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TO : PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN
REGION III

SUBJECT : CAPAS FREEDOM MARCH 2018: A COMMEMORATION OF THE 76TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAAN DEATH MARCH

DATE : February 1, 2018

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This Office informs all concerned of the **Capas Freedom March 2018: A Commemoration of the 76th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March**. The said event is officially part of the Department of National Defense's week-long celebration of the "**Araw ng Kagitingan**". With this year's theme "**March for a Veteran**", local and foreign military personnel, who have fought in the war, family members and friends of a veteran, civilians – young and old, rich and poor – will march together united as one in remembering the sacrifice of our heroes. The objectives of the event are as follows:

- To honor and remember the Bataan Death March heroes who were forced to march as Prisoners of War in 1942;
- To impress upon the youth that the price of freedom that we now enjoy is the result of the long and arduous ordeal endured by those who were with the Death March;
- To recognize the universal value of democracy, human dignity, equality, open society and respect for human rights;
- To learn that the true essence of survival is compassion, sacrifice mutual aid and altruism; and
- To preserve and promote historical sites and events and build an edifice of Historical Tourism

For more information, please refer to the attached communication from **Dr. Mina T. Gabor**, Chair, Capas Freedom March and Former Secretary of the Department of Tourism. You may also get in touch with **Mr. Michael Qutorio**, Project Manager, at 02-705-3333 loc. 224; 0928-507-4288, or through e-mail at capasfreedommarch@gmail.com., for other inquiries.

Participation of all concerned is voluntary.


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