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38TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH 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. The 38th National Dental Health Week will be celebrated on February 9-15 in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 235 dated January 24, 1951. The annual celebration is geared towards arousing dental health consciousness among the people, particularly the school children, and making them appreciate the importance of dental hygiene.
2. The theme of this year's celebration is "Ngipily Kayamanan, Sangkap sa Kalusugan".
3. The Week should be observed with appropriate activities in all schools, both public and private. A list of suggested activities that maybe undertaken during the Week is printed on the reverse side.
4. All school health personnel, particularly school dentists, are expected to cooperate with local dental societies in planning activities designed to develop dental health awareness among the people.
5. All classroom teachers are also enjoined to give emphasis on dental health instruction and prepare school activities focusing on dental health during the Week.
6. It is desired that this Memorandum be widely disseminated to all concerned and a report on the Week's celebration be included in the school dental reports.

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Minister

Reference: MECs Memorandum No. 8, s. 1986

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SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

I. Opening Program - February 9

1. Dental Health Parade - School participating with placards and posters depicting dental health information.
2. Convocation
 - a. Talk by the school dentist or an invited dental practitioner on the importance of dental care and oral hygiene.
 - b. Talk by the dental supervisor or health supervisor on the significance of dental health in relation to community health.

II. Classroom Activities During the Week

1. School dentists/classroom teachers to check on the dental health habits of school children.
2. School dentists to conduct toothbrushing drills with emphasis on the proper way of brushing the teeth.
3. School teachers to give a daily five-minute talk on the importance of dental health.
4. Selection of A-1 child with the best set of teeth per age group and give simple awards of recognition.

III. Audiovisual Activities During the Week

1. Films/slides exhibition on dental health wherever available.
2. Radio broadcast in cooperation with local dental societies or civic group.
3. Poster contest on dental health.

IV. Closing Program - February 15

1. Motorcade or parade by school children with dental health as the main theme in collaboration with the local dental society, parent-teacher association or any civic group.
2. Literary-musical program with an invited guest speaker to talk on the "Significance of the National Dental Health Week."

