




Republic of the Philippines

Department of Education

Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL UNDERSECRETARIES AND
ASSISTANT SECRETARIES
ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND
ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS AND
ASSISTANT SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

FROM : 
LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF THE VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM IN OBSERVANCE OF
THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**

DATE : January 14, 2022

The International Holocaust Remembrance Day is an International Memorial Day organized by the United Nations and the Embassy of the State of Israel to the Philippines. The said Remembrance Day commemorates the victims of the Holocaust, the genocide of European Jews by Nazi Germany between 1941 and 1945. It shall be held on January 27, 2022 with the theme "Memory, Dignity, and Justice."

In 1934, under the admittance of President Manuel L. Quezon and U.S. High Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, Jewish refugees escaping Nazi persecution were able to find sanctuary in the Philippines before Filipinos and Jews alike experience the brunt of the Second World War. President Quezon pushed back against critics of his open-door immigration policy by issuing Proclamation No. 173 on August 21, 1937. He called on all Filipinos to welcome the refugees and instructed the government to assist them. This later became the basis of President Quezon's issuance of Commonwealth Act 613, later the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940.

For the observance of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day last year, twin events were organized by the Philippine Mission to the United Nations in New York and Philippine Embassy in Israel at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and Balai Quezon in Tel-Aviv, respectively. "Safe Haven: Jewish Refugees in the

Philippines” featured the viewing of “The Last Manila-ners,” “Quezon’s Game,” and “An Open Door: Jewish Rescue in the Philippines,” as well as personal testimonies from Holocaust survivors who found refuge in the Philippines.

In support of the upcoming commemoration of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Department of Education, through its External Partnerships Service (EPS), in cooperation with the Embassy of the State of Israel to the Philippines and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), shall conduct a **virtual symposium** on **January 27, 2022** from **2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** The said event shall be hosted by DepEd Schools Division Office (SDO) of Quezon City. Regional Directors are also enjoined to participate live during the talk show portion.

The program will be streamed live via DepEd’s Official Facebook Page: DepEd Philippines, which may be accessed through [Facebook.com/DepartmentOfEducation.PH](https://www.facebook.com/DepartmentOfEducation.PH). To further promote the event, the Regional Partnerships Focal Persons (RFPs), *Araling Panlipunan* (AP) and *Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao* (EsP) Education Program Supervisors (EPSs), and learners are encouraged to host a “Watch Party” of the event on their Facebook accounts.

All DepEd programs and activities in line with the observance of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day shall be conducted **virtually** unless limited face-to-face is already allowed or if easing community quarantine restrictions commence. All activities relative to said event should be compliant with the COVID-19 pandemic health protocols pursuant to DepEd Order No. 24, dated June 25, 2020, titled “Guidelines on the Required Health Standards in Basic Education Offices and Schools.”

For any concern, your staff may contact:

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Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Thank you very much.

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