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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2007-155**

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL  
MAYORS, VICE-GOVERNORS/MAYORS, DILG  
REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** CREATION/STRENGTHENING OF LOCAL LITERACY  
COORDINATING COUNCIL/LITERACY IMPLEMENTING UNITS

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7165 an "Act Creating the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC), Defining Its Powers and Functions, Appropriating Funds Therefore and for Other Purposes", an inter-agency national advisory and coordinating body was created to provide overall policy and program direction to the country's literacy efforts. Further, Administrative Order No. 324 entitled "*Mandating All Concerned Government Agencies and Local Government Units to Adopt the Literacy Coordinating Council Blueprint for Action as Framework or Guidelines in Developing Policies and Implementing Programs and Projects Related to Literacy*" was issued to support the implementation of the said law.

To be able to localize the national Literacy Coordinating Council's goals and objectives as well as its programs and projects, Joint Circular No. 01, series 2003 dated March 25, 2003 entitled "*Supplemental Provision/Guidelines on the Strengthening of Local Literacy Coordinating Councils and Literacy Implementing Units*" was likewise issued.

In the concluded literacy mapping activity, results show that there are a number of LGUs that have not organized their Local Literacy Coordinating Council/Literacy Implementing Unit (LLCC/LIU). In this regard and in pursuit of the national resolve to eradicate illiteracy, all LGUs are hereby encouraged to organize/strengthen their Literacy Coordinating Councils/Literacy Implementing Units (LLCCs/LIUs). As part of the effort of the DILG to rationalize the local planning system, the LLCC/LIU can be organized as a functional committee under the Social Development Sector. As such, it shall actively participate and assist the Local Development Council (LDC) in the performance of its planning function by providing inputs to the Education Sub-Sector.

For inquiry and assistance on the creation/strengthening of LLCC/LIU, you may contact Dr. Norma L. Salcedo, Head, LCC Secretariat at Rm 413, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City or through tel. nos. 631-0567 and 635-9996 or telefax nos. 631-0590 and 631-0579.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:

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