

SINGING OF THE SUPREME COURT AND THE JUDICIARY HYMNS IN ALL OFFICIAL PROGRAMS OF THE JUDICIARY

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Hymns manifest the ideals of a country or an institution, and are among the most solemn of the various forms of expressions of love for it. They are thus effective means of promoting or strengthening unity and solidarity among the citizens of a country or the stakeholders of an institution, and of developing their principled pride as such.

The Supreme Court Hymn and the Judiciary Hymn put in words and in music what the Supreme Court and the Judiciary represent, as well as the sacramental role they play in our democratic society in upholding the rule of law and dispensing justice. The singing of these hymns by the Justices, judges and other court officials and employees is their act of solemn dedication to the ideals and goals of these institutions, their expression of gratitude for the rare privilege of public service through these institutions, and their prayer for strengthening the bond of unity and solidarity among them as public servants.

Accordingly, during the Flag Ceremony and at all official programs sponsored by the Supreme Court or by any office under it, including the Office of the Court Administrator and the Philippine Judicial Academy, the Supreme Court Hymn and the Judiciary Hymn must be sung. To ensure the active participation of the audience during such programs, the hymns must be embodied in the printed programs for the occasion.

Likewise, during the Flag Ceremony and at all other official programs Sponsored by all other courts below the Supreme Court, the Judiciary Hymn must be sung. To ensure the active participation of the audience during such programs, the hymn must be embodied in the printed program for the occasion.

The Office of the Court Administrator and the Public Information Office shall implement this Circular. The former may provide the appropriate guidelines for a more effective implementation thereof. The Public Information Office shall forthwith provide all courts with copies of the Supreme Court Hymn and the Judiciary Hymn.

This Administrative Circular shall take effect on the first day of January 2003.

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