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WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

To : Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Heads of Bureaus/Centers/Services
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals/Head
Teachers/TICs

1. Pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 224 and 227, declaring the month of March as Women's Month, this Department, in coordination with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and other agencies shall celebrate the month with various activities to promote women's welfare. This year's theme is "Karapatan ay Isulong Tungo sa Adhikain ng Kababailhan (KAISA KA)" in view of the need to promote human rights to achieve women's goals of economic empowerment, gender equality and good governance.

2. Schools are encouraged to conduct appropriate activities such as the following:

- Brief lecture during the flag ceremony on the significance of the celebration;
- Discussion on women's rights during the first minutes of the class;
- Conduct of health services specifically addressing women's health concerns;
- Holding of symposia, fora, community assemblies, sports, poster making and essay writing contests; and
- Alay Lakad Para sa Mga Kababailhan

3. On National Women's Day, March 8, there will be a Women's Walk from the EDSA Shrine to the Philippine Sports Arena. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo will give the keynote speech during the program. The highlight of the program is the launching of the Framework Plan for Women, the agenda of the Macapagal-Arroyo administration to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment. She is joining the DepEd family in a lunch at the Bulwagan ng Karunungan on March 8, 2002.

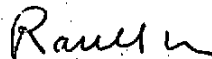
4. Regional Directors and the Gender and Development Focal Point/Regional Coordinator will spearhead the various activities. School health and nutrition personnel shall undertake health services that promote women's well-being. Linkages are expected to be made by them with other GOs and NGOs in the area for the provision of appropriate health

care and counselling to address women's health needs and concerns. Focal points for women and sexual harassment units in some DepEd regions may also be tapped for this program.

5. The Regional Coordinators/Focal Persons are requested to submit reports on the activities undertaken to the Central Office Focal Point for Women, SDD-NEAP, Department of Education, 2nd Flr., Rizal Bldg. II, UL-Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City by the end of March.

6. Expenses incurred in the preparation and conduct of the activities in the Central Office are chargeable against Special Program Funds (A.1.A.1.D.6), subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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Reference:

DECS Memorandum No. 102, s. 2001

Attachment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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