



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education



**Tanggapan ng Kalihim**  
*Office of the Secretary*

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DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. **245**, s. 2005

2005 NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 829 dated November 8, 1991 (copy enclosed), the 2005 National Observance of Deaf Awareness Week will be observed on November 10-16 with the theme "Isang Pintig Sa Pinag-isang Tinig" (One Heart One Voice).

2. The celebration aims to strengthen public awareness on deafness, its prevention and rehabilitation. Agencies and organizations providing services to the deaf are encouraged to join the celebration.


3. All schools with Special Education (SPED) programs for the deaf are enjoined to undertake any of the following activities:

- a. academic competition;
- b. visual and performing arts competition;
- c. arts and craft competition;
- d. tiangge exhibits;
- e. fun games and sports activities;
- f. leadership training;
- g. free hearing tests;
- h. parent symposia on the early detection, intervention and education of the deaf;
- i. recognition of outstanding works of the deaf and agencies serving the deaf; and
- j. forum on possible employment for the deaf.

4. The divisions and schools may coordinate with any of the agencies listed below in the conduct of the suggested activities or any agency offering services for the deaf in or near their localities:

- a. National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons (NCWDP)  
Quezon City, tel. no. 926-1165
- b. Philippine Institute for the Deaf (PID), Manila, tel. no. 564-0156
- c. Better Hearing, Manila tel. no. 406-1611 loc. 8230
- d. South East Asian Institute for the Deaf, Quezon City tel. no. 426-0171
- e. LINK Center, Quezon City tel. no. 426-0382
- f. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Manila tel. no. 734-8622

5. All public, private, special schools and SPED Centers are encouraged to participate in the celebration provided that the Engaged Time-on-Task policy of the Department shall be observed as stipulated in DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005.
6. For more information, please contact Ms. Mirla R. Olores, Chief, Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (SPED-BEE), DepED Central Office, Pasig City at tel. no. (02) 631-99-93.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
RAMON C. BACANI  
Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: DepED Memorandum: No. 266, s. 2004  
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)  
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
of the Philippines  
Malacanan

PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 829

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 10 – 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS  
"DEAF AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the deaf, a vital segment of our society, can be transformed into a significant force in the efforts for national development; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the foregoing, there is need to focus public awareness on deafness, its prevention and rehabilitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare NOVEMBER 10 to 16 of every year as "Deafness Awareness Week" under the auspices of the Philippine Institute for the Deaf and the Philippine School for the Deaf and other concerned organizations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE In the City of Manila, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety one.

*[Signature]*  
PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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