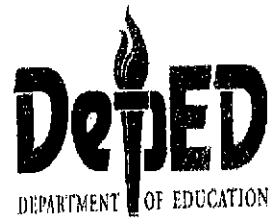




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NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH CELEBRATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 184 dated May 31, 1993, the National Kidney Month Celebration shall be observed during the whole month of June with the theme "*Kalusugan sa Kamay ng Mamamayan*".
2. The celebration aims to stress the importance of personal responsibility in caring for the kidney to enjoy the benefits of good health and to prevent being affected with end-stage renal diseases.
3. The following activities are suggested to be undertaken in the schools to highlight the celebration:
 - a. hang streamers in strategic places in the school;
 - b. create awareness on the importance of proper care of the kidneys and on the prevention and control of kidney ailments;
 - c. conduct urine screening among teachers and non-teaching personnel by school health personnel; and
 - d. integrate proper care of the kidneys/excretory system in appropriate learning areas.
4. School health and nutrition personnel and health education teachers shall take the lead in the conduct of activities in their respective schools/areas of responsibility. Coordination shall likewise be made with the regional program managers of the Department of Health's (DOH's) Renal Disease Control Program (REDCOP) on the schedule of urine screening of teachers and non-teaching personnel to detect kidney ailments, and on other medical missions that will be conducted by other stakeholders.
5. It is requested that a brief consolidated narrative and pictorial report on the celebration be incorporated in the 3rd quarter report to be submitted to Ms. Paz Buenviaje of the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), DepED, Pasig City with tel no. 633-7245; loc.2092 and 2153.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

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