



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **38**, s. 2013

2013 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION

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

1. Pursuant to Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 4, s. 2013 (copy enclosed), the observance of March as the National Women's Month and as mandated under Republic Act (RA) No. 6949 and Presidential Proclamation Nos. 224 and 227, the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), other national agencies and local government units (LGUs), shall observe the **2013 National Women's Month Celebration** with the theme *Kababaihan: Gabay sa Pagtahak sa Tuwid na Daan*.

2. The Celebration aims to:

- a. highlight women's leadership roles, participation in decision-making and participation in the political arena, peace-building and conflict resolution;
- b. build upon the gains achieved under existing mechanisms and institutions that support women and gender responsive governance; and
- c. strengthen partnership with media in promoting women's rights and in advocating to address gender issue.

3. The major activities for the 2013 Women's Month Celebration shall focus on the following activities:

Activity	Date	Organizer
Media Launch of the Gender Equality Committee for Media (MGEC)	March 8, 2013	Philippine Commission in Women (PCW)
Gender and Development Focal Point (GFPS) Assembly	March 13-14, 2013	PCW
Forum on Magna Carta of Women (MCW) and the Philippine Plan for Gender and Development (PPGD)	To be arranged by the LGFS	Local Gender Focal Point System (LGFS)

4. The regional offices (ROs) and division offices (DOs) including schools are enjoined to hold similar information dissemination activities on women-related concerns and issues. Enclosed is the list of activities with the corresponding schedules to be held at the *Bulwagan ng Karunungan*, DepEd Central Office (CO). These activities will be coordinated by the Staff Development Division-Human Resource Development Service (SDD-HRDS). Limited number of participants will be identified for the different activities.

5. Transportation, honoraria of external resource persons, workshop kits, supplies and materials, tarpaulins, meals and snacks, theme/promotional T-shirts (for kick-off activity only) and other incidental expenses for the CO activities are chargeable to Gender and Development (GAD) Funds, while the activities in the field are chargeable to local funds. All expenses are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

6. For inquiries, all concerned may contact **Ms. Cleofe Velasquez-Ocampo** or **Ms. Susan dela Merced** of SDD-HRDS, DepEd Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone nos.: (02) 638-8638; (02) 633-7237.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 43, s. 2011

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

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MC No. 04, s. 2013

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES;
DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES (NGAs); LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs);
GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED
CORPORATIONS (GOCCs) WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS;
AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)

SUBJECT : 2013 National Women's Month Celebration

Presidential Proclamation No. 224 and 227, and Republic Act No. 6949 provide for the yearly observance of the month of March as *Women's Month*.

This year's theme is "*Kababaihan: Gabay sa Pagtahak sa Tuwid na Daan*" emphasizing the need to accelerate women's participation in governance and enhance gender perspective in upholding good governance. It highlights the importance of strengthening the mechanisms and institutions that support women and to widen the arena for their participation.

The specific objectives of the celebration are as follows:

- a. To highlight women's leadership roles, participation in-decision making, and participation in the political arena, peace-building and conflict resolution;
- b. To build upon the gains achieved under the existing mechanism and institutions that support women and gender-responsive governance; and
- c. To strengthen partnership with media in promoting women's rights and in advocating to address gender issues.

All government agencies are enjoined to participate in the Women's Day/Month Celebration and to submit a list of Women's Month activities (with details, e.g., title of activity, brief description, date and venue) to the Philippine Commission on Women (through email: imd@pcw.gov.ph and /or fax: 736-4449) on or before February 25, 2013.

Expenses related to the Women's Month may be charged to the Gender and Development (GAD) Budget and other available funds of agencies.


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Chairman

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Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 38, s. 2013

1. Media Launch of the Gender Equality Committee for Media (MGEC) policy documents – March 8, 2013 (PCW organized)
Venue to be announced later
2. GAD Focal Point (GFPS) Assembly – March 13-14, 2013 (PCW organized)
Venue to be announced later
3. Forum on Magna Carta of Women (MCW) and the Philippine Plan for Gender and Development (PPGD) – March 22, 2013 – Bulwagan ng Karunungan