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1981 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL WEEK CELEBRATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1192, dated October 19, 1973, of His Excellency, President Ferdinand F. Marcos, Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Week will be observed on November 15-21. The theme of this year's celebration is "Pag-aabuso ng Gamot: Kapansanang Panlipunang Dapat Sugpuin."

2. To focus the attention of everyone in the schools and communities on the adverse effects of dangerous drugs on the people's health as well as on the political, economic and social stability of the country, it is suggested that the following activities be undertaken in observance of this Week:

Sunday, November 15

Mass or ecumenical services with homilies centered on close family ties, strong desirable personal values and vigilant, cooperative community people for drug abuse prevention. This may be followed by a "Fight Drug Abuse: A Social Disability" rally.

Monday, November 16

A school-community civic parade with the participation of school children, other government, non-government, socio-civic, and religious organizations. A convocation or literary-musical contest may be held after the parade.

Tuesday, November 17

A poster and slogan contest focused on the theme may be held. The best poster and slogan from each school division may be sent to the Project Officer, Special Project on Drug

Abuse Prevention Education, MEC, Manila through their respective regional directors. A Quiz Bee may likewise be held.

Wednesday, November 18

A community symposium to disseminate information about drugs to parents, Barangay leaders and other adults would be useful.

To further focus attention on alternative activities to drug abuse, sanitation and beautification activities may be undertaken by the youth in coordination with other government and non-government agencies.

Thursday, November 19

The out-of-school youths may be involved in a sports fest to enhance their physical development, and a cultural presentation to develop pride in our cultural heritage.

Friday, November 20

A talent and skill contest may be held involving the disabled youths. This being the International Year of the Disabled, the nation's attention should also be focused on this special group of young people and what they can contribute to economic and social progress.

Saturday, November 21

The culminating activities may be focused on activities promoting closer family ties such as family outings, other family gatherings and teacher-pupil-parent get-together activities.

3. Other educational and social activities suited to local need and available resources but which nevertheless invite the people's attention to the dangers posed by drug abuse, and to strengthen their resolve to participate actively in the continuing efforts to prevent the menace may be undertaken.
4. Each region should submit to this Office (attention: Project Officer, Special Project on Drug Abuse Prevention Education, MEC, Manila) on or before December 15, 1981, a brief report on the Week's celebration.
5. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum all concerned is requested.

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Minister

Reference:

MEC Memorandum: No. 201, s. 1980

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