



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
National Capital Region
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS
Quezon City, Metro Manila



July 5, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO:

Asst. Schools Division Superintendents
Division/District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Officers – In – Charge

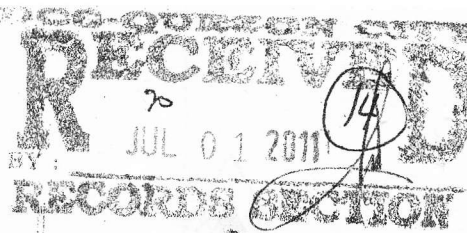
1. Attached is DepEd NCR Advisory from Elena R. Ruiz, Schools Division Superintendent, Officer – In – Charge, Office of the Regional Director dated June 28, 2011 re: **"SKYXPLORE Mobile Digital Planetarium"**, which is self – explanatory, for your information and guidance.
2. Please be guided by the Ganson Law R.A. 5546 which prohibits the sale of tickets and/or collection of contributions for whatever project or purpose from students and teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities.
3. Interested Schools may contact Ms. Ma. Victoria Marchadesh at Mobile No. 0917-9033067 or visit website www.skyxplore.com
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

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DepEd NCR ADVISORY

June 28, 2011

To: Schools Division Superintendents

The SKYXPLORE Mobile Digital Planetarium is launching a state-of-the-art science road show program that focuses on Astronomy.

Interested schools may contact Ms. Ma. Victoria Marchadesch at Mobile No. 0917-9033067 or visit website at www.skyxplore.com.

Attached is a letter of Ms. Marchadesch, Marketing Executive, Discover and Probe the Skies Inc., Diliman, Quezon City, for your reference.

Nonetheless, attention is invited to the provisions of Republic Act No. 5546 otherwise known as *"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TICKETS AND/OR THE COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WHATEVER PROJECT OR PURPOSE FROM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES."*


ELENA R. RUIZ

Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 5546

"AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIX ENTITLED "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN OF PUBLIC PRIMARY, INTERMEDIATE AND HIGH SCHOOLS"

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act Numbered Four thousand two hundred six is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 1. The sale of tickets and/or the collection of contributions in any form whatsoever, by any person for any project or purpose, whether voluntary or otherwise, from school children, students and teachers of public and private schools, colleges and universities is hereby prohibited: Provided, however, That this prohibition shall not cover membership fees of school children and students in the Red Cross, the girl scouts of the Philippines and the boy scouts of the Philippines: Provided, finally, That this prohibition shall not cover the contributions of parents and other donors for the support of barrio high schools."

SECTION 2. Section 2 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. Any educational institution or person who violate the provisions of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand pesos but not more than five thousand pesos or imprisonment for not more than one month or both in the discretion of the court. If the violation is committed by a private educational institution, the Secretary of Education, at his discretion, shall, in addition to the above penalty, suspend, revoke or otherwise cancel the authority to operate such educational institution."

SECTION 3. The title of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF TICKETS AND/OR THE COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WHATEVER PROJECT OR PURPOSE FROM STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES"

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved: June 21, 1969

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Ms. Elena R. Ruiz
Director
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director
Misamis St. Bago Bantay
Quezon City

Dear Madam:

Astronomy, basically the study of the universe and the celestial bodies has always fascinated both our educators or teachers and the students ever since. However, due to lack of facilities and government programs, the public has limited access on information about Astronomy. As a result, it is often relegated as an inconsequential branch of Science, giving less emphasis on it and apportioning little time for studying the Universe.

SKYXPLORE, the pioneering state-of-the-art science road show program in the country that focuses on Astronomy, through its Astronomy Awareness Program endorsed by the Department of Education is committed to empower and educate your institution and its students in uncovering a Universe that is vast, varied, beautiful and living through the only available mobile digital planetarium in the Philippines

SKYXPLORE, has also partnered with hundreds of schools and various institutions in the country in propagating Astronomy awareness and education in a more interesting, interactive and enjoyable fashion like never before.

SKYXPLORE includes the following activities

Space Dome (Mobile Digital Planetarium)
Film Showing
NASA Space Photos and Meteorite Exhibit
Ask-An-Astronomer
Bonus Activity – Solar Viewing and Stargazing (Optional/Provided good weather Condition)

This program is also in adherence to the mission and vision of the International Astronomical Union, and the UNESCO in promoting Astronomy Awareness, in all schools in the NCR Elementary and High School (Private and Public).

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March 29, 2011

ASTRONOMY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Diliman Preparatory School (DPS) Astronomical Center has organized an Astronomy Awareness Program called *Skyxplore* (Mobile Digital Planetarium) for all the students nationwide.

This program aims to promote astronomy awareness and help the youth rediscover their interest in the study of celestial objects and the universe

The *Skyxplore* features the following:

1. **Space Dome** is a simulated display of the day-and-night-time sky and celestial objects that engages the students in a personal sense of wonder and discovery in unique digital environment.
2. **Film Showing** on the International Year of Astronomy 2009 official movie. "The Eyes on the Skies" allows the participants to understand the many facets of the telescope
3. **Ask-an-Astronomer Activity** gives the student the chance to satisfy their innate curiosity and fascination for the Universe. Astronomers awe students with the latest scientific discoveries and natural events customized to levels, which are age and ability appropriate for greater absorption and understanding.
4. **Solar Viewing** gives the students the chance to experience the use of a special purpose telescope to observe the sun. Solar telescope usually detect light with wavelengths in, or not far outside, the visible spectrum
5. **Stargazing** includes the actual observation of the night sky using high-powered telescopes designed to provide the participants unforgettable viewing experience.
6. **NASA Space Photos and Meteorite Exhibit**on display are stunning photographs showcasing the solar system, deep sky objects, space explorations and a lot more.

The Mobile Digital Planetarium is available at affordable rates to schools, corporations, organizations and other situations. Participants enjoy this valuable experience of the site of their choice.

For more information, contact DPS Astronomy Center Diliman Preparatory School, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City at telephone nos.: (02) 4427893, (02) 8812759, (+632) 9285079700 or Mr. Pickard Balajadia Marketing Director at mobile phone no. 09164806646 or e-mail address: dps.astronomyv@skyxplore.co.cc

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March 25, 2011

In this regard, may we ask for your audience so we can further discuss the details of this highly recommended and educational Astronomy program and provide you as well with the materials, and presentation kits that will give you a good grasp of SKYXPLORE as we want this to be a part of your school activities and Science curriculum. Our staffs will gladly design a package for your school and customize an exhibit that will be most convenient for the school's resources and objectives.

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Attached herewith are the following: DepEd Memo No. 260, 2010 and DepEd Advisory 136, 2011, In compliance with DepEd Order No.39 s,2009.

Looking forward for your kind consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

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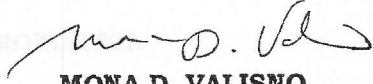

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The Diliman Preparatory School (DPS) Astronomical Center has organized an **Astronomy Outreach Program** called *Skyxplore* for all students nationwide.
2. This program aims to promote astronomy awareness and help young Filipinos rediscover their interest in the study of celestial objects and the universe. It includes the following activities:
 - a. **Space Dome.** The mobile digital planetarium shows simulated display of the day-time and night-time sky and the celestial objects;
 - b. **Film Showing.** The International Year of Astronomy 2009 Official Movie, "The Eyes of the Skies" explore the many facets of a telescope (the historical development, the scientific importance, the technological breakthroughs and the people behind this groundbreaking invention);
 - c. **Exhibit.** This showcases collection of stunning photographs of the solar system, deep sky objects and space explorations, and meteorites;
 - d. **Ask-An-Astronomer.** This activity provides students and teachers astronomical information through a live discussion with an astronomer, allowing students to ask questions and unveil their innate curiosity and fascination about the universe;
 - e. **Solar Viewing.** The students will get the chance to experience actual viewing of the sun provided the sky is clear and the weather is good; solar telescopes usually detect light with wavelengths in, or not far outside the visible spectrum; and
 - f. **Stargazing.** The participants may gather around at night for the actual observation of the night sky using high-powered state-of-the-art telescopes designed to provide optimal viewing experience provided the sky is clear and the weather is good.
3. The *Skyxplore* has also an organization, the *Skyxplore Club* which is dedicated to promote astronomy awareness and enhance the application of astronomical science in education. Membership is open to all students, teachers, amateur astronomers and astronomy enthusiasts all over the Philippines.



4. For more information, please contact DPS Astronomy Center, Diliman Preparatory School, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City at tel. nos.: (02) 931-0728/(02) 931-0731 or Ms. Ayen Terry, Marketing Administrator at tel. nos.: (02) 891-7784 to 85, fax no.: (02) 891-7783, cellphone nos.: 0918-444-9993/0926-717-6737 or e-mail address: skyxplore@gmail.com or visit website: www.skyxplore.com.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary 

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Former Senator Anna Dominique "Nikki" Coseteng has always believed that advanced scientific knowledge can contribute to a more equitable and peaceful society. This same creed has inspired her to foster Astronomy, or the study of the universe, to the academe and raise a nationwide awareness and appreciation of it. She envisioned to present key concepts in astronomy to students in modern ways that complement traditional classroom learning. This spawned "SKYXPLORE Astronomy Awareness Program." In May 2010, the first modern mobile planetarium that uses a digital projector was launched. Later on, its corporate vehicle, the Discover and Probe the Skies Inc (DPS) was created. With DPS, she made it possible for everyone to explore the universe as if it's within reach, dispelling the notion that astronomy is for a select few only. Now, students all over the nation can study and enjoy Astronomy like never before. At the helm of this advocacy is Prof. Edmundo Madrid Rosales, a Filipino astronomer armed with post-graduate degree in Astronomy from Hiroshima University, Japan, to work side by side with SKYXPLORE to meet its objective of effectively educating the students. He was the previous president of the Philippine Astronomical Society and a constant lecturer/resource person for NASA, UNESCO, and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Today, SKYXPLORE gears up for nationwide campaigns in empowering the Filipino students to explore the space.

To foster a nationwide awareness and appreciation of astronomy and space exploration's significance in our society by providing best quality, modern, thought-provoking, entertaining and most comprehensive educational programs and activities, thereby enhancing and complementing the traditional classroom methods.

VISION

To potentially inspire future Astronomers in the country, SKYXPLORE is committed to becoming the cornerstone in the advancement of the frontiers of Philippine Astronomy and in the pursuit of knowledge of the infinite Universe.



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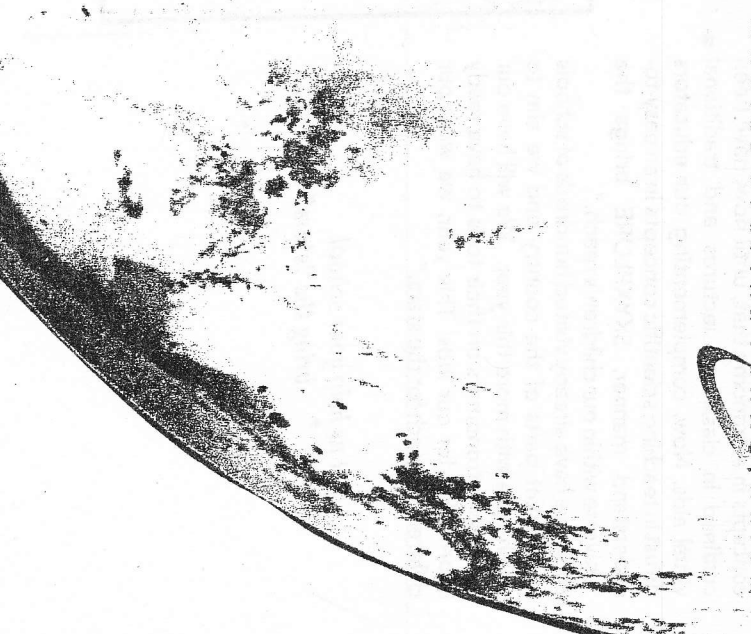
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A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDRESS



"A child's playful dream for the future is to walk on the surface of the moon and travel the Space. Not everyone could fulfill that dream. But we encourage them to dream on just the same. We want our children to never let go of their awe and wonder.

This is the premise Discover and Probe the Skies Inc. (DPS), through SKYXPLORE, work on. By bringing the experience of exploring the Solar System and seeing celestial objects up close, students have a personal encounter of the universe.

Our digital mobile planetariums present information in a compact exhibit of sight and sound. It is an interactive way of presenting concepts in astronomy that, until now, have been confined in classroom lectures and traditional visual aids. Now, complementing our educators thrust in teaching scientific concepts in an easy-to-understand manner, SKYXPLORE brings the "universe within our children's reach."

So far, we have already visited hundreds of schools in different parts of the country and we aim to touch base with more this year. We will have our in-house astronomers on their toes to have ready information for our kids. This year, we want our children to "reach for the stars."

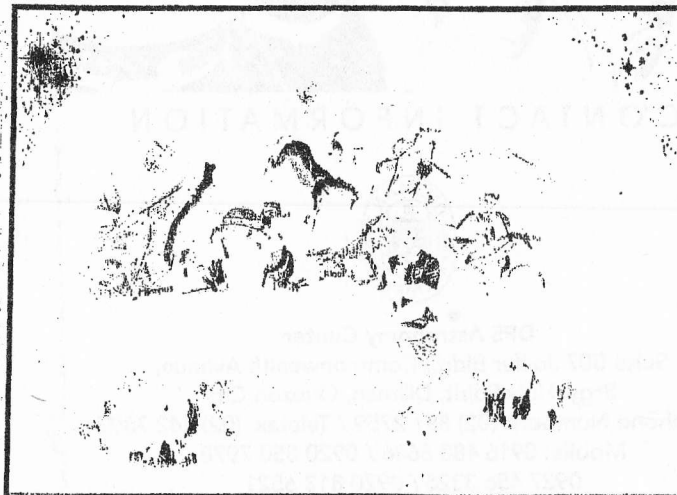
*Let us help your school
bring the "stars" to them."*

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SKYXPLORE is the pioneering science education road show in the country that focuses on Astronomy. Using the only mobile planetarium in the country, SKYXPLORE brings astronomy closer to the students, satisfying their curiosity of the skies and the celestial objects. With the use of the modern Digitalis Dome that simulates the sky from any vantage point on Earth, it displays celestial phenomena and planetary paths and presents concepts more compelling than traditional classroom setting visual aids.

Accompanied by astronomy experts from leading universities to explain scientific concepts, learning astronomy is made easier and more engaging and promotes a sense of wonder and discovery among students.



A Peek Inside The Digital Dome

SPACE DOME

Experience the day and night-time sky instantly; explore the Earth and beyond. Students get to immerse themselves in the beauty and vastness of our galaxies within just minutes through the modern simulated display of the Universe.

FILM SHOWING

A wide selection of educational film is available, like The Eyes on the Skies and more new titles every month. Produced by reputable film outfits, these films are designed specifically to communicate scientific concepts in a comprehensive way.

ASK AN ASTRONOMER

To reassure schools that students learn from the program, each road show is accompanied by an expert Astronomer who is ready to answer questions and explain the facts. This gives students a chance to satisfy their curiosity and fascination for the universe.

STARGAZING AND SOLAR VIEWING

A special night time activity for unforgettable viewing experience, a telescope is made available for students to get a chance to closely observe the Moons, Stars and the Planets. (Provided the sky is clear the weather condition is favorable.)

EXHIBIT

Stunning photographs provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) showcasing the solar system, deep sky objects, and more. This includes Moon rocks brought back by the Apollo and Luna missions.

