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DECS MEMORANDUM

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WORLD TB DAY COMMEMORATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Philippine Coalition Against TB (PHILCAT) is spearheading the World Health Organization - initiated World TB Commemoration on March 24, 2001. The theme "DOTS-TB Cure For All" calls for equitable access to TB services for everyone who has TB without stigma or discrimination.

2. Its objectives are:

- to mobilize political leaders and decision makers about the situation of TB sufferers and the implication of TB for human development, and the fact that there is no excuse for inaction in the face of an available cost effective cure; and
- to raise awareness that a cure for TB is available and that accessing and completing TB treatment, without stigma and discrimination is an important step in realizing one's right to the highest attainable standard of health and well-being.

3. To attain the objectives of the Commemoration, the following activities are suggested to be conducted in schools:

- putting up of TB prevention messages in the school's bulletin board
- conduct of seminars/symposia
- health lectures by school health personnel

4. The Division/Region Health and Nutrition Section/Unit personnel; in coordination with the local government units and concerned NGO's, shall take the lead in this activity.

5. A report on the observation of the activities shall be incorporated in the first quarter report to be submitted to the Health and Nutrition Center, DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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