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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT : 2020 National Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration

Republic Act No. 9201 or the *National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002* was enacted proclaiming December 4 to 10 to be the country's National Human Rights Consciousness Week. This celebration aims to raise the awareness of the people on the basic and fundamental human rights and propagate a human rights culture towards a sustainable development in the country.

This year's celebration enjoins all government offices to observe the following activities as recommended under Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Circular No. 1 dated 30 October 2020:

A. Common to All Agencies

- Physical display of celebratory streamer (the 2020 theme as provided in the CHR website) for the 2020 National Human Rights Consciousness Week and the 72nd Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as its display on official websites, electronic platforms, and social media platforms of government agencies;
- Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony and Recitation of Panata sa Karapatang Pantao on 07 December 2020; and
- Other activities to raise the awareness of the general public on human rights such as an inter-agency forum or public dialogue discussing the importance of human rights

B. Agency-Based Activities

Agencies are to initiate various celebratory activities that shall raise the awareness of their own employees and clientele with regard to their human rights in relation to the agencies' services.

C. Celebratory Activities by Attached Agencies and in the Field

Similar activities shall be spearheaded by attached agencies of NGAs as well as by regional and provincial offices of member-agencies and partners for the 2020 National Human Rights Consciousness Week commemoration.

For more information, you may coordinate with the **Advocacy and Campaign Division, Human Rights Education and Promotion Office, Commission on Human Rights, Philippines** at telephone numbers 925-3878, 925-3787; 927-3879, 928-4471 or through email at **chrp.hrepo@gmail.com**.



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