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**DECS MEMORANDUM**  
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**FIRST ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

**To: Bureau Directors**  
**Regional Directors**  
**Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units**  
**Schools Division/City Superintendents**  
**Private Secondary Schools Principals**

1. The Philippine NGO Council on Population, Health and Welfare, Inc. (PNGOC) will hold the First Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive Health (APCRH) on February 15-19, 2001 at the Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC), Manila, Philippines.
2. With the theme "Quality RH: On Track with the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Agenda", the conference aims to:
  - a. foster an exchange of ideas and experiences among researchers, educators, service providers, NGOs, and policy makers from a wide range of Asian and Pacific nations to tackle challenges and opportunities for improving reproductive health policies and programs in the next millennium;
  - b. increase knowledge among RH practitioners in the Asia Pacific region about recent developments in RH and related fields;
  - c. explore, analyze, and understand the political, economic, and social factors affecting reproductive health in the region;
  - d. build consensus and collaborative relationships for the improvement of the quality of reproductive health and quality of life in the region; and
  - e. explore alternative strategies for meeting the RH needs of families living in poverty or with limited access to appropriate health services.
3. Participants to this conference will come from the government as well as NGO sectors representing policymakers, program managers, health professionals, social scientists and donor agencies. This diversity of participants will contribute to a lively and beneficial exchange of information and ideas about reproductive health (RH) philosophy, policy and program implementation.
4. Participants from the public schools are allowed to attend on official time only. Those coming from the private schools shall make financial arrangements with their respective institutions/organizations.

5. For more inquiries, contact PNGOC Executive Director Eden R. Divinagracia at 38-A San Luis St., Pasay City or call up at telefax no. (632) 834-50-08.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Undersecretary

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None

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