

ON SIMPLE AND AUSTERE GRADUATION RITES

Read online (full-text search, related cases, audio case brief): <https://batas.org/library/70f89164c586/>

Bureau Directors, Regional Directors, School Superintendents/District Supervisors, Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals, and Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. In line with the government's austerity program, we wish to reiterate the Department's policy on the holding of inexpensive but meaningful graduation rites. School heads are reminded to observe the following:

a. Voluntary contributions for graduations should be minimized and should not exceed P200.00. Parents should be informed about the use of any contributions for graduation. In private schools, contributions may vary from school to school and may be allowed only in consultation with the PTA.

b. Graduation exercises must be held in the school grounds. Graduation balls compelling graduating students to participate and contribute excessive amounts are discouraged.

c. No extravagant special attire should be required; school uniforms may be used for graduation rites. Expenses for any use of togas should be charged to students based on actual cost.

d. The annual yearbook should likewise be discouraged or be considered non-obligatory.

2. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Order is directed.

Adopted: 06 Feb. 2002

(SGD.) RAUL S. ROCO
Secretary

ABOUT BATAS.ORG

Study smarter at BATAS.org

The Philippine bar review and law-school companion built around how your brain actually remembers.

The complete Philippine law library - free for everyone.

More than 100,000 Supreme Court decisions, Republic Acts, and executive issuances - full-text searchable, browsable by category and year, and always free. No paywall, no login. This PDF came from it.

Audio case-brief lectures.

Any decision becomes a podcast-style lecture - facts, issues, ruling, and doctrine - with read-along highlighting and a hands-free presentation mode. Study while commuting, working out, or resting your eyes.

Bar review built on the science of memory.

Complete, sequenced courses for all eight bar subjects, narrated like podcasts and reinforced with retrieval practice and spaced review - the study techniques with the strongest evidence behind them.

The full law-school curriculum.

One subscription unlocks the entire J.D. curriculum - every subject, every lesson, with your progress tracked down to the paragraph so you can pick up exactly where you left off, on any device.

Mock exams that tell you where you stand.

Timed multiple-choice exams graded instantly, with per-subject score breakdowns and focus suggestions that point you at your weakest topics first.

A study planner that keeps you on pace.

Set your schedule and BATAS tells you every day whether you are on track for bar day - and exactly which lesson to take next.

Start free at <https://batas.org>

The law library is free forever - and your first lesson is one click away.

The text of this document is an official public record and remains in the public domain. Formatting, presentation, and compilation © 2026 batas.org.

Downloaded free from the batas.org Law Library. Share it freely - the library is free for every law student, bar reviewee, and practitioner.