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OBSERVANCE OF THE 1979 UNITED NATIONS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendants
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The observance of United Nations Week this year which falls on October 18-24, will be coordinated by the United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP) and the Ministry of Education and Culture in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO Clubs and Associated Schools Project for International Cooperation and Peace, UNCTAD and Chamber of International Trade.
2. Because the United Nations has proclaimed 1979 as the International Year of the Child, the UN Week is intended to focus special attention on the children in each community, in every nation throughout the world.
3. The general theme for the celebration is "The Child: Hope of Mankind". Suggested conceptual themes for the three levels of education are as follows:

Elementary Level:	"The Child's Health - A Basic Concern"
Secondary Level:	"The Child's Values in a Changing Society"
Tertiary Level:	"Useful Citizenship for a Better and Peaceful World"
4. All schools, colleges and universities particularly institutions participating in the UNESCO Associated Schools Project on education for international understanding, cooperation and peace, and UNESCO Clubs as stipulated in Department Memorandum No. 134, s. 1976 are strongly urged to take the leadership in promoting various activities during the UN Week.

5. The following suggested activities may be enriched by the teacher through her initiative and creativity:

- Holding exhibits showing drawings, paintings and other finished articles prepared by children,
- Holding essay or poetry contests and publishing the winners in local newspapers,
- Creating jingles, rhymes, songs and playlets,
- Putting an international show such as puppet show, music festival with songs and dances from all over the world,
- Holding a costume party or parade where children act and dress like children of other parts of the world,
- Conducting raffles or sports contest, jogging or bicycle race to raise money for the local orphanage or children's library or raising funds for international organizations like UNICEF that help children all over the world,
- Visiting children in hospitals or orphanages and bringing them toys and letters, telling them jokes, stories or playing games with them,
- Writing letters to children in other places, exchanging pictures, toys and other finished artifacts with children of other parts of the world.

6. Cooperation with civic organizations in the community like the Parent Teachers Association, Kabataang Barangay, Women's Club, YMCA, YWCA, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Jaycees, Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines, Philippine National Red Cross, Knights of Columbus and others is urged in preparing activities appropriate for the celebration of the Week.

7. Culminating activities for the Ud Week may be implemented through various strategies such as class or school convocations, programs, assemblies, parades, poster making and painting contests, cultural plays, talks of resource speakers, songs, dances, exhibits or art work, theme writing, quiz programs, panel discussions, oratorical and extemporaneous talks and debates.

8. Reports on salient activities undertaken during the celebration including photographs, should reach the Office of the Deputy Minister of Education and Culture, who is concurrently the UNAP President, on or before December 31, 1979 so that these could be published in the UNAP Newsletter, and International Understanding at School, a UNESCO Headquarters publication in Paris, France.

9. All school authorities concerned should extend full cooperation and support to this year's celebration to insure its significant success.

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References:

Department Memorandums: Nos. (164, s. 1976) and
243, s. 1978

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