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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTER; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : 2013 National Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration

December 4 to 10 of each year marks the celebration of the National Human Rights Consciousness Week in the country under Republic Act No. 9201 or the ***National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002***.

The celebration aims to promote awareness on the basic and fundamental human rights and propagate a human rights culture to students towards a sustainable development in the country.

Said Act constituted a national committee that will spearhead the celebration enjoining the participation of all government offices. The committee is composed of the following:

Chairperson	Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
Vice Chairperson	Chairperson, Civil Service Commission (CSC)
Members	One (1) representative from each of the following agencies: Department of Education (DepEd) Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Department of Justice (DOJ) Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Department of National Defense (DND) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Philippine National Police (PNP)

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One (1) representative each from two (2) human rights non-government organizations as members, to be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights.

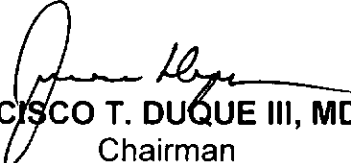
This year's celebration with the theme "***Wakasan ang Kawalang Pananagutan, Tiyakin ang Tapat na Pamamahala***" enjoins all government offices to observe the following line of activities:

- Monday, December 2, 2013 **Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony** with pledging through the "**Panunumpa sa Karapatang Pantao**"
Reading of the Messages from :
- (1) His Excellency President Benigno Aquino III or Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa;
 - (2) CHR Chairperson Loretta Ann P. Rosales ; and the
 - (3) Agency Head
- Monday, December 9, 2013 **Flag Raising Ceremony Commemorating the International Human Rights Day with Pledging through the "Panunumpa sa Karapatang Pantao"**
- December 1-30, 2013 **Display of Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration Streamer**

Other activities for the week long celebration shall be posted at the CSC and CHR websites.

Government offices, as well as private education/learning institutions, are also encouraged to celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities consistent with the objective of the law as well as the mandate of the agency.

Please be guided accordingly.


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