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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT : CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation Nos. 224 and 227, and Republic Act No. 6949 providing for the yearly observance of the month of March as National Women's Month, the Civil Service Commission enjoins all agency heads to conduct fitting activities in their respective agencies in the celebration of the occasion.

This year's theme is "*CEDAW ng Bayan: Yaman ng Kababaihan*," in recognition of the significant contributions of women in the nation's economic development. It shall focus on the need to generate resources to finance initiatives on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

This year's celebration has the following objectives:

- To promote the use of Gender and Development (GAD) budget to finance gender equality and women's empowerment programs at the national and local levels, specifically in addressing the CEDAW Committee's Concluding Comments;
- To review gender mainstreaming efforts relating to GAD budgeting; and
- To explore possible partnerships and collaboration with non-government organizations (NGOs), development institutions and private sector for resource generation initiatives aimed at financing development programs for women.

All government agencies are enjoined to celebrate and organize activities for the Women's Month and to submit a list of activities by February 18, 2008 to the NCRFW for consolidation and dissemination.

Expenses related to the Women's Month may be charged to the Gender and Development (GAD) Budget and other available funds of the agencies.


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