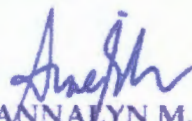
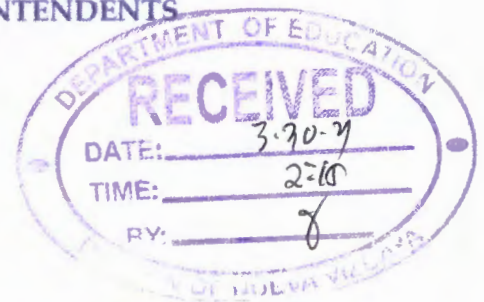


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MEMORANDUM  
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FROM :   
ANNALYN M. SEVILLA  
Undersecretary



SUBJECT : INFORMATION ON THE QUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS  
IN THE PHILIPPINES (QCP) AND THE 2021 QCP CALENDAR OF  
ACTIVITIES

DATE : February 24, 2021

The 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines (2021 QCP) is a series of observances organized to mark the 500th anniversary of various events in the Philippines notably the role of the country in the Magellan-Elcano circumnavigation, the victory of Lapu-Lapu in the Battle of Mactan, and the introduction of Christianity in the Philippines. On April 27, 2021, the Filipino nation will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan April 27, 1521.

The National Quincentennial Committee (NQC), per EO 55, s. 2018 as amended by Executive Order 103 s. 2020 entitled **Reconstituting and Strengthening the National Quincentennial Committee, and Amending Executive Order No. 55, s. 2018 for the Purpose**, serves as the coordinator and clearing house of all government initiatives relative to the commemorations, except the ecclesiastical aspect of the 500 anniversary of the introduction of Christianity in the Philippines which shall be taken care of by the 500 Years of Christianity (500 YOC) Committee, a special committee created by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

The Executive Order No. 103 espouses a Filipino-centric point of view of the first circumnavigation of the world, underscoring the magnanimity, compassion and humanity of our ancestors in helping the impoverished crew of the first circumnavigators—the Armada de Maluco, a.k.a., Magellan-Elcano expedition—that traversed the Pacific Ocean, and the courage and bravery of the warriors in Mactan which served as inspiration to our heroes and martyrs who founded the Filipino nation and the generations hence.

The theme of the commemorations is **Victory and Humanity**.

