Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region VI – Western Visayas
DIVISION OF AKLAN
Kalibo, Aklan

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 07, s. 2020

ENHANCEMENT OF THE DISTINCT AKLAN CULTURE

To: **Chief Education Supervisors**
Education Program Supervisors/Coordinators
Public Schools District Supervisors
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Heads of Public/Private Elementary/Secondary and Integrated Schools

1. Section 14, Article IX of the 1987 Constitution stipulates "the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression".

2. The participation of DepEd Division of Aklan in the Kalibo Sto. Niño Ati-atihan Festival is an annual activity which aims to promote and raise awareness of tradition and preservation of Aklan culture.

3. **January 14 and 15, 2020** have been designated as special dates for DepED-Aklan to participate in the annual celebration of Kalibo Sto. Niño Ati-atihan Festival.

4. At 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 14, 2020, pupils and students of the Districts of Kalibo I and Kalibo II will join the DepED Sinaot sa Calle 2020 (Pupils/Students Group).

5. At 7:30 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, January 15, 2020, teachers and non-teaching personnel will join DepEd Sinaot sa Calle 2020 (Teachers Group). Those who cannot participate due to physical/medical condition, cultural as well as religious beliefs are excused.

6. This office highly endorses the said activity on a **voluntary basis**, provided **safety measures should be strictly adhered to** by the school authorities concerned, e.g. provision of **adult chaperon** preferably the adviser and requirement of **parental consent.**

7. Participation of learners to this activity is subject to compliance with the guidelines on off-campus activities as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017 (IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF OFF-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES).

8. It is requested that every tribe/group that passes in front of St. John the Baptist Cathedral will stop beating their drums and walk until they reach near the Aklan Catholic College building where they resume the beating of the drums.

9. There will be six (6) presentations at the Pastrana Park. Each district will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

Presentations:

1. Batan
2. Lezo
3. Libacao
4. Kalibo I and II
5. Madalag
6. Ibajay East and West

10. During the street parade, no sound system will be used. The following is the order of parade (Teachers Group).

1.) Ibajay East and West
2.) Tangalan
3.) Makato
4.) Kalibo II and II
5.) Libacao
6.) Balete
7.) Altavas
8.) Madalag
9.) Numancia
10.) Nabas
11.) Malay
12.) Banga
13.) New Washington
14.) Lezo
15.) Buruanga
16.) Malinao
17.) Batan

11. Five (5) special awards will be given to pupils/students group- **Most Jolly, Most Original, Most Artistic, Most Economical, and Most Colorful.**

12. It is suggested that the districts will wear costumes that depict the festival of their respective towns.

13. All districts are advised to observe economy but with creativity in the preparation of costumes through reusing and recycling, by using indigenous materials and, whenever applicable, making these as projects in their EPP/TLE and MAPEH classes.

14. Participants to this activity should be responsible in keeping the area clean and orderly. Costumes made of recycled materials should be disposed properly.

15. Travel and other allowable expenses relative to participation to this activity are chargeable against school MOOE and other funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

16. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Reference: Division Memorandum No. 329, s. 2017
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