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17TH NATIONAL AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

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

1. The 17th National Autism Consciousness Week will be celebrated on January 20-27, 2013 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 711 dated January 4, 1996. This year's theme is *Autismo Alamin: Pagtanggap at Pag-unawa Palaganapin*.

2. The week-long celebration aims to generate awareness, acceptance and understanding on people with autism to provide equal rights, access to education, services and facilities enjoyed by the non-disabled people.

3. In support to this occasion, all public and private schools especially schools with programs for Children with Autism and Special Education (SPED) Centers are encouraged to undertake any of the following activities (provided that they engaged Time-On Task Policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 shall be observed):

- a. hanging of streamers;
- b. launching of 1Pangako Campaign;
- c. quiz A;
 - for children with Autism-academic
 - for pupils/students in the regular classes-knowledge and information about autism
- d. on-the-spot painting contest;
- e. community and parents' forum on understanding passengers with autism and possible employment
- f. disaster preparedness activities for people with autism; and
- g. week-long exhibit on educational services offered to Children with Autism.

4. For those at the National Capital Region (NCR), participants may engage in the following activities:

Date/Time	Activities	Venue
January 20, 2013 8:00 a.m.	Angels Walk for Autism	Music Hall, SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City
January 21, 2013 8:00 a.m.	Launching of 1Pangako Campaign	DepEd Central Office, Pasig City
January 22, 2013 9:00 a.m.	Forum on Understanding Passengers with Autism	DOTC
January 23, 2013 9:00 a.m.	On-the-Spot Painting Contest	Social Hall, DENR Central Office, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City

January 24, 2013 8:00 a.m.	Quiz A	To be Memorandized by DepEd Regional Office
January 25, 2013 9:00 a.m.	Forum on "Preparing People with Autism for Disasters and Employment Concerns	Sky Dome, SM City North EDSA
January 26, 2013 9:00 a.m.	Family Forum/Meeting Sensory Friendly Movie	SM City Southmall, Las Piñas/SM Mall of Asia (MOA)
January 27, 2013	Holy Mass	

5. For further information, please contact the **Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (SPED-BEE)**, Department of Education (DepEd), 2/F Bonifacio Building, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 631-9993 or send a message through email address: sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Reference:

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

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