

Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **111** s. 2017

**CHANGE IN AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 24, S. 2017**  
(Dissemination of the Philippines' Association of Southeast Asian Nations  
(PH ASEAN) Chairmanship Theme Song-ASEAN Spirit)

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau and Service Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division Superintendents  
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. The **Dissemination of the Philippines' Association of Southeast Asian Nations (PH ASEAN) Chairmanship Theme Song-ASEAN Spirit** was announced through DepEd Memorandum No. 24, s. 2017. However, the first sentence in Paragraph No. 2 is changed as follows:

*The **PH ASEAN Spirit Chairmanship Song** was composed by Professor Josefino "Chino" Toledo with lyrics written by National Artist for Literature, Professor Virgilio S. Almario, both commissioned by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.*

2. Moreover, the song, ASEAN Spirit, reflects the core message of the Philippines for its ASEAN Chairmanship, that is, **The Philippines**, as the chairman of ASEAN 2017, champions positive change in the community to produce a unified voice in the world. Likewise, the lyrics echoes the six thematic thrusts of the Philippines:

- a. A people-oriented and people-centered ASEAN;
- b. Peace and stability in the region;
- c. Maritime security and cooperation;
- d. Inclusive, innovation-led growth;
- e. Resilient ASEAN; and
- f. ASEAN: A model of regionalism, a global player.

3. Enclosed is a copy of the lyrics of the ASEAN Spirit. A copy of the .mp3 file of the ASEAN Spirit featuring Christian Bautista (2012 ASEAN Youth Achievement Awardee) and the Hail Mary Children's Choir can be accessed in this dropbox link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1k6ytf43ryg8gxr/AACmuSuHFqjGLRNLT-aXeimZa?dl=0>

4. All other provisions in the said Memorandum still remain.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES**  
Secretary

Encl:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum (No. 24, s. 2017)

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# **“ASEAN SPIRIT”**

## **PH- ASEAN Chairmanship Theme Song**

Lyrics | Virgilio S. Almario, National Artist for Literature  
Music | Josefino ‘Chino’ Toledo

- I. ASEAN Spirit soar  
Above all frailties and boundaries  
ASEAN Spirit roar  
Against wars, pests, and miseries.
- II. ASEAN Spirit roar  
Against wars, pests, and miseries  
ASEAN Spirit soar  
To greater heights and victories.
- III. ASEAN Spirit free us  
From the tyranny of ignorance  
Release us, release us  
From the shackles of intolerance  
And help us, and help us  
Divine in united governance.
- IV. ASEAN Spirit soar  
Above all frailties and boundaries  
ASEAN Spirit soar  
To greater heights and victories
- V. ASEAN Spirit lead us  
To justice and the common good  
Transform us  
Into grains to feed, steel to build  
And re-rose  
Most precious diamond for the world.

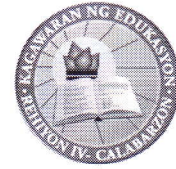
Repeat IV & V

Coda:

Transform us  
Into grains to feed, steel to build  
And re-rose  
Most precious diamond for the world.



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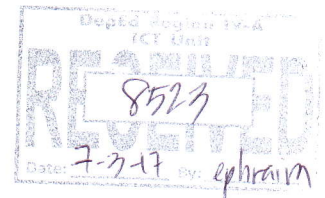
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