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NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. In compliance with Presidential Proclamation No. 161, s. 2002, declaring February 28 to March 6, 2002 and every year thereafter, as National Peace Consciousness Week, the theme of this year's celebration is "Pambansang Pagkakaisa Tungo sa Kapayapaan".
2. The United Nations spearheaded the promotion of a culture of peace based on nonviolence, respect for fundamental rights and freedoms, tolerance, understanding and solidarity. The objective of the celebration is to instill greater consciousness and understanding among the Filipino people on the comprehensive peace process. This will strengthen and sustain institutional and popular support for and participation in this effort as well as in the global movement.
3. All government agencies and instrumentalities, including local government units, government-owned and controlled corporations, as well as members of the private sector and civil society groups are encouraged to initiate and participate in relevant and meaningful activities in the observance of the celebration. These include:
  - a. Recite the *Harmony Prayer* (copy enclosed) during your Monday morning flag-raising ceremony on March 3, 2003;
  - b. Display prominently within your agency's premises the *National Peace Consciousness Week* streamer which the OPAPP will provide for this purpose;
  - c. Join the *Peace Caravan* on March 4, 2003 (the details of which will be relayed to your office soon); and
  - d. Send representatives to the *Peace Process Lecture-Forum* on March 6, 2003.
4. The celebration should be made part of the regular classroom activities to avoid disruption of classes, and to maximize time for learning. This is consistent with DepEd Order No. 20, s. 2001.
5. For more information, contact Mr Romulo B. Halabaso, Assistant Director for Technical Programs and Services at tel. no. 636-0701. 9

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

Sheila, MPPD, DM Nat'l Peace Consciousness Week 02-14-03

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1--(D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS  
SCHOOLS