



Republic of the Philippines  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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**SUBJECT: REITERATION OF POLICIES ON ACCORDING RESPECT  
TO THE PHILIPPINE FLAG AND ON THE RENDITION OF  
THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

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The Commission on Higher Education hereby reiterates standing policies on according respect to the Philippine Flag and on the rendition of the Philippine National Anthem as mandated or prescribed by Article XVI (Section 1) of the 1987 Constitution, Republic Act 1265, Proclamation No. 374, Executive Order 137, Executive Order 179, DECS Ruling No. 8 and, as appropriate and necessitated by the National Centennial Observances from 1996 to 1998. This issuance also takes cognizance of and has due respect for the Supreme Court en banc resolution dated December 29, 1995 which declared that students cannot be compelled to salute the Flag if it is conduct based on their religious convictions. Final Supreme Court rulings have the force of law.

In accordance with the aforementioned laws, Presidential Issuances, Supreme Court Resolution, and DECS Ruling, the following activities are specified for appropriate observance by the Commission on Higher Education head office, all Higher Education Regional Offices (HEROs), and all Higher Education Institutions nationwide to wit:

**A. Conducting the Flag Ceremony**

1. During the flag-raising: The assembly shall stand facing the flag. At the first note of the National Anthem, the flag is to be raised briskly. All persons present shall stand at attention and salute the flag by placing their right palm over their heart (center to left part of the chest). Those wearing hats shall remove their head gear and salute by holding their hat over the heart. Those in military or citizens' military training uniforms shall give the salute prescribed by their regulations. The salute shall last until the end of the rendition or singing of the National Anthem.

2. During the lowering of the flag: The flag shall be lowered slowly so that it is at the bottom of the mast at the sound of the last note of the National Anthem. Salutes similar to those at flag-raising is required during the lowering of the flag.

3. Rendition of the Music of the National Anthem

The Philippine National Anthem was composed by Julian Felipe as a march because it represented the fervor of our country's revolutionary forefathers one hundred years ago during the Philippine Revolution. The National Anthem shall be played as a march as it was originally composed.

4. Singing of the National Anthem

The Philippine National Anthem shall be sung by the assembly with fervor and in a tempo matching that of the masterpiece of Julian Felipe.

B. Handling of the Flag

The flag is to be handled reverently and should never touch the ground when raised, lowered, or transported.

C. When to Display the Flag

Government offices shall display the flag everyday, from sunrise to sunset. Private buildings and homes are to display the flag from sunrise to sunset on national and special holidays proclaimed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines such as:

Araw ng Kagitingan  
National Heroes Day  
Bonifacio Day  
Rizal Day

April 9  
Last Sunday of August  
November 30  
December 30

\*\*\* Executive Order 179 issued by President Fidel V. Ramos on May 24, 1994 directs all government departments, agencies, offices, government owned and controlled corporations, instrumentalities, and the local government units to prominently display the flag, from May 28 to June 12 beginning the year 1994 and every year thereafter, in all public buildings, government institutions, and official residences. The prominent display of the flag in all public squares is enjoined and, whenever practicable, in all private buildings and homes.

D. How to Display the Flag

When flown from a flagpole: The blue field should be on top in time of peace and the red field on top in time of war.

When in vertical hanging position: The blue field should be to the left side of the observer in time of peace and the red field should be to the left in time of war.

When flown with other flags: When used with the flag of the Armed Forces or civic organizations or that of another nation, the Philippine Flag should always be above or on the right of the other flag. When in a parade with flags of other countries, the Philippine Flag should be at the center of the formation and in front of the other flags.

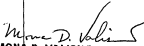
Nothing should ever cover or decorate the surface of the flag. The flag should always occupy the highest place of honor, and shall not be placed under any picture or below a person.

The flag shall never be used as a staff whip, covering for tables or curtain for doorways and windows.

A tattered or worn flag should never be displayed. It should be disposed of by burning so that such a flag would not be dishonored by being thrown away as waste or garbage.

SO ORDERED.

Pasig City, Republic of the Philippines, February 2, 1996.

  
**MONA D. VALISNO**  
Commissioner  
Officer-in-Charge  
Office of the Chair

# MALACAÑANG

Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 179

**PROMINENT DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL FLAG IN ALL BUILDINGS, ESTABLISHMENTS, AND HOMES FROM 28 MAY 1994 TO 12 JUNE 1994 AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 1, Article XVI of the 1987 Constitution provides that the National Flag should be consecrated and honored by the people and recognized by law;

**WHEREAS**, the National Flag, which symbolizes patriotism, love of country, and sense of nationhood and embodies the aspirations and sentiments of the Filipino People in their unceasing quest for freedom and independence, can be instrumental in raising the level of socio-civic consciousness of the Filipinos, especially among the youth;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 374 dated 06 March 1965 declared 28 May of each year as Flag Day, to commemorate the first unfurling of the Philippine Flag on Philippine soil at Alapan, Ibaos, Cavite on 28 May 1898;

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of Executive Order No. 137 dated 07 January 1965, mandates the display of the National Flag on national holidays, or special holidays as the President may proclaim not only in all public buildings, official residences, public squares and schools but whenever practicable, in all private buildings and homes, from sunrise to sunset; and,

**WHEREAS**, the period spanning the commemoration of the historic Flag Day on May 28 and the Independence Day on June 12, are opportune time for all Filipinos to collectively reflect on the significance of the National Flag, in the light of the forthcoming centennial celebration of the Philippine Independence in 1998.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the laws of the land, do hereby order:

**SECTION 1.** Display of the National Flag. All government departments, agencies, offices, government owned and controlled corporations, instrumentalities and the local

government units, shall prominently display the National Flag from 28 May 1994 to 12 June 1994 and every year thereafter, in all public buildings, government institutions and official residences.


The Department of Education, Culture and Sports, in coordination with the private sector, non-government organizations, and socio-civic groups, shall enjoin the prominent display of the National Flag in all public squares and, whenever practicable, in all private buildings and homes.

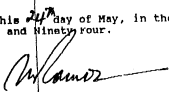
**SEC. 2. Allocation of Funds.** In support of the 1994 Independence Day Celebration, all concerned agencies may allocate such amount as may be necessary to defray expenditures that may be incurred from participation in the said activity, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**SEC. 3. Effectivity.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this <sup>24<sup>th</sup></sup> day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Four.

By the President:

  
TEODORO T. GUINGONA, JR.  
Executive Secretary



# LUPANG HINIRANG

(Pambansang Awit)

Sa yang ma-gi-law, Per-las ng Si-la-nan-nan; A-lab ng  
Lupang hi-na-rang, Du-yon ka ng ma-gi-ting; Sa man-lu-

a-wit sa pag-la-yang mi-na-mo-hal; Ang kis-lap Lu-pa  
niya kailan po may di mag-di-di - lim.

pa-so Sa dib-dib may bu-hay. -il. Sa da-gat at bun-dok, sa  
lu-pag Di ka ya-ai - si - ng Wa-ta-wat

a - raw, ng Iwat-ha-Ni-pag-sin-ta, Bu-hay ay la-nit  
ga-ya, na pag may may a - a - pi, Ang ma-ma-tay ng

si-may at sa lu-ngit may bug-law; May di-lag ang lu-ig at  
may Ta-gum-pay na tag-mi-nang-ning; Ang di-lu-in at a - raw

so-gi-ling mo A-ning li-  
da-hil sa iyé