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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **316**, s. 2010

**2010 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY**

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The 21<sup>st</sup> White Cane Safety Day celebration will be observed on August 1, 2010, pursuant to Republic Act No. 6759, known as the White Cane Safety Day with the theme "*White Cane: Gabay ng May Kapansanan sa Paningin, Bigyan ng Pansin*".
2. The White Cane Safety Day celebration is the first activity of the Sight Saving Month Celebration in August. This activity aims to:
  - a. stimulate public awareness on the welfare of blind persons;
  - b. promote recognition and acceptance of the white cane as symbol of mobility for blind persons;
  - c. promote and protect the physical, moral and social well-being of blind persons; and
  - d. serve as a vehicle of information on the programs being implemented by government and non-government organizations that adhere to the promotion of the welfare of visually impaired persons.
3. The Department of Education (DepEd) as lead agency of the Inter-Agency Committee for the celebration has prepared the following activities which will be undertaken at the SM North EDSA on August 1, 2010:
  - Hanging of Streamers
  - Thanksgiving Mass
  - Distribution of White Canes, Talking Watches
  - Talent Showcase of Blind Students
  - Recognition and Awarding (Achievement Awards to Successful Blind Persons)
4. The aforementioned activities can be conducted at the regional level through the initiative of the Regional Special Education Council. Other government organizations (GOs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and civic organizations could be tapped for assistance. All concerned will coordinate with any SM Supermall in their locality for possible venue.



5. Other suggested activities for the celebration include:
  - Holding of academic contests, Braille reading and writing contests and other activities which will highlight the talents and skills of the visually impaired students;
  - Holding of symposia, fora and panel discussions relevant to the prevention and rehabilitation of blindness;
  - Conduct of free eye examination and screening to visually impaired students; and
  - Sharing of information on best practices concerning the education of the visually impaired by inviting blind students or educators as resource persons and other professionals working for the blind.
6. All SPED centers, public and private schools with special education programs are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate activities.
7. Activities to be undertaken however, should not disrupt classes as stipulated in DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005, Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
8. A brief consolidated narrative report with pictorials on the celebration shall be submitted to Ms. Mirla R. Olores, Chief, Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City. Enclosed is the Feedback Report Form to be used in reporting the activities undertaken during the week.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**ARMIN A. LUISTRO, FSC**  
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

References:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 287, s. 2009

DepEd Order: (No. 9, s. 2005)

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**AGENCY FEEDBACK REPORT ON THE  
21<sup>st</sup> WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY CELEBRATION  
August 1, 2010**

**Activities Conducted/Undertaken**

Nature of Activity	Venue	Date Conducted/Undertaken	Remarks

Submitted by:

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Name of Head of Agency/Organization and Designation

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Name of Organization

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(Note: Please accomplish and submit this Feedback Report form to Ms. Mirla R. Olores, Chief, Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City or thru Fax No. (02) 631-99-93 or email us at [sped\\_bee.deped@yahoo.com](mailto:sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com)).