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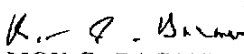
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2002 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

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To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Public & Private Elementary and Secondary Special Schools

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 6759 otherwise known as "An Act Declaring August 1 of Each Year as White Cane Safety Day in the Philippines and for Other Purposes" the theme for this year's celebration is "Full Participation and Equality of Children with Visual Impairment in the Community".
2. The White Cane Safety Day Celebration is also the first activity of the Sight Saving Month Celebration (August). It has the following objectives:
 - a) to instill public awareness on the welfare of the blind;
 - b) to promote recognition and acceptance of the White Cane as symbol of mobility for blind persons; and
 - c) to promote and protect the physical, moral and social well-being of blind persons
3. To attain the objectives of the celebration the following are suggested activities to be conducted in schools:
 - a) Information dissemination concerning the education of the visually impaired by inviting blind students or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for the blind;
 - b) Holding symposia, fora and/or panel discussions relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness;
 - c) Conducting training on Orientation and Mobility to blind students and adults in the community.
4. In order not to disrupt classes and to maximize time for learning, as stated in DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2002, the celebration should be made part of the regular classroom activities.
5. Heads of aforementioned schools are likewise encouraged to invite other agencies and organizations providing services to the blind to join the celebration.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary

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Reference:

DepEd Order: (No. 20, s. 2002)

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