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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : *Celebration of the National Women's Month*

In recognition of the critical role and meaningful contributions of women to development, Republic Act 6949 and Presidential Proclamation Nos. 224 and 227 provide for the observance of *March 8* as the *National Women's Day* and the month of *March* as *Women's Month*. The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, in coordination with other agencies, is spearheading the various activities lined up for its celebration.

In this connection, government officials and employees are enjoined to initiate fitting activities for Women's Month and are encouraged to attend the March 8, 2002 events for National Women's Day, on official time, subject to the availability of funds. All related activities can be charged to the Gender and Development (GAD) budget of agencies.

For more information on the matter, please get in touch with Ms. Cat Soliman at telephone no. 735-1864 or Ms. Louie Losinio at 736-5250.


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Chairman

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National Women's Day Celebration

Philippine Sports Arena (ULTRA)
8 March 2002

PROGRAMME
(Tentative)**I. National Women's Walk****Assembly:**
5:30 - 6:00 am

The EDSA, owing to its historical significance, will be the convergence point for all delegates from government departments, agencies and non-government groups who will join the Women's Run and attend the programme at the Philippine Sports Arena (formerly ULTRA). A streamer with the name of the agency/department/group emblazoned on the front (bearing the theme and agency/group name) will be the identifying mark of each group.

The activity shall be simultaneous nationwide to signify the commitment of GOs and NGOs in advancing women's issues and promoting gender equality. The departments/agencies will be arranged on a first-come-first-served basis with the highest-ranking delegate/official heading each group.

Walk from EDSA to ULTRA:
6:00-7:00 am

The PNP, AFP and other bands will accompany the delegates during the National Women's Walk. The traffic enforcers and marshalls will be responsible for traffic enforcement and management.

Arrival at the ULTRA:
7:00 am

The Philippine Sports Arena (formerly ULTRA) will be the venue for the main programme of the day.

Ceremonial Ribbon-cutting (Opening of info booths)
7:00-7:30 am

Another group of delegates will be in the PSA to attend the ceremonial ribbon-cutting of info booths. The keynote speaker will lead the ceremonies.

Recognition of each Department and Agency as they enter the ULTRA stadium:
7:05 am

The PNP/AFP bands will play to welcome the delegates. The host will announce the arrival of each department/agency. Guests will be recognized by the host.

Delegates and Guests are settled
8:00 am

Assigned Sub-Committee will ensure that delegates are ushered properly to their respective areas.

II. **Inter-faith Invocation**
8:00-8:30 am

The prayer will be led by representatives from different religious sectors. Five minutes will be given to each religious group.

III. **National Anthem**
8:30-8:45 am

A Chorale will lead the singing of "Lupang Hinirang".

IV. **Welcome/Opening Remarks**
8:45-9:00 am

Commissioner Myrna T. Yao, the chair of the 2002 Women's Month celebration, will deliver her welcome remarks to formally open the celebration

V. **Intermission Number**
9:00-9:15 am

VI. **State of the Filipino Women
Annual Report**
9:15-9:45 am

This shall reflect a situationer on women, relevant statistics, best practices, achievements, emerging issues. The presentation will include a written report and a creative presentation by a theatre group.

VII. **Framework Plan for Women
Presentation**
9:45-10:15

A video production highlighting the three main areas of concern of the FPW will be presented.

Launching
10:15 - 10:45 am

The FPW, formulated in response to the directive issued by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for NCRFW during the celebration of National Women's Day 2001, will be formally launched.

Signing of the Executive Order
10:45-11:00 am

A signing of the Executive Order effectively implementing the FPW shall ensue with the President leading the ceremonies.

Photo Opportunity
11:00-11:15 am

VIII. Introduction of Keynote Speaker
11:15-11:30 am

Chairperson Aurora Javate-De Dios will introduce the keynote speaker, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

IX. Keynote Address
11:30-11:45 am

Her Excellency, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo will deliver her speech highlighting the vision/agenda of her administration for women, peace and development.

X. Intermission number
11:45 am-12:00 pm

XI. Lunch Break
12:00 -12:45 pm

Guests and delegates will have a break for lunch. Activities will promptly resume after an hour. The different departments/agencies will provide for their own lunch.

XII. Intermission Number
12:45-1:00 pm

XIII. Symbolic Presentation of the Mural/Ritual for Unity
1:00 - 2:00 pm

Prior to the celebration of the National Women's Day, the different departments, agencies of the government will conceptualize the mural which will visually illustrate/symbolize their commitment to the FPW and its vision. An artist will be commissioned to do the work.

The collage will be unveiled slowly while a ritual of unity is being conducted. This activity will formally close the celebration.

XIV. Afternoon Activities
2:00 pm.-onwards

- ♀ Messages/Announcements
→ UNDP Programs and Projects
- ♀ Showcasing of info-booths
- ♀ Raffle
- ♀ Performance

Hosts: one female and one male