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6<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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

1. In compliance with Presidential Proclamation No. 553 dated February 24, 2004, the Department of Education (DepEd) will celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> National Dental Health Month in February 2010 with the theme **“Ngipin Alagaan, Pagkain Pahalagahan, Maganda mong Ngiti Yaman ng Bayan”**.

2. The month-long celebration shall focus on the following suggested activities:

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| 1st Week                                 | Awareness on the celebration through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• announcement during the flag raising ceremony; and</li><li>• bulletin board display on the celebration and its theme</li></ul>  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Week | Coordination with PDA local chapters to conduct the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• dental services to pupils/students, and teaching/non-teaching personnel;</li><li>• toothbrushing drills; and</li><li>• oral health education</li></ul> |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Week                     | Advocacy on Essential Health Care Project (EHCP) to local government units (LGUs).  |

3. All public and private school dentists are advised to coordinate with the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) local chapters on the activities scheduled during the month-long celebration.

4. All school health personnel, especially the school dentists, are expected to take the lead in the conduct of the aforesaid activities.

5. For more information, please contact the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telefax no.: (02) 637-5504.

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

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Reference:

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