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MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 10-06-2020

TO : ALL RADIO & TV BROADCAST NETWORKS / OPERATORS

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION AMIDST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Department of Education (DepEd) is presently working to explore, develop and enhance various modes of learning and teaching modalities in order to ensure continuity of providing quality education amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Relative to this, the DepEd is considering the use of radio and television networks and facilities for its distance learning initiative as an alternative mode for the delivery of quality basic education.

Recognizing the foregoing, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), as the government agency mandated to oversee the operation of radio and TV broadcasting in the country, hereby reminds all radio and TV networks and operators in the country of their obligation on the following, as mandated in their respective franchises:

"Responsibility to the Public. - The grantee shall provide free of charge, adequate public service time which is reasonable and sufficient to enable the government, through the broadcasting stations or facilities of the grantee, to reach the pertinent population/s or portions thereof on important public issues and relay important public announcements and warnings as necessity, urgency or law require; provide at all times sound and balanced programming; promote public participation; assist in the functions of public information and education;...."

Radio and TV broadcast networks and operators are also reminded of their obligation to provide the National Government access to their facilities, as provided in their Authorizations, which states that:

"It shall provide free of charge, a minimum of thirty (30) hours/month time or access channel thru its radio/television station facilities to the National Government to enable it to reach the population on important public issues; assist Government, national or local, in the functions of public information and education....."

Pursuant to the aforementioned provisions, and in order to realize the above objectives, all radio and TV broadcasters in the Philippines are enjoined to assist and extend support to the Department of Education on these initiatives.

For information and compliance.



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Commissioner