



MC No. 17, s. 1998

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

**T O** : **ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

**SUBJECT** : Authority to Visit Centennial Exposition 1998 at Clark Air Base

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The 1998 Centennial Celebration is a significant milestone in the history of the Philippines. It is an opportune time to heighten the sense of national pride of Filipinos and inspire them to be more productive members of the society.

In line with CSC Resolution No. 98-1051, all government officials and employees are hereby enjoined to participate in the Centennial activities, one of which is a visit to the Centennial Exposition at Clark Air Base on official time. The Centennial Exposition is intended to be the showcase of Filipino trade, culture, arts, environment, and international relations and is considered as alternative economic center in Luzon.

At the discretion of the agency management and subject to the availability of funds, government employees may be granted the privilege of visiting the Expo on official time.

The internal mechanisms for the availment of this benefits will be formulated by respective agencies within these general guidelines:

1. Employees may be granted the privilege of visiting the Centennial Exposition on official time for a maximum of three days anytime during the period 6 June 1998 to 15 June 1999.

2. At the discretion of the head of office, expenses for visits to the Expo may be fully or partially subsidized by an office or agency subject to usual accounting and auditing rules.
3. Head of offices must schedule the visits of their employees so that delivery of public services is not impaired at any time.
4. Said benefit is non commutable and may be availed of only during the specified period.
5. Costs of ticket and other details relative to the visit can be obtained from the Department of Tourism, Paskuhan Village Complex, San Fernando, Pampanga, Telephone numbers (045) 961-2665; Fxtel (045) 961-2612.

All concerned are hereby enjoined to cooperate towards the success of Expo Pilipino.

  
**THELMA P. GAMINDE**  
Commissioner

12 May 1998

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Republic of the Philippines  
**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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Philippine National Centennial Celebration;  
Visit to the Centennial Expo at Clark, Pampanga  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 981051**

WHEREAS, the Centennial Celebration in 1998 is a very significant milestone in the history of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under Proclamation No. 946, s. 1997, issued by the Office of the President, Filipinos' sense of patriotism should be heightened by inculcating the same spiritual values which inspired our forebears towards actualization of the national sovereignty;

WHEREAS, there are events and programs that form part of the celebration to showcase our growth and development as an independent nation;

WHEREAS, the Centennial Exposition 1998 at Clark Air Base is one of the highlights of the celebration and is intended to be the permanent destination site and alternative economic center in Luzon that will showcase Filipino trade, culture, arts, environment, and international relations;

WHEREAS, it is expected that foreign visitors will flock to Centennial Exposition beginning June 6, 1998;

WHEREAS, government officials and employees must be provided with the opportunity to visit the Centennial Exposition to upgrade their social awareness, national pride, and role in the global society;

WHEREAS, government officials and employees must be accorded the opportunity to visit this site on official time for a maximum of three (3) days inclusive of travel time as part of staff development.

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WHEREFORE, the Commission hereby grants authority to all heads of government offices to allow their employees to visit the Exposition for three (3) days on official time anytime during the period 6 June 1998 to 15 June 1999. In the exercise of their discretion, heads of offices/agencies may fully or partially subsidize such visits subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules.

Quezon City, MAY 12 1998

  
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Chairman

  
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Commissioner

  
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