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**10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN CONVENTION
ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (CRC)**

To Bureau, Center and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1 The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on November 20, 1999. The Philippine government being one of the signatories to the convention upon the ratification of this document by the Philippine Senate in 1990 is fully committed to provide the policy environment and needed resources to ensure the protection and promotion of child rights as enunciated in this UN document.

2 The education sector, particularly the school system, plays a critical role in creating awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the provisions of the convention especially among school children. More importantly, the school system ensures the attainment of various provisions of the convention particularly Articles 28 and 29.

3 To meaningfully celebrate the 10th anniversary of the CRC, all public and private elementary and high schools nationwide are enjoined to organize and hold the following activities during the period of November 15 - 20:

- a. Essay writing contest on the rights of the child,
- b. School forum or class discussion on CRC,
- c. Photo/art exhibits,
- d. Art contests,
- e. Child rights parade,
- f. Oratorical contest,
- g. and others

4 To commemorate this important event, a Child Rights Fair will be held on November 20, 1999 at UP Diliman Bahay Alumni from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Schools may invite their pupils to visit the Fair with their parents, guardians and teachers. The fair will have educational exhibits, creative presentations, games, focus group discussions among children, etc. This event is sponsored by various government agencies led by the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), UNICEF, and non-government organizations engaged in child rights promotion and advocacy.

5 Schools are encouraged to work with local government units, non government organization, civic organizations among others, in the conduct of the abovementioned activities

6 Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired

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