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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 237, s. 1997

1997 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Elementary and Secondary Special Schools

1. In compliance with Republic Act No. 6759, "An Act Declaring August 1 of Each Year as White Cane Safety Day in the Philippines and for Other Purposes", the theme for this year's celebration is "Accessibility for the Blind and Children with Low Vision".

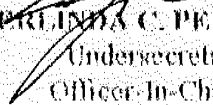
2. All public and private schools with special education programs are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate activities which include the following:

- a. Awareness campaign concerning the education of visually impaired children by inviting blind students or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for the blind;
- b. School forum to be attended by blind educators or students, SPED or regular teachers, principals, supervisors and parents for the discussion of topics like:
 - 1) Early Intervention for Blind Children;
 - 2) Inclusive School for the Blind;
 - 3) Vocational Rehabilitation for Independent Living; and
 - 4) Computer Education for the Visually Impaired.

c. Sportsfest and recreational activities to be participated in by blind children and those with low vision; and

d. Display of projects made by blind students.

3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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