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2004 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary 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 Other Purposes", the theme for this year's celebration is "*With White Cane, We Can*".

2. The White Cane Safety Day celebration 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 a symbol of mobility for blind persons; and
- c. to promote and protect the physical, moral and social well-being of blind persons.

3. The National Inter-Agency Committee for the celebration has prepared the following activities which will be undertaken at the Quezon Memorial Circle Park, Quezon City:

- 6:30 - 7:30 - Assembly
- 7:30 - 8:30 - "Walk with the Blind"
- 8:30 - 9:30 - Opening Program
- 10:30 - 1:30 - Simultaneous Activities
 - Fun Games
 - Livelihood Demonstration
 - Blood Letting
 - Tree Planting

4. The aforementioned activities could also be conducted at the regional level under the initiative of the Regional Special Education Council. Other GOs, NGOs and civic organizations can be tapped for assistance.

5. Other suggested activities for the celebration include:

- Sharing information on best practices concerning the education of the visually impaired by inviting blind students or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for the blind;
- Holding of symposia, fora and panel discussions relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness;
- Holding of Academic, Declamation, Dramatic Reading, Braille Reading and Writing Contests and other activities which will highlight the talent and skills of the visually impaired; and
- Inviting ophthalmologists/optometrists to conduct free eye examination and screening to visually impaired students. †

6. All SPED centers, public and private schools with special education programs are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate activities.
7. For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Mirla Olores, Chief, SPED Division, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. no. (02) 631-9993.
8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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