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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND/OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, AND LOCAL WATER DISTRICTS

SUBJECT : 117th Anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service

This year, we celebrate the 117th anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service. As the lead organizer, the Civil Service Commission (CSC) has lined up activities to emphasize this year's theme:

Tugon sa Hamon ng Pagbabago: Malasakit ng Lingkod Bayani

As a continuing challenge to public servants, this year's activities are meant to remind us of manifesting *malasakit* in public service.

The anniversary celebration observes the enactment of Public Law No. 5, "An Act for the Establishment and Maintenance of Our Efficient and Honest Civil Service in the Philippine Islands" on September 19, 1900. Since then, the CSC has been leading the way in molding a credible, competent, and motivated workforce who will uphold public service excellence. All of civil service are therefore enjoined to actively take part in this anniversary celebration.

The following activities shall be undertaken at the national, regional, and agency levels, where all CSC Regional Offices (CSC ROs) are to conduct parallel activities in their respective regions:

- 1. 100% display of Anniversary Banner in all government offices' facade**
All government agencies are encouraged to post the official anniversary tarpaulin on conspicuous areas in their respective offices. The design template and specifications will be uploaded in the CSC website, www.csc.gov.ph (available by the end of April 2017).

2. R.A.C.E. to Serve Fun Run

Date: September 3, 2017

Venue: Please coordinate with the CSC Regional Office near you

All civil servants are enjoined to participate in the R.A.C.E. to Serve Fun Run as the official PCSA Kick-Off Activity nationwide. CSC ROs will be releasing additional information on the kick-off activity they will be hosting to commence the anniversary month. Please also check the CSC website for further announcements.

Heads of offices are authorized to issue a directive granting half-day compensatory time-off to government employees who will be participating in the fun run.

3. Honor Awards Program (HAP) Rites for the 2017 Outstanding Government Workers

Date: To be determined

Venue: Malacañan Palace

Coordinator: Honor Awards Program Secretariat (Public Assistance and Information Office, CSC Central Office)

Contact Information: 02-9317997

The awards rites is the culmination of the annual search for outstanding public officials and employees. The awards, as provided by law, are conferred by the President of the Republic of the Philippines. Heads of government agencies, especially those with 2017 national winners, will be attending the awards rites.

There are three award categories: the Presidential *Lingkod Bayan* award for groups and individuals with outstanding contributions with nationwide impact, the *Dangal ng Bayan* award for individuals consistently demonstrating exemplary behaviour, and the CSC *Pagasa* award for groups and individuals whose contributions benefited a department or office.

With its core purpose of *gawing lingkod bayani ang bawat kawani*, the CSC continues to recognize exemplary civil servants and their outstanding contributions to national development.

4. Government Choral Competition (GCC)

Grand finals: Cultural Center of the Philippines, Manila

Date and time: September 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Coordinator: CSC Regional Office No. 4

Director Fernando O. Mendoza (02-9264450)

The Government Choral Competition has served as a venue for celebrating Filipino arts and culture, and introducing original Filipino compositions to the audience. The competition also showcases the talent of public servants from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

A choir can have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 30 members, inclusive of one conductor and one accompanist. All singers must belong to one agency only and must be regular employees included in the agency's plantilla of personnel regardless of status of appointment, including appointive and elective officials. However, the conductor and accompanist need not be employees of the government.

Announcements on the general guidelines and the deadline for registration will be made on the CSC website. Registration forms will also be posted online.

5. Special Treats for Government Employees

*Coordinator: Office for Finance and Assets Management (CSC Central Office)
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Special treats will be provided to government employees as a gesture of appreciation for their hard work and dedication. Discount packages and freebies from selected government and private companies will be available for civil servants nationwide. More information will be posted on the CSC Website at www.csc.gov.ph.

For more information, please contact the Public Assistance and Information Office (telephone no. 02-9314180, paio.pmr@gmail.com, and csc.pmr@gmail.com, and TEXTCSC at 0917-8398272), or the nearest CSC regional or field office. You may also visit the CSC website at www.csc.gov.ph [click on the 2017 PCSA thumbnail on the rightmost panel of the homepage].


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