



DepED MEMORANDUM
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OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

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

1. On November 8, 2007 during its 46th Plenary Meeting, the United Nations adopted a Resolution declaring September 15 as the International Day of Democracy.
2. In this connection, the Department enjoins all DepED Offices and Schools to commemorate the International Day of Democracy this September 15 in an appropriate manner that contributes to raising public awareness.
3. In support to the UN Resolution, government agencies are encouraged to be involved in and to contribute to the celebration of the International Day of Democracy through the following activities:
 - a. Display of posters, tarpaulins and other information materials in conspicuous areas of the agency highlighting September 15 as the International Day of Democracy starting on the 14th of September through the rest of the month;
 - b. Briefing during the flag raising ceremony of offices/agencies. --- An inspirational talk or sharing among civil servants on the meaning of democracy;
 - c. Encourage civil servants to seriously think about how they can live the principles of democracy in their everyday lives at home and the workplace;
 - d. Agencies may conduct other activities promoting democracy, freedom, equality, participation, development, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and the rule of law;
 - e. Integrate a practical reflection on democracy, as appropriate, in class discussions and meetings to unite with the global celebration of the International Day of Democracy on September 15, and as applicable throughout the last quarter of the year. The following

themes taken from the Resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly are suggested:

- **Stressing** that democracy, development and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing;
 - **Reaffirming** that democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives; and
 - **Reaffirming** also that, while democracies share common features, there is no single model of democracy and that democracy does not belong to any country or region, and reaffirming further the necessity of due respect for sovereignty, the right to self-determination and territorial integrity.
4. Enclosed is the United Nations Resolution for reference.
 5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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