



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education



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Office of the Secretary

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DepED MEMORANDUM
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EARTH HOUR 2009

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

1. On March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m., the world will turn-off lights for One Hour. This act, called Earth Hour, is a strong message of hope, a call to action for every individual, government and business to take responsibility, and jointly, ensure a sustainable future.
2. Earth Hour 2009 will be the culmination of one billion people in more than 1000 cities around the globe turning off lights and sending message to world leaders in the lead, up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference Copenhagen 2009. The people is seeking a commitment to actions that will reduce greenhouse gas emission to avert widespread disastrous impacts especially in developing countries like the Philippines.
3. As in Earth Hour 2008 (in March 2008), the Philippines is again among the over 70 countries committed to the Earth Hour 2009. Ten million Filipinos are anticipated to get involved.
4. Participation to the Earth Hour 2009 is as simple and as easy as turning-off lights.
5. As responsible officials and employees of this Department, you are therefore enjoined to participate in the Earth Hour 2009 by:
 - a. Switching off all lights in your respective residences, business establishments or other facilities within your control from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009;
 - b. Switching from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs);

- c. Promoting Earth Hour by asking all the students and their families to join in this movement by turning off their lights in their homes on the appointed hour; and
 - d. Requesting all DepED officials, teachers, employees and all the students to log in/sign up at www.earthhour.org
6. By putting our simple acts together, we can fight global warming.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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Sally: Earth Hour 2009
March 10, 2009