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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 256, s. 2007

JULY 2007 NATIONAL DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS
MONTH (NDCM) OBSERVANCE

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Executive Order No. 137 dated August 10, 1999 declares the month of July of every year as the National Disaster Consciousness Month. The institutionalization of the Civil Defense Deputation Program is also emphasized in the said E.O. Activities relative to this shall be focused on disaster risk reduction education in order to ensure heightened awareness and consciousness among school administrators, teachers and schoolchildren nationwide on what to do before, during and after the occurrence of all forms of human-made and natural hazards. The theme for this year's observance is "Safe Ka Ba? Programa Laban sa Kalamidad Tungo sa Pag-unlad".

2. In view of this, all DepED regional/division offices, private and public schools and attached offices are hereby enjoined to undertake relevant activities to mark the significance of the occasion and hang streamers bearing the abovestated theme. Suggested activities to be undertaken in DepED Offices, attached agencies and in schools are:

- a. Hanging of streamers; (see copy enclosed)
- b. Discussing Disaster Risk Reduction during flag raising ceremonies;
- c. Devoting time for discussing disaster preparedness, mitigation, prevention and control in class;
- d. Advocating Disaster Risk Reduction as a way of life at home and in the community;
- e. Conduct of Earthquake, Fire and Evacuation Drills;
- f. Symposium or students' forum in schools focused on Disaster Risk Reduction;
- g. Conduct of Essay Writing and Slogan Contests on Disaster Preparedness; and
- h. Other related activities.

3. The DepED Central Office in cooperation with NDCC members and private sector will spearhead the following undertakings:

- a. Launching of the search for most well prepared and well maintained educational activities; and design competition for hazards resilient school buildings (Build Better, Be Better Project);
- b. Conduct of a 3-day Youth Forum to disseminate the Wakayama Youth Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction Education;
- c. Conduct of the 2nd Quarter Earthquake Drill nationwide; and
- d. Implementation of the Safe Schools Project, a UNICEF-assisted program.

4. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

Encl.: As stated

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 249, s. 2006

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DepED Complex Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

joins the

NATIONAL DISASTER COORDINATING COUNCIL

in the observance of the



National Disaster Consciousness Month

Theme: *SAFE KA BA?*

“ **PROGRAMA LABAN SA KALAMIDAD**

TUNGO SA PAG-UNLAD “

July 1 - 31, 2007