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2011 NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY WEEK

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

1. The 2011 National Intellectual Disability Week will be celebrated on February 12-18, 2011 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, entitled, "National Mental Retardation Week." The celebration is also a part of the observance of the Philippine Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2003-2012) as outlined in Presidential Proclamation No. 240. This year's theme is "*Changing Times, Changing Needs: Moving Towards Happiness.*"

2. This Department, in collaboration with other government and non-government organizations, is encouraging all schools especially those with Special Education (SPED) programs to conduct any of the following suggested school-based activities during the week:

- a. Inviting the public to visit schools and classes or other educational services provided to children and youth with intellectual disability;
- b. Conducting advocacy campaign in radio and television shows featuring children and youth with intellectual disability and mental retardation as child advocates;
- c. Conducting dialogues with parents, service providers and stakeholders on the theme of the celebration;
- d. Discussing best practices on the inclusion of children with intellectual disabilities during teachers' and parents' meetings or in regular classes featuring their success stories;
- e. Holding cultural shows, camps, sportsfest, photo and work exhibits and other activities that will showcase the potential capabilities of children and youth with intellectual disabilities; and
- f. Encouraging children with intellectual disabilities to relate their success which may make them models to other children with disabilities.

3. All activities to be undertaken should not disrupt regular classes nor compromise their supervision pursuant to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005. All activities that are community-based should be conducted during Saturdays and Sundays of the week.



4. At the National Capital Region (NCR), the Quezon City Government (QCG) in coordination with the Special Education (SPED) Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE) and the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR) and Jaycees Capitol Inc. (JCI) – Quezon City, Manila Water (MW) and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) will sponsor the Annual Camp *Pag-ibig at Balara* Filter Plant, Quezon City on February 12-13, 2011. Children enrolled in special classes in Regions I, III, IV-A, IV-B and CAR including teachers, administrators and supervisors are also encouraged to join the activity. All regional coordinators in-charge of SPED are also invited to observe the camp activities.

5. For more information, please contact the SPED of the Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE) at the 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City with telephone no.: (02) 631-9993 or visit the website: www.camppag-ibig.com.ph.

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



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Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 3, s. 2009

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