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3rd YOUTH FOR ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR FOR KIDS
(YES FOR KIDS)

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

1. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Youth Desk (DENR-Youth Desk) and the Science Club Advisers' Association of the Philippines (SCAAP) in coordination with Department of Education-Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (DepEd-CSCA) will conduct the Youth for Environment Seminar (YES) for Kids on October 21-25, 2005 (School Break) at the Teachers Camp, Baguio City.
2. With its theme, ***Tayo Na! Kilos Na! Para sa Inang Kalikasan***, the YES for Kids aims to:
 - a. instill environmental awareness and initiate pupils' active participation and determined action in the protection, preservation and rehabilitation of the environment, and in the conservation of natural resources;
 - b. develop environmental leadership through values development among schoolchildren;
 - c. showcase schoolchildren's talents and skills in various interactive events, friendly competitions and other activities as training for participatory school-based environmental campaigns;
 - d. foster a strong sense of brotherhood and camaraderie in nation building with fellow participants regardless of creed, culture, socio-economic status and other factors; and,
 - e. formulate an action plan and pledge of commitment to be implemented in their respective schools and communities in order to strengthen the Youth for Environment in Schools Organization (YES-O).
3. Activities during the YES for Kids include plenary sessions, interactive course sessions, outdoor activities and contests, such as: essay-writing, on-the-spot poster-making, SAYAWIT (*Sayaw at Awit sa Kalikasan*), comic-strip writing, environmental quiz, environmental games and YES-O exhibits/spotlight featuring success stories on environmental action and initiative.
4. Participants in the seminar-workshop are elementary pupils from Grades IV-VI, such as student-leaders, Science Club officers and members, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Elementary Pupil Government Officers, Campus Journalists, recognized pupil organizations, teacher-advisers, school principals from different public and private schools nationwide, elementary science education supervisors and other education officials. Regional Directors, Schools Division Superintendents and School Principals are encouraged to send participants to the YES for Kids.