

## Republic of the Philippines Bepartment of Education



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WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION MARCH 2007

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Schools Division/City Superintencients
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

- 1. Presidential Proclamations No. 2.24 and 227 and R.A. 6949, declares the month of March as Women's Month. The Department of Education (DepED), in coordination with the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and other agencies celebrate this with various activities in recognition of women's critical role in development and nation-building and awareness-raising on the prevailing concerns of women that need to be addressed.
- 2. This month-long celebration, with the theme "CEDAW ng Bayan: Kabuhayan ng Kababaihan", will focus on women's economic empowerment and rights as it continues to emphasize the country's heightened implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women or CEDAW.
- 3. The National Women's Day nationwide celebration will be held on March 8, at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium, Adriatico St., Manila coinciding with the International Women's Day. Thirty (30) participants from the DepED Central Office and seventy (70) from NCR are expected to participate in the celebration on official business. Participants will be provided t-shirts, transport and food allowance to cover two (2) snacks and lunch. Participants from the Central Office should register with the Staff Development Division, HRDS. Names of participants from the NCR should be submitted to the same office by the regional GAD coordinator on or before March 7, 2007. Only registered participants will receive the shirts and allowance.
- 4. All DepED offices are encouraged to conduct appropriate activities related to the celebration. Suggested activities include holding of symposia on women's issue, lectures on personal development and other related topics. Schools are likewise enjoined to display streamers, hold poster-making, slogan and other student contests.
- 5. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Zaida T. Azcueta and Ms. Nerissa Lansangan Losaria, DepED Focal Point members at tel. nos. (02) 633-7237 and (02) 633-7228.

- 6. Transportation, extra duty allowance, tokens and other incidental expenses incurred in the preparation and conduct of activities in the DepED Central Office are chargeable against Special Program Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations, while expenses incurred by the regional and division officers are chargeable against local funds.
- 7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

RAMON C. BACANI Undersecretary

Reference: DepED Memorandum: No. 83, s. 2005

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