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NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

1. In line with this year's observance of the National Disaster Awareness/Consciousness Month, and the "Safe Ka Ba?" communications campaign, the whole month of July will be devoted to the conduct of activities that will develop/enhance the public's awareness/consciousness on disaster preparedness. One of the activities to be undertaken is the conduct of a *simultaneous Earthquake Safety Drill in public schools on Thursday, July 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.*
2. The Earthquake Drill aims to generate the highest level of awareness among the public 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 disasters or calamities.
3. The activity is one of the proposed safety drills for all or any of the types of disasters like fire, earthquake, flood, tsunami, oil/chemical spill, food poisoning, and collapse of a structure. It is also being proposed to vie for the Guinness Book of World records as the largest simultaneous safety drill conducted in terms of the number of participants to said activity.
4. All public schools are enjoined to be ready with the following requirements in preparation for the nationwide Earthquake Drill:
 - a. Schools Site Development Plan;
 - b. Organized disaster/Calamity Control Group with organizational chart and persons involved and their functions;
 - c. Hazardous places/structures in schools properly labeled.
 - d. Emergency Preparedness Evacuation route Maps; and
 - e. Guidelines/Directions for Emergency Preparedness Drill.
5. Copies of the above-stated documents should be posted in conspicuous areas for easy access to and viewing by all pupils/students at all times.

6. Close coordination should be done with the Regional/Division Disaster Coordinating Councils, League of Barangays, Municipalities, Cities and Provinces and all other agencies whose assistance are deemed necessary for the success of the activity.

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


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Secretary

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