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*Department of Justice*  
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**TO :** Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries  
All Heads of Bureaus, Commissions and Offices  
attached to the Department  
Chiefs of Service/Staff in the Office of the Secretary  
All Regional/Provincial/City Prosecutors  
All Concerned

**SUBJECT :** Enjoining the Participation of All Government Agencies and  
Instrumentalities in the Preparations for the Celebration of  
the 2021 Quincentennial Commemoration in the Philippines

**DATE :** JAN 14 2021

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Attached for your information, guidance and appropriate action is a copy of the Memorandum dated 21 December 2020 from the Office of the President. All are enjoined to extend full support and assistance to the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines.

Please refer to the herein attached list of activities that will be undertaken to celebrate the above-stated major event.

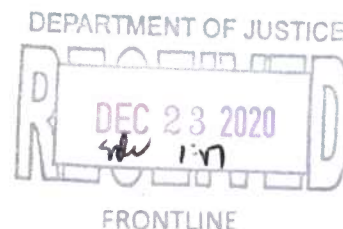
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MEMORANDUM FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

TO : MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL QUINCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT -OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS (GOCCs), AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)

SUBJECT : ENJOINING THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND CELEBRATION OF THE 2021 QUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES

DATE : DEC 21 2020

Pursuant to Section 1 of Executive Order No. 103 (s. 2020), all agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government, including GOCCs and SUCs, are hereby **ENJOINED** to render full support and assistance to the National Quincentennial Committee in the preparations for and celebration of the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines.

For compliance.

By Authority of the President:

  
SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA



**2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines Activities  
As of 1 January 2021**

<b>Jan</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>6</b>	Deadline of submission to the Quincentennial Art Competition and Lapulapu National Monument Design Competition Biggest LED-lighted rosary show at the Rizal Park, Manila (for the front liners)
<b>13</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series with Francis Navarro (“Reading and Appreciating Spanish Archival Documents”)
<b>17</b>	100-day countdown to the 500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Victory at Mactan (D-Day) Declaration of Liberty Shrine, Mactan, Lapu-Lapu City as site of permanent display (24/7) of the Philippine flag LED-lighted 500 emblem at Rizal Park, Manila Beginning of D-Day campaigns
<b>21</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> Road to 500: Our Ancestors in Philippine Textile Patterns (Balay na Bato, San Jose de Buenavista, Antique)
<b>27</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series (“Bishop Domingo de Salazar, OP and the Defense of the Natives”)
<b>Feb</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>10</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series with Felice Prudent Sta. Maria (“Goodwill, Tolerance, and Deception: The Role of Food in the Battle of Mactan”)
<b>24</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series with Danilo Gerona (“Magellan: A Tragic Hero”)
<b>26</b>	Announcement of winners to the Quincentennial Art Competition and Lapulapu National Monument Design Competition
<b>Mar</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>5</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series with Dr. George Emmanuel Borrinaga (“The War God of Homonhon and the Arrival of Magellan”)
<b>16</b>	Beginning of the 500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philippine part in the first circumnavigation of the world and unveiling of the Samar quincentennial historical marker, Calicoan, Guiuan, Eastern Samar Groundbreaking of the Guiuan Museum, Guiuan, Eastern Samar Unveiling of the Suluan quincentennial historical marker, Suluan Is., Guiuan, Eastern Samar
<b>17</b>	Unveiling of the Guiuan Church Historical Marker, Guiuan, Eastern Samar Commemorative Lecture of Ambeth Ocampo
<b>18</b>	500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philippine-Spanish Contact and the unveiling of the Homonhon quincentennial historical marker, Homonhon Is., Guiuan, E. Samar 20 <sup>th</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series with Carlos Madrid Álvarez-Piñer (“Guiuan: The Beacon and Hope in the Pacific”)
<b>18-20</b>	Sabang: Early Southeast Asian-European Intercultural Conference (International Conference of the UP Asian Center)
<b>24-26</b>	Visitation of the Spanish Navy training ship <i>Juan Sebastian Elcano</i>
<b>25</b>	Unveiling of the Gibusong quincentennial historical marker, Magsaysay, Gibusong Is., Loreto, Dinagat Island
<b>25</b>	Unveiling of the Hinunangan quincentennial historical marker, Hinunangan, Southern Leyte
<b>27</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> Countdown to 500 Online Lecture Series with Carl Sanchez Bordeos (“Fr. Cantius Kobak, OFM and the Development of Samar-Leyte History”)
<b>27</b>	Inauguration of the Battle of Mactan Diorama (Sulu Garden, Miag-ao, Iloilo)

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29	Unveiling of the Limasawa quincentennial historical marker, Government Compound, Limasawa, Southern Leyte
31	500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the mass at Limasawa, Southern Leyte
<b>Apr</b>	<b>Event</b>
4	Unveiling of the Leyte quincentennial historical marker, Combado, Maasin City
5	Unveiling of the Canigao quincentennial historical marker, Canigao Island, Matalom Leyte
	Unveiling of the Gatighan quincentennial historical marker, Himokilan Island, Hindang, Leyte
	Unveiling of the Baybay quincentennial historical marker, Baybay City, Leyte
6	Unveiling of the Ponson quincentennial historical marker, Pilar Cebu
	Unveiling of the Poro quincentennial historical marker, Poro, Cebu
	Unveiling of the Ticobon quincentennial historical marker, San Francisco, Cebu
7	Unveiling of the Cebu quincentennial historical marker, Plaza Sugbu, Cebu City
14	500 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines, Cebu City
27	Quincentennial TV Special (500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Victory and Mactan Commemorative Rites)
	1. Military Honors for Lapulapu's 500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Heroism, Liberty Shrine, Mactan, Lapu-Lapu City (invited guest of honor: President Rodrigo Roa Duterte)
	2. Unveiling of the Mactan, Lapulapu and Magellan quincentennial historical markers, Liberty Shrine, Mactan, Cebu
	3. Quincentennial Evening Show, Metropolitan Theater and Liberty Shrine
	4. Tribute to Frontliners and Common Filipinos
	5. Launching of the new Quincentennial Theme Song MTV "Bagani" (participated in by 50 OPM artists)
<b>May</b>	<b>Event</b>
2	Unveiling of the Bohol quincentennial historical marker, Punta Cruz, Maribojoc, Bohol
4	Unveiling of the Panilongon quincentennial historical marker, Dumaguete City
7	Unveiling of the Kipit quincentennial historical marker, Brgy. Kipit, Labason, Zamboanga del Norte
13	Unveiling of the Cagayan quincentennial historical marker, Mapun, Tawi-Tawi
26	Birth Bicentenary of Jose Felipe Del-Pan, Champion of Nascent Philippine Studies and Filipino Scholarship
27	Unveiling of the Palawan quincentennial historical marker, Sitio Marikit, Brgy. San Juan, Aborlan, Palawan
<b>Jun</b>	<b>Event</b>
18	Unveiling of the Tagusao quincentennial historical marker, Sitio Tagusao, Barong-Barong, Brooke's Point, Palawan
21	Unveiling of the Balabac quincentennial historical marker, Balabac, Palawan
<b>Jul</b>	<b>Event</b>
10	Birth Centenary of William Henry Scott, Scholar of Philippine Pre-Colonial History
23-24	International Conference on Contacts and Continuities: 500 Years Asian-Iberian Encounters
<b>Sept</b>	<b>Event</b>
30	Unveiling of the Dulo ng Palawan quincentennial historical marker, Buliluyan, Bataraza, Palawan
<b>Oct</b>	<b>Event</b>

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11	Unveiling of the Sulu quincentennial historical marker, Jolo, Sulu
	Unveiling of the Basilan quincentennial historical marker, Fuego-Fuego Beach, Brgy. Tabi-awan, Isabela City, Basilan
12	Unveiling of the Cawit quincentennial historical marker, Cawit, Zamboanga City
	Unveiling of the Subanin quincentennial historical marker, Zamboaga City
13	Opening Session of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day at Zamboanga City (Virtual/Tentative)
14	Unveiling of the Manalipa quincentennial historical marker, Manalipa Island, Zamboanga City
15	Unveiling of the Moro Gulf quincentennial historical marker, Pagadian City
19	Unveiling of the Maguindanao quincentennial historical marker, Old Cotabato City Hall
20	Opening Session of the Philippine International Quincentennial Conference at Cotabato City (Virtual/Tentative)
25	Unveiling of the Benaian quincentennial historical marker, Kamanga, Maasim, Sarangani
26	Unveiling of the Batulaki quincentennial historical marker, Brgy. Batulaki, Glan, Sarangani Province
27	Unveiling of the Candighar quincentennial historical marker, Municipal Grounds, Balut Islands
28	Unveiling of the Sarangani quincentennial historical marker, Brgy. Camalig, Sarangani Island, Sarangani, Municipality, Davao Occidental

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