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**24th NATIONAL DISABILITY PREVENTION
AND REHABILITATION (NDPR) WEEK**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads of Public Schools and SPED Centers
Heads of Private Special Schools

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 361 dated August 19, 2000, declaring the third week of July as the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NDPR) Week which shall culminate on the birthdate of the sublime paralytic: Apolinario Mabini on July 23 each year, all schools are encouraged to observe and celebrate NDPR Week on July 17-23, 2002.



2. The theme for this year's celebration is "*Makabagong Pilipinong Maykapansanan: Kabalik at Bayan*". This theme aims to eliminate the belief that people who are differently-abled are just receivers of services from "normal" people, rather they are also service providers to their fellowmen. Furthermore, the theme encourages the disabled individual to reflect that as a part of the modern day differently-abled population, he is a productive member of the society and the country as a whole, thereby making him the millennium version of Apolinario Mabini.

3. The objectives of the observance of the NDPR Week are to:

- a. stimulate public awareness and to strengthen the involvement of the different government and non-government organizations including Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) themselves and the media on all disability concerns;
- b. serve as a vehicle of information for programs being implemented to promote the welfare of PWDs;

"Bawat Graduate, Bayani at Marangal"

- c. encourage every citizen to take active responsibility in the upliftment of the economic and social conditions of the PWDs in our society; thereby, encouraging them to take pro-active roles in nation building.
 - d. generate media support to and participation in disability concerns.
4. All public, private, special schools and SPED Centers are encouraged to observe the week-long celebration with appropriate activities in their respective schools/divisions/regions. Suggested activities that may be undertaken include:
- a. Classroom discussions on the rights of disabled persons, on the life and works of Apolinario Mabini and, achievements of well known disabled persons;
 - b. Quiz Show on the life and works of Apolinario Mabini and successful modern-day disabled persons in the country and in the local community, i.e. Nonoy Zuña, Rochelle Ambubuyog;
 - c. Slogan writing contest, essay writing contest, and other competitions focusing on this year's theme;
 - d. Information campaign over the radio, TV and print on the observance of the NDPR Week;
 - e. Interview and symposium with successful PWDs in school, radio, and TV programs during the week; and
 - f. Educational visits to Mabini Shrine, museums and other places which highlight the heroism of Apolinario Mabini.
5. Widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary 

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