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January 30, 1975

DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
No. 10, s. 1975

ANNOUNCING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE  
NATIONAL RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

TO: The Director of Public Schools;  
The Director of Private Schools;  
The Director of Vocational Education; and  
The Coordinator of State Colleges & Universities;

1. Enclosed herewith is a letter dated January 15, 1975 of Presidential Assistant Guillermo C. de Vega, Overall Chairman of the Retarded Children's Week, which is self-explanatory.

2. In view of the importance of the occasion, the Committee has thought it necessary to observe the Week with a fitting program of activities designed to focus public awareness on the state of the retarded children in the country.

3. Enclosed is a suggested schedule of activities during the period from February 14 to 20, 1975.

4. It is desired that this matter be given as wide publicity as possible.

(SGD.) JUAN T. MANUEL  
Secretary

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RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK

February 14-20

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January 15, 1975

SECRETARY JUAN MARQUEL  
Chairman  
Institutional Open House Committee  
Department of Education  
Sacramento, Calif.

Attention: MR. FRANCISCO C. PAK

Dear Secretary Manuel:

We are, indeed, pleased to have of your acceptance of the Chairmanship of the Institutional Open House Committee for the 1975 Retarded Children's Week Celebration.

Until just a few years ago, the mentally retarded have remained the "forgotten ones". It is in spite of the fact that there are at least 1.4 Million retardates in our country today - and 30,000 more are expected to be born each year. The real tragedy of the retarded all along has been that eight out of ten of them are "educable". How many could now be useful citizens, but are not because they did not receive the right help at the right time? The possibilities are vast, the opportunities for calling public attention to this sizeable segment of our population through a meaningfully organized Retarded Children's Week are endless.

We ask you to bring to your Committee assignment the energy and vision it demands. We also ask your support in helping bring the program of activities for the week to the attention of as many people in your department and affiliates as that the 1975 Retarded Children's Week can be observed and participated by the greatest number in as broad a context as possible.

Sincerely yours,

(SVP.) GILBERTO DE VEGA  
Over-All Chairman

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SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE NATIONAL RETARDED CHILDREN'S WEEK  
February 14-20, 1975

February 14, Friday	February 15, Saturday	February 16, Sunday
* Announcement of winners of the Search for Foster Children	* Special Olympics at the Amcorato Stadium, Quezon City	* Religious Services sermons all over the pines for the Retarded
* A call on the President and the First Lady by the Foster Children their families and supporters and the retarded children.	* Opening ceremonies to be officiated by Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Chairman, Kennedy Foundation, assisted by Hon. Guillermo de Vega	* Morning Eucharist at the Tambo.
		* "Role of the church religious groups in and training of the A Conference, Ateneo Velozes.
February 18, Tuesday	February 19, Wednesday	February 20, Thursday
* Philippine Association for the Retarded Child. (First Day)	* Philippine Association for the Retarded Child (Second Day)	* Madrigal Singers and Concert featuring organist.
* Opening Displays and Exhibits	* Announcement of winners for the Essay Contest	

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