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**Department of Education**

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**2013 NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH CELEBRATION**

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 55 dated December 5, 1998, declaring the month of December of every year as National Volunteer Month (NVM), the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) will spearhead the **2013 National Volunteer Month Celebration**, in collaboration with the National Volunteer Month Steering Committee (NVM-SC) headed by the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

2. With this year's theme *Volunteer for the MDGs: Fight HIV and AIDS*, the celebration aims to:

- a. build nationwide awareness and appreciation of volunteerism and the role it plays in the social, economic and political development of the country;
- b. create an environment to bolster voluntary action in development; and
- c. recognize noble acts of volunteerism by individuals, families, institutions and communities as vital partners in economic and community development.

3. The major activities for the 2013 National Volunteer Month Celebration shall focus on the following:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date/Venue</b>	<b>Details</b>
International Volunteer Day	December 5	This is a global event celebrated annually.
Kite-flying Festival Dubbed as <i>Saranggola para sa Katapatan, Kalusugan at Kapayapaan (KKK)</i>	December 7	The traditional kite-maker known as Pa Andang from Sulu, Tawi-Tawi will make the kites, which will bear the words <i>Katapatan, Kalusugan at Kapayapaan</i> . Local Chief Executives from Davao, Cebu, Iloilo, Cagayan de Oro and Naga are expected to participate in this event.
2013 Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV)	December 13	The Search is open to all individuals of Filipino citizenship and to Filipino volunteer organizations or local chapter organizations of foreign volunteer organizations, which currently provide volunteer assistance in the Philippines. The Awarding Ceremony will be held at the Crowne Plaza Galleria, corner Ortigas and San Miguel Avenues, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

4. Moreover, the PNVSCA invites everyone to celebrate NVM in December, either through participation in activities advocating volunteerism and/or initiating volunteering activities, which showcase the work of volunteers for local and national development.

5. For more information, all concerned may contact **Mr. Kenneth Siruelo, Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA)** at telephone no.: (02) 435-7999 or at email address [info@pnvsca.gov.ph](mailto:info@pnvsca.gov.ph) or at website address: <http://www.pnvsca.gov.ph>.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

Reference:

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