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**DepEd: All systems go for World Teachers' Day**

“The Department of Education and our partners are ready for the grand celebration of World Teachers' Day on October 5. Because our dear teachers work hard in their profession, we've also prepared hard to give them the utmost recognition they deserve on this special day,” said Education Secretary Armin Luistro.

Through the collaboration of various divisions, centers, and units of DepEd Central Office, in partnership with other government agencies, preparations for the World Teachers' Day have been finalized. With the theme, “My Teacher, My Hero,” different partners and institutions have contributed to make this event possible as they publicly express their support to the growth and development of teaching profession in the country.

“We are hoping that through this celebration, with all efforts put into it, we will achieve our very purpose of putting our teachers in the pedestal because that is where they should be. They are noble souls who teach simply to make a positive difference,” told Luistro.

The October 5 celebration will be held at the PhilSports Arena (formerly ULTRA). Among the personalities who will grace the event are Commission on Higher Education Chairman Patricia Licuanan, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Director-General Joel Villanueva. The department has also invited the President, vice-president, members of the upper and lower houses, and cabinet members.

7 year old Cris 'Kesz' Valdez, a member of the Dynamic Teen Company, will be at the forefront of this tribute by leading the national prayer for teachers. The prayer will be done simultaneously nationwide at 10:05 AM.

“I am sure each one of us has a recollection of a particular teacher who, as we matured, has become even dearer and appreciated. Teachers inevitably will leave a mark on us and influence how we deal with life's challenges. This is how powerful our teachers are and this is the very reason why we are making October 5 officially their day,” furthered Luistro.

Luistro called upon the participation of everybody to make this event memorable, honoring the teaching profession that opens minds and expands hearts so that each generation makes this world better for succeeding ones.

Simultaneous to the PhilSports Arena event, there will also be various activities within the DepEd Complex. There will be an open house in all offices from 8AM-5PM; Medical Check-up and Health Services by the Health and Nutrition Center from 9AM-5PM; Promotional Booth and product sampling by the Administrative/General Services Division from 9AM-5PM; Workshops on Wellness and Stress Management from 9AM-5PM, Personality and Communication Skills Enhancement from 1:30-2:30PM, and

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Livelihood/Entrepreneurial Skills from 2:30-5PM by the Human Resource and Development Service.

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