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2009 HUMAN RIGHTS CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

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

1. The General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution 217 A (III) dated December 10, 1948 and was proclaimed as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Pursuant to that Declaration, the Philippine government declared December 4-10 of every year as the Human Rights Week.

2. In the observance of **National Human Rights Consciousness Week (NHRCW)**, as mandated by Republic Act No. 9201, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) has lined up various activities and campaigns for December 4-10, 2009.

3. Pursuant to the aforementioned, all government agencies are enjoined to initiate and implement programs/projects and activities to help generate awareness and public support in promoting the said occasion in offices, schools and other educational institutions, local government units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs), business establishments and the civil society including the diplomatic community.

4. For this year, the highlights of the celebration are to:

- a. emphasize the importance of Human Rights in the society; issue a rallying cry for the constructive interaction among all stakeholders;
- b. hold an Educator's Congress or Seminar on Human Rights in coordination with the Commission on Human Rights;
- c. use multicultural arts and music to promote Human Rights;
- d. organize workshops, lectures and symposia on Human Rights;
- e. sponsor school art and writing competitions, with the winners' work published afterwards; and
- f. conduct a theatrical play.

5. In consonance to this event, all elementary and high school institutions, both public and private, are encouraged to carry out activities integrated in related subject areas during the regular classroom discussions in which students could actively participate, such as discussion of the occasion in the first few minutes of the class, conduct of essay writing contest, drawing contest and other activities.

6. A Technical Working Group Committee, relative hereof shall be assigned, chairmanship of which is the Office of Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes who shall take full responsibilities in the execution of the highlights of the celebration.

7. For more details, please contact the Office of Undersecretary Antonio A. Inocentes at tel. nos.: (02) 631-5057, 637-5948.

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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