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Office of the Secretary

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No. 82, s. 2001

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. In preparation for the Philippine country compliance report to Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) due in January 2002, a National Conference on Women in Leadership will be held on March 1-3, 2001 at TESDA Women's Center, TESDA Complex, East Service Road, South Superhighway, Taguig, Metro Manila. This is the first national basic training on the rights-based approach to women's leadership and empowerment.

2. This national conference is a government organization (GO) and nongovernment organization (NGO) collaborative undertaking of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) GAD Focal Point, Philippine NGO Beijing Score Board, Ugnayan ng Kababaihan sa Pulitika, in cooperation with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) GAD Focal Point, Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and other GAD Focal Points of government offices as well as other NGOs from the women's movement, civil society and academe.

3. This women in leadership conference shall underscore the CEDAW framework and basis for women's political rights/empowerment and leadership in community, economic and national affairs. In celebration of women's month, this national conference will have women leaders from both government and civil society as speakers. It will specially salute the administration of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo as the second woman President of the Philippine Republic. It will also enjoin full support and participation from all stakeholders who share the common vision of articulating values of women leadership in good governance, gender and poverty.

4. Among the interesting areas of discussion to be presented by experts are as follows:

- a. International instruments and conventions on women: rights-based approach to women's leadership and empowerment;
- b. Rights-based approach to women's political leadership with special focus on agenda setting and conduct of political campaigns;
- c. Business amidst difficulties: good news for women entrepreneurs;
- d. The new challenges of the rural women;
- e. The changing work situations: challenges and opportunities;
- f. Advances in Gender Sensitivity/GAD Training and Gender Mainstreaming; and

g. Science, Technology and the Environment: women propelling change/women & ICTs

5. A registration fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P3,500.00) check paid to UKP shall be charged each participant to cover the following expenses: two nights accommodations, the conference venue and food for three days, and a resource directory on women in leadership, communications, publication of proceedings. Other secretariat expenses including honoraria to expert speakers shall be deducted from this amount collected. J. 1167

6. Funding for attending the conference is provided for by the GAD Budget of government offices, by EO 273, adopting and approving the Philippine Plan for Gender Responsive Development, 1995-2025 and mandating GOs and NGOs to monitor the implementation of the PPGD.

7. Civil Service Commission MC No. 18, s. 2000 dated October 16, 2000 and MC No. 2000-151 dated October 24, 2000 issued by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) enjoins representatives of government offices nationwide to participate in the CEDAW Information Education Campaign.

8. For more inquiries, contact the Office of the President, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, 1145 J.P. Laurel St., San Miguel, Manila, tel. nos. 735-4955/1896; fax no. 736-4449; e-mail: ncrfw@info.com.ph and webpage:www.ncrfw.gov.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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