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DepED MEMORANDUM
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CONDUCT OF SIMULTANEOUS EARTHQUAKE DRILL IN PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Cognizant of the recent earthquake that killed almost four thousand people causing unprecedented damages to properties and structures in Indonesia and the other one which resulted to the killer tsunami in Phuket, Thailand, training the schoolchildren, teachers and school administrators on what to do before, during and after an earthquake is very necessary.
2. In view of this, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo directed the Department of Education (DepED) and the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) to conduct a Simultaneous Earthquake Drill in all public and private schools two weeks after enrolment on June 20, 2006, Tuesday at 9:00 a.m..
3. The earthquake drill aims to generate the highest level of awareness among pupils, students, school administrators and staff in both public and private schools nationwide on the government's disaster preparedness program and test the knowledge and response of the school officials in evacuating the schoolchildren to safe places in the eventuality of an earthquake. Specifically, the earthquake drill aims to:
 - a. ensure the safety of students, teachers, and school administrators and staff during and after a damaging earthquake;
 - b. help school administrators and their disaster action groups to design a specific response plan of the school for earthquakes;
 - c. train teachers, school staff and students on how to practice proper action and response during earthquakes;
 - d. test various elements of the response plan designed by the School Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) or the School Disaster/Calamity Control Group (SDCCG); and
 - e. test the effectiveness of the guidelines on how to conduct an earthquake drill in schools.
4. All public and private schools are directed to join the activity and be ready with the following requirements in preparation for the nationwide Earthquake Drill:
 - a. School Site Development Plan;
 - b. Organized Disaster/Calamity Control Group or a School Disaster Management Committee (SDMC) composed of several teams with specific tasks (e.g. First Aid Team, Site Security Team, Fire Safety Team,

- Evacuation Team, Communications Team, with organizational chart and persons involved, their duties and functions and an Over-all Coordinator;
- c. Identified hazards/risks; and
 - d. Emergency Preparedness Evacuation Route Maps.


5. It is also necessary that coordination be made with the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), Regional/Division Disaster Coordinating Councils and Local Government Units for the provision of assistance, speakers, demonstration on first aid, rescue and evacuation techniques and risk/disaster preparedness materials. Furthermore, those with internets may open their websites for the Guidelines on How to Conduct an Earthquake Drill in Schools and two evaluation forms in order to evaluate: (a) the earthquake drill conducted by the school; and (b) the effectiveness of the guidelines. Those without internet access, the documents shall be faxed to the nearest DepED office for distribution to schools.

6. It is desired that all the requirements listed in Item no. 4 above will be submitted to the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) at telefax nos. 912-0441 or 912-6947 and the Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division (PFSED) through fax nos. (02) 633-7263 and (02) 638-7110 on or before June 16, 2006 for consolidation and records purposes and in order to determine the readiness of the schools to participate in the activity.

7. Regional Pilot Schools (list enclosed) are chosen to serve as local launching venues of the nationwide earthquake drill and shall take charge of consolidation and submission to NDCC and PFSED of the list of participating schools in the region, problems met before and after the drill as well as all assistance needed for the smooth implementation of the activity, pictorials and documentation and all the requirements listed above. Each Regional Pilot School shall prepare a short program ceremony set between 8:00 am-10:00am. The agreed time for the national earthquake drill is at 9:00 am.

8. Evaluators from DepED Central Office Calamity/Disaster and Fire Control Group (CDFCG), National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC), PHILVOCS, DILG and other member agencies during the conduct of the earthquake drill will be deployed nationwide to see to it that the activity is being undertaken properly.

9. Wide dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


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Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: As stated

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

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LIST OF PILOT SCHOOLS			
NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL			
June 20, 2006 at 9:00 AM			
REGION	NAME OF PILOT SCHOOLS	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT NUMBER
CAR	BAGUIO CITY NATIONAL HS		
	Baguio City, Benguet		
	MT. PROVINCE GEN. COMPREHESIVE		
	HIGH SCHOOL		
	Bontoc, Mt. Province		
CARAGA	AGUSAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Butuan City, Agusan del Norte		
NCR	P. BERNARDO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
	School District XVII, District IV, Quezon City		
	RAMON MAGSAYSAY HIGH SCHOOL		
	EDSA, Quezon City		
ARMM	NOTRE DAME OF PARANG	Consuelo P. Galvés	064-425-00-1
	Parang, Parang	Principal	
I	DAGUPAN CITY NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Dagupan, Pangasinan		
	ILOCOS SUR NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Vigan, Ilocos Sur		
	ILOCOS NORTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Laoag City, Ilocos Norte		
II	ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY		
	Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya		
	CAGAYAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Tuguegarao, Cagayan		
III	NUEVA ECIJA HIGH SCHOOL		
	Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija		
	TARLAC NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Tarlac, Tarlac		
IV-A	PEDRO GUEVARRA MEMORIAL HIGH S.		
	Sta. Cruz, Laguna		
	QUEZON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL		
	Iyam, Lucena City		

