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2012 NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Directors of Services, Centers, and Heads of Units
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 675 dated July 20, 2004 entitled *Declaring the Month of September 2004 and Every Year Thereafter as National Peace Consciousness Month*, the **2012 National Peace Consciousness Month** will be observed this September with the theme “*Ako. Ikaw. Tayo. Magkakaiba, Nagkakaisa sa Kapayapaan.*”
2. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAAP) under the leadership of Secretary Teresita Quintos-Deles has been tasked to take the lead and to coordinate with government agencies, civil society organizations and various sectors in the annual celebrations. Enclosed is her letter to Secretary Br. Armin A. Luistro FSC.
3. In support of this celebration, the regional and division offices, including elementary and secondary schools are requested to undertake the following activities:
 - a. Public display of the 2012 National Peace Consciousness Month streamer or tarpaulin. The design can be accessed for printing at www.opapp.gov.ph/peace-month-2012; and
 - b. Recitation of the Harmony Prayer and Pledge of Peace (copies enclosed), during flag-raising ceremonies for the month of September 2012.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encls.:As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No.: 250, s. 2005

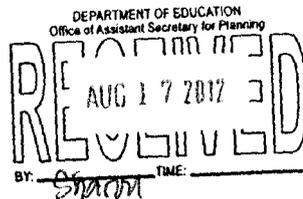
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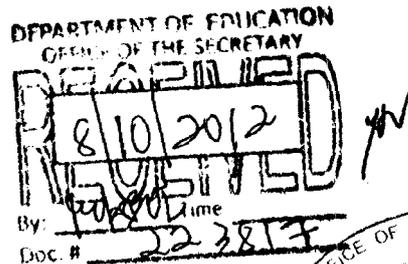


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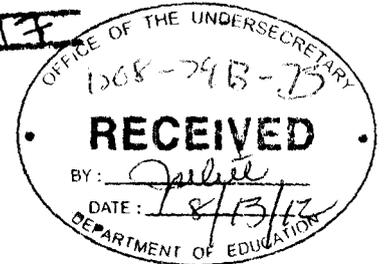


HON. ARMIN A. LUISTRO
Department of Education
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Meralco Avenue, Pasig City



Dear Secretary Luistro,

Greetings of peace!



The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) has been tasked to take the lead and coordinate with government agencies, civil society organizations, and various sectors in the observance of the annual National Peace Consciousness Month or Peace Month.

September was first declared as the Peace Month on 10 July 2004 through Proclamation No. 675. Now on its 9th year, the annual festivity enjoins and encourages all government agencies and instrumentalities to initiate and participate in relevant and meaningful activities to instill greater public consciousness and understanding of the meaning of the culture of peace as well as the comprehensive peace process.

This year's theme "Ako. Ikaw. Tayo. Magkakaiba, Nagkakaisa sa Kapayapaan" sends the message that each Filipino has a stake in peace, regardless of the differences in geographic area, culture and religion, and in our diversity, we stand united in bringing peace to the country. The theme was crafted in tandem with our mainstreaming peace campaign -- I AM FOR PEACE. It is a response from the general public to the President's peace agenda, and a declaration of commitment to peace by each one of us.

We enjoin fellow government agencies to celebrate with us the Peace Month 2012 this coming September. In line with this, we respectfully request for your agency to undertake the following common activities during this coming month of September:

1. Public display of the National Peace Consciousness Month 2012 streamer or tarpaulin in all your offices and buildings nationwide. The design we made has a

space allotted for your agency's name and logo, and may be accessed for printing at www.opapp.gov.ph/peace-month-2012.

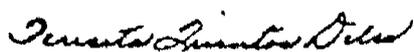
2. Include the following in your agency's flag ceremony on 03 September: recitation of the Harmony Prayer and Pledge for Peace (please see attached), and delivery by the Honorable Secretary of a peace message highlighting the Peace Month theme this year. We likewise request for a video recording of your message, if possible, that we can post on our website and social networking accounts.
3. Participate in the activities lined up for the Peace Month celebration by sending an official delegation or representative from your agency in any of our events. A Calendar of Events is also attached for your reference. (Please note that some entries in our Calendar of Events are still undergoing final confirmation at the moment)
4. Designate a point person who will be responsible for ensuring the active participation of your agency in the celebration of the Peace Month. To this end, may we request that your Office provide us the name, contact numbers, and email addresses of your duly-designated point person through whom we will course the updates on events and details.
5. Undertake your own Peace Month activity in line with your agency's mandate and the Peace Month theme, or include the theme and message of peace, even just a mention of it, in your existing activities in September to encourage members of your sector to show solidarity for Peace.

In addition, we would like to request for the participation of all public schools under the supervision of DepEd to also undertake all of the above. For the Flag Ceremonies, however, we hope that the Harmony Prayer and Pledge for Peace may be incorporated in their daily flag ceremony for the month of September or even beyond, if possible.

We look forward to your support and active participation in the celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month. For any other inquiries, your office may coordinate with Mr. Rem Posadas of the Liaison Unit via contact numbers 6360701 locals 852/824 and 09175335757 or via email at romanneposadas@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support to the peace process.

Sincerely yours,



SECRETARY TERESITA QUINTOS DELES
Special Adviser on the Peace Process

HARMONY PRAYER

O Lord, I cry for Peace. Purify my eyes to see peace.

Purify my mind to understand peace

Purify my heart to love peace. Purify my memory to work for peace;

The Peace that comes from your love and compassion.

O Lord, sustain my vision of peace following your inspiration.

You have many ways of revealing your presence and love for humanity,

But your style is constant: You are in dialogue with all, You care for all.

Make Me, O Lord, a sign of your peace,

Living a life-in-dialogue with you to understand your silence and seek your presence.

In dialogue with myself to rediscover the meaning of my life.

In dialogue with others to move together in harmony with all.

And in dialogue with creation to care for the earth.

Give me, O Lord, the courage to live in dialogue

In the midst of divisions and conflicts and to build peace with all people

Of sincere hearts who believe in your love and compassion.

Amen.

Note: the Harmony Prayer is a universal prayer for people of different religions. The prayer was composed of the Silsilah Dialogue Movement. The use of the word "Lord" referring to the "Lord of the Universe" in the prayer is a universal attribute for God/Allah/Divine/Supreme Being as the religions in the world use in their prayers.

PLEDGE OF PEACE

I will work towards peace through my own goals and initiatives,
starting with my thoughts and actions.

I will promote a culture of non-violence in my daily life and
contribute in developing a progressive country.

I will contribute in building a better future for Filipinos and I
promise to do my best to achieve these goals through peaceful
means.

I pledge to support peace in every way possible for I am and will
always be a Filipino for a just and lasting peace.

I am a Filipino and I am for peace.