies Department;
 - d. Putting up of bulletin board within the campus and display any informative materials concerning the commemorative event;

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- e. Integration in classroom discussions in subject areas such as HEKASI, Araling Panlipunan, Edukasyong Pagpapahalaga, MAPEH, Filipino and English.
7. As per DepEd Memorandum No. 4, series 2019, such commemoration and observance aims to:
 - a. raise the level of learner's historical and cultural consciousness on the significance of national and regional commemorations;
 - b. instill in their minds the greatness of the Filipino race, the legacy of their national and local heroes, and the ideals of their nationhood; and
 - c. reawaken their sense of responsibility and patriotic commitment to truly demonstrate the spirit of heroism, patriotism, nationalism, unity and national/regional identity.
 8. All expenses incurred relative to the conduct of activities during the celebration shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
 9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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