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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; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**SUBJECT :** 2010 National Human Rights Consciousness Week

Republic Act No. 9201 or the National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002 was passed in 2003 to enjoin all government agencies, all government agencies, including government-owned and-controlled corporations, all levels of education/learning institutions, both public and private, to celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities to make the people aware of their basic human rights.

December 4 to 10 is declared as National Human Rights Consciousness Week in the country. A national committee composed of the following was created to take the lead in the preparation and implementation of the guidelines on how to celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities:

- Chairperson – Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
- Vice-Chairperson – Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission (CSC)
- Members – One (1) representative from each of the following government agencies:
  - Department of Education (DepEd)
  - Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
  - Department of the 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)
- 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

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The theme for this year's celebration, ***Karapatang Pantao: Kilalanin, Tuparin, Pagyamanin***, enjoins every individual to recognize and promote human rights. Government employees are directed to actively participate in the activities to be undertaken at the national, regional, provincial, and agency levels.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE/CHR-LED/AGENCY-LED ACTIVITIES

The following table features the major activities that will be conducted during the week-long celebration of the NHRCW:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Agency/ies-In-Charge</b>
December 1	Putting up of streamers in respective agencies	<i>Respective Agencies</i>	<i>Respective Agencies</i>
December 1 – 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> National Educators Congress on Human Rights Education	Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)	CHR
December 4	Kick-Off Celebration of the NHRCW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run For Human Rights</li> <li>• Press Conference of Agency Heads</li> </ul>	QC Memorial Circle	CHR/PNP/DND/ DSWD
December 4 – 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HR Dialogue</li> <li>• HR Dialogue in the grassroots level</li> <li>• Distribution of CHR handbooks to soldiers</li> <li>• Audio Visual Presentation on Human Rights</li> <li>• Display of NHRCW streamer in all HRAO and PROs (HR Desks)</li> <li>• Conduct of Police Information Continuing Education (PICE)</li> <li>• Inspection/Visitation of Select Custodial Detention Facilities</li> </ul>	<p><i>Various Venues</i></p> <p>DFA Consular Offices</p> <p>Camp Crame</p> <p>City/Municipal Police Stations</p>	<p>DND</p> <p>DFA</p> <p>PNP</p>

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December 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simultaneous Flag-Raising Ceremonies</li> <li>• Recitation of the <i>Panata ng Karapatang Pantao</i></li> </ul>	<i>Respective Agencies</i>	<i>Respective Agencies</i>
December 6 – 9	Active Vista Human Rights Film Festival	U.P. Film Center	CHR
December 6 – 10	CHR-UNDP Governance Fair	U.P. Film Center	UNDP
December 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening of the Governance Week</li> </ul>		CHR
December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDGs</li> </ul>		DILG/NCIP
December 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice</li> </ul>		Supreme Court
December 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrity</li> </ul>		CSC
December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Rights</li> </ul>		CHR
December 10	Issuance of passports covered in leaflets containing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)	DFA Consular Office – Pasay City	DFA
December 10	<p>Culmination of the NHRCW and UDHR Celebration</p> <p>Launching of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOP for Investigation</li> <li>• IRR for Anti-Torture</li> <li>• ROS Monitoring Tool</li> <li>• IP Handbook</li> </ul>	Malacañang	CHR  CHR

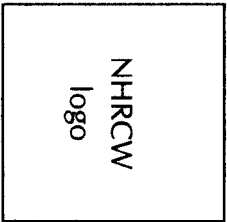
The CHR shall provide assistance to agencies in implementing the activities. All government agencies are directed to observe the NHRCW theme and to pattern their activities after the said theme.

  
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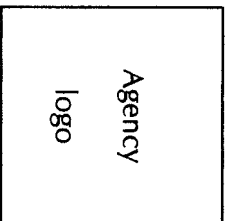
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Attachment: Guidelines on the NHRCW Streamer

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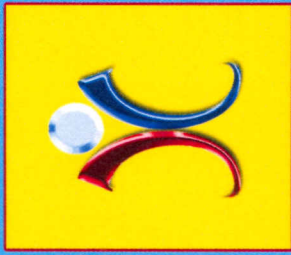
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