DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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TO : OIC - Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
    Chief Education Supervisors
    Education Program Supervisors / Coordinators / District Supervisors
    Public Elementary & Secondary School Heads / OICs
    All Concerned

FROM : Schools Division Superintendent

DATE : March 13, 2017

SUBJECT: INTEGRATION OF PEACE EDUCATION IN ARALING PANLIPUNAN (AP)

Attached is a letter from Hon. Atty. Jaime R. Fresnedi, Mayor, City Government of Muntinlupa dated March 9, 2017, on the above-captioned title, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

The Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) shall develop Lesson Exemplars on how to integrate Peace education in the curriculum particularly in Araling Panlipunan (AP).

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

MAURO C. DE GULAN, Ed. D.
Dear Dr. de Gulan,

The Philippines is a pioneering signatory of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) since July 1968. NPT is an international treaty that aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. In the NPT Review Conference in 2015, former Ambassador Lourdes O. Yparraguirre, the Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations Office in Vienna, said that "the only genuine way we can truly reaffirm our commitment to this Treaty is by demonstrating consistent and continued implementation of its provisions, through real, concrete, and urgent actions".

The threat to peace and stability, and nuclear proliferation have been consistently ranked as among the top concerns of nations today as ranked by the United Nations.

To affirm our support for NPT, as member of the Mayors for Peace, an international membership of mayors intended to spread peace in this world, Muntinlupa has taken the role of a lead city in the Philippines. As lead city, it will be at the forefront in embodying its purpose to raise public awareness on the need to abolish nuclear weapons and contribute to the realization of genuine and lasting world peace.

I firmly believe that information to widen the support of many is the best weapon to realize the noble intentions of NPT.

In view of this, I endorse the integration of a Peace Education Program--designed to raise the awareness to support the disarmament of the nuclear arms and eliminate any factors that affect peace--in the syllabus of Sibika subject for the students in the secondary level.

Having this program would help ensure that the youth in Muntinlupa will be future leaders and advocates of peace.

Jerome James Arriola, the concurrent head of the International Relations Office and City Competitiveness Office would be the City Government's point person to implement this initiative.

We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to being our partner in developing peace-promoting youths in Muntinlupa.

Yours very truly,

ATTY. JAIMER R. FRESENEST
Mayor

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