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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 : 2012 National Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration

Republic Act No. 9201 or the National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002 declares December 4 to 10 of each year as the National Human Rights Consciousness Week in the country. It enjoins all government agencies, as well as public and private education/learning institutions to celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities to promote awareness on the basic and fundamental human rights and to propagate human rights culture that aims at sustainable development in the country.

Under the said Act, a national committee composed of the following shall take the lead in preparation and implementation of the guidelines on how to celebrate the week through simple and appropriate ceremonies and activities:

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| Chairperson      | Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights (CHR)                         |
| Vice Chairperson | Chairperson, 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)                                      |

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

The theme for the 2012 Human Rights Week Celebration is ***"My voice counts in ending impunity: I work for human rights-based governance."*** All government offices are enjoined to observe the following activities in line with the celebration:

| Date          | Activity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| December 1-30 | <b>Display of Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration Streamer</b><br>The streamer shall be posted at the entrance of government offices for the whole month of December. <i>(The design and specifications may be downloaded at the CSC website <a href="http://www.csc.gov.ph">www.csc.gov.ph</a> and the CHR website <a href="http://www.chr.gov.ph">www.chr.gov.ph</a>)</i> |
| December 3    | <b>Flag Raising Ceremony Commemorating the 2012 National Human Rights Consciousness Week</b> , with pledging through the <b><i>"Panunumpa sa Karapatang Pantao"</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| December 10   | <b>Flag Raising Ceremony Commemorating the International Human Rights Day &amp; 64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UDHR</b> , with pledging through the <b><i>"Panunumpa sa Karapatang Pantao"</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |

The inter-agency committee has prepared a line-up of activities for the week-long celebration, also posted at the CSC and CHR websites. Government offices are encouraged to participate in the said activities such as the "Solidarity Run for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights" on December 4 and the Human Rights Music Festival on December 9. Similar activities may also be adopted at the agency level.

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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 Chairman

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