

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 17

**ENJOINING ATTENDANCE IN THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE  
ON TOBACCO OR HEALTH TO BE HELD AT THE SUBIC BAY  
FREEPORT ZONE FROM NOVEMBER 23 TO 27, 1998, CO-  
HOSTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE  
TOBACCO-FREE PHILIPPINES FOUNDATION, INC.**

The officers of the Asia Pacific Association for the Control of Tobacco (APACT) have chosen the Philippines as the venue for the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Conference in Tobacco or Health.

Holding of conferences is one of the strategies of APACT to encourage the achievement of its general purpose, which is to promote a smoke-free environment for the people of the Asia Pacific Region.

The forthcoming conference shall be co-hosted by the Department of Health, together with the World Health Organization, and the Tobacco-Free Philippines Foundation, Inc. to be held on November 23 to 27, 1998 at the Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

The conference shall focus on the plight and future of our children who will definitely be endangered by continues tobacco promotion and use. It will also address some of the problems related to tobacco use and abuse with the end-goal of protecting the younger generations from the ill-effects of tobacco.

In view of the significance of the conference for the protection of younger generations and to show our unison to the commitment of the country, all heads of Departments or their authorized representatives with the rank of at least Undersecretary and their duly designated Smoking-Control Coordinators are hereby enjoined to attend the said conference. All department secretaries are further enjoined to extend full support, especially in the provision of the necessary logistic support, for the success of the conference.



DONE in the City of Manila, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.



By the President :



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**RONALDO B. ZAMORA**  
Executive Secretary



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