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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 249, s. 2006

2006 DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH

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

1. The month of July of every year was declared as the National Disaster Consciousness Month (NDCM) by virtue of Executive Order No. 137 dated August 10, 1999. The theme for this year as per Memorandum No. 3, s. 2006 issued by the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) dated June 8, 2006 is **"Itaguyod ang Kaunlaran ng Bayan, Kalamidad ay Paghandaan"**.

2. In view of this, regional and division offices are encouraged to undertake the following activities:

- a. Conduct information dissemination on disaster preparedness in coordination with the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC);
- b. Initiate relevant activities such as the conduct of disaster drills, display of streamers in offices, schools and public places;
- c. Discuss about risk reduction/mitigation and inculcate awareness on all hazards both human-made and natural and encourage the culture of preparedness every Monday during the flag raising ceremony;
- d. Conduct essay writing or poster making contests among students using the above-stated theme;
- e. Conduct earthquake drill including Incident Command System (ICS) and Mass Casualty Incident Management (MCIM) for the schools that were not able to join the National Earthquake Drill last June 20, 2006. Materials relative to these activities can be taken from PHIVOLCS website (www.phivolcs.dost.gov.ph), NDCC website (www.ndcc.gov.ph) and at the Regional/Division Disaster Coordinating Council (RDCC);
- f. Conduct the showing of the CD on Emergency Preparedness donated by ABS-CBN Foundation, Inc. through Ms. Tina Monson-

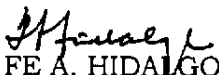
Palma which were distributed to the regional directors and schools division/city superintendents by the Physical Facilities and Schools Engineering Division (PFSED) during the ManCom Meeting at Davao City. Reproduction and distribution to schools of this CD shall be done;

- g. Implement the Kiddie/Junior Fire Marshall Modules in CD form to 17 regions distributed by PFSED during the ManCom Meeting at Iloilo City last February 21, 2006. Reproduction and distribution of this CD to schools shall also be done; and
- h. Organize Students Crime Prevention Councils (SCPC) in order to help prevent crime and abuses among students for the schools which have not created the SCPCs.

3. Regional Directors (RDs) and Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs) are requested to supervise and monitor the conduct of the aforementioned activities.

4. For more information, please contact Ms. Candy F. de Juan, DepED Focal Person on Disaster Risk Management at telefax nos. (direct line) (02) 633-7263/637-6464 and trunkline no. (02) 632-1361 loc. 2096.

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


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