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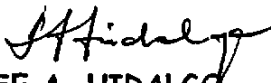
**2002 NATIONAL MENTAL RETARDATION WEEK**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, this year's National Mental Retardation Week will be observed on February 14-20, 2002. The theme is: "Inclusion: From Vision to Reality"
2. This year's celebration is also a part of the National Observance of the Asian and Pacific Decade For Disabled Persons, 1993-2003.
3. This Department, in collaboration with other government and non-government agencies is encouraged to conduct any of the following suggested activities during the week:
  - a. Discussion during class hours of any of the following:
    - Parents as partners of the school
    - Helping children with mental retardation to develop social, emotional, physical and spiritual skills
    - Success stories of children with mental retardation
  - b. Viewing school exhibits of handouts made by children with mental retardation;
  - c. Updating practitioners and parents on educational and social opportunities for children with mental retardation;
  - d. Launching a campaign for out-of-school youth and mentally handicapped children to attend classes, sheltered workshops, vocational

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- training, etc. that are available in the community;
- e. Holding sportsfests, camps, cultural shows and other activities which will highlight the talents of the mentally handicapped; and
  - f. Strengthening the community network group composed of local government and non-government agencies to enrich existing programs for persons with mental retardation.
4. At the National Capital Region, the Quezon City Government in coordination with the Special Education Division (SPED), Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), Quezon City Capitol Jaycees and the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR) will sponsor the Annual Camp Pag-ibig at Balara, Quezon City on February 17, 2002 for children and youth with disabilities in the region. Children enrolled in special classes in Regions III & IV including teachers, administrators and supervisors are invited to attend.
5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

  
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