



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **155**, s. 2013

**2013 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD
TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

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. 242 signed by His Excellency President Benigno S. Aquino III on August 24, 2011 and to the designation of October 5 as **World Teachers' Day (WTD)** by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Department of Education (DepEd) will celebrate the **National Teachers' Month (NTM)** during the whole month of September starting on September 5, 2013 and will culminate during the World Teachers' Day (WTD) celebration on October 5, 2013, with the theme *My Teacher, My Hero*.

2. The Celebrations aim to:

- a. highlight the unique role, service, and commitment that teachers play in guiding families, strengthening communities, and building the nation;
- b. revitalize the image of and respect for teaching as a vocation by increasing public awareness on the value of teachers in the Philippine society and in national development;
- c. use the occasion to encourage everyone to contribute in making teaching an attractive profession and in giving teachers the needed support and assistance;
- d. generate widespread support for teachers in particular and for education in general; and
- e. express sincere gratitude for the positive influences of teachers on Filipino learners.

3. All public and private elementary and secondary schools, including division and regional offices, are enjoined to follow the Synchronized Programs, Projects, and Activities. Since October 5 falls on a Saturday, school-based celebrations, including the recitation of *A Prayer for Teachers* or *Panalangin Para sa mga Guro*, may be anticipated and held on October 4. However, district, division, regional, and national celebrations must be held on October 5. All expenses relative to NTM and WTD shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. All school heads, district supervisors, schools division/city superintendents (SDSs), and regional directors (RDs) are enjoined to actively lead all activities for NTM and WTD.

5. All schools and district, division, regional, and central offices are required to post streamers to ensure that the public is aware of the NTM and WTD celebrations. The digital files of the new streamer designs may be downloaded from www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines and www.facebook.com/depedtmc.

6. In accordance with the Synchronized Programs, Projects, and Activities, all SDSs and RDs are required to submit their respective plans, foremost of which is the conduct of their respective culminating activity on **October 5, 2013**, where officials from the DepEd CO will be assigned to attend. SDSs and RDs are also required to submit the names and contact numbers of their respective division and regional coordinator for the NTM and WTD celebrations. These requirements shall be submitted on or before **August 31, 2013** to DepEd-Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA) through email address: cscaportal@gmail.com for coordination and monitoring purposes.

7. Reports on the activities conducted by the schools, districts, divisions, and regions shall include clear photos and a comprehensive documentation of the various activities. These reports, including announcements, greetings, and others, shall be posted at www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines and www.facebook.com/depedtmc for two months (September and October 2013).

8. Compliance with the abovementioned requirements and the Synchronized Programs, Projects, and Activities for NTM and WTD shall be strictly monitored by the Office of the Undersecretary for Partnerships and External Linkages.

9. Enclosed for immediate reference are the following:

- Enclosure No. 1 - Presidential Proclamation No. 242
- Enclosure No. 2 - Synchronized Programs, Projects and Activities
- Enclosure No. 3 - Official Streamer Design
- Enclosure No. 4 - Official Logo Design
- Enclosure No. 5 - A Prayer for Teachers
- Enclosure No. 6 - *Panalangin Para sa mga Guro*

10. For more information, all concerned may contact the **DepEd-Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA)** at telephone nos.: (02) 631-8495; (02) 636-3603 or through email address: cscaportal@gmail.com or the **National Teachers' Month Secretariat** c/o Metrobank Foundation (MBF) at telephone no: (02) 898-0618 or through email addresses: amor.macalalad@metrobank.com.ph; tmcsecretariat@yahoo.com.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encls.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 109, s. 2012

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 242

DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM 05 SEPTEMBER TO 05 OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS "NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH"

WHEREAS, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated 05 October of every year as "World Teachers' Day," which is a day to celebrate the central role that teachers play in guiding the children, youth and adults through the life-long learning process;

WHEREAS, there is a need to generate widespread awareness and support for World Teachers' Day here in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, it is essential to revitalize the image of teaching as a vocation by increasing public awareness on the value of teachers in Philippine society and national development;

WHEREAS, the occasion can be used to celebrate the unique role and service that teachers play in guiding families, strengthening communities, and building the nation;

WHEREAS, to contribute to the growth and development of the teaching profession in the country as well as to publicly express appreciation to teachers, both active and retired, a Teachers' Month Campaign (TMC) was conceived in July 2008 by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), De la Salle Philippines (DSLIP), Philippine Business for Education (PBE), and Campaigns Social Response (CSR), with the special participation of the Department of Education (DepEd) and the support of key business institutions;

WHEREAS, owing to its success, the Campaign has generated more support from government, private companies, and major organizations in 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation No. 41 (s. 2010) declared the first Friday of September to 05 October 2010 as National Teachers' Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENIGNO S. AQUINO III, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the period from 05 September to 05 October of every year as "**National Teachers' Month**."



Office of the President of the Philippines



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NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH AND WORLD TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION
SYNCHRONIZED PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES

Programs, Projects and Activities	Objectives/Description	In-Charge	Involved Individuals or Groups	Time Frame
<i>I. Preparations</i>				
A. Conduct of Meetings to Plan School-Based Activities	To design school-based activities and plan for its implementation relative to the conduct of the National Teachers' Month (NTM) and the World Teachers' Day (WTD) Celebration; to organize a School NTM and WTD Committee; to secure the support of the school community and school-based organizations for its implementation.	School Heads	Alumni Association, Parent-Teacher Associations, Supreme Student Governments and other School-Based Organizations	August 5-10, 2013
B. Conduct of Meetings to Plan District-Led and Division-Led Activities	To design a set of activities that the district and division shall implement for NTM and WTD; to constitute a District and Division Committee for NTM and WTD celebration; to require the submission of written individual plans of the School Heads relative to NTM and WTD celebration.	District Supervisors and Schools Division Superintendents	Division Personnel District Supervisors All School Heads	August 12-17, 2013
C. Conduct of Meetings to Plan Regional-Led Activities	To design a set of activities that the region shall implement for NTM and WTD; to constitute a Regional Committee for NTM and WTD celebration; to require the submission of written plans of each Schools Division relative to NTM and WTD celebration.	Regional Directors	Regional Personnel Schools Division Superintendents	August 19-24, 2013

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D. Finalization of Plans	To readjust plans pursuant to the results of the meetings.	School Heads, District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	August 26-31, 2013
E. Submission of Plans	For divisions and regions to submit their respective plans for the NTM and WTD celebration to the Central Office c/o the DepEd Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs.	Schools Division Superintendents and Regional Directors	Division and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	August 31, 2013
II. National Teachers' Month				
A. Say "Thank You"	Everyone who has ever been a student is invited to say "THANK YOU" to at least one teacher who has made a difference in his or her life. Students can write a letter, send a card, offer a gift, or post a greeting in their Facebook accounts.	School Heads, District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	Alumni Association, Parent-Teacher Associations, Supreme Student Governments, and other School-Based Organizations	September 5 to October 5, 2013
	The Schools, and the District, Division, and Regional Offices shall write letters enlisting the support of local TV and Radio Stations, anchors, hosts, and artists to say "THANK YOU" to their mentors and teachers in their respective programs.		Local TV and Radio stations, anchors, hosts, and artists	August to October 5, 2013

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B. Information Dissemination	Schools shall feature stories or write-ups about their teachers through their school papers, websites, and Facebook accounts. They can also submit these write-ups to local newspapers and national broadsheets.	School Heads	Filipino and English Campus Editorial Boards, Writers, Local and National Newspapers, School-Based Organizations, Supreme Pupil/Student Governments, Pupils, and Students active in social media	August to October 5, 2013
C. Mobilization of Support	District, Division, and Regional Offices shall mobilize the support of the community and commercial establishments in paying tribute to teachers by encouraging them to give discounts, freebies, and special treats and promos for the whole month of September until October 5, 2013.	District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, Business Establishments	August to October 5, 2013
D. Posting of Streamers and Announcements	Schools shall hang streamers or post on their main bulletin boards an announcement on the National Teachers' Month and World Teachers' Day Celebration for the whole month of September until October 5, 2013.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and other school-based organizations, Private Organizations for solicitations	September 5 to October 5, 2013
	District, Division, and Regional Offices shall post tarpaulin streamers following the approved design at conspicuous places within the compound of their offices. They shall also encourage commercial establishments to do the same.	District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	September 5 to October 5, 2013

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E. Conduct of Special Activities	Schools shall conduct special activities to honor teachers for the month of September, such as contests (on-the-spot poster-making, essay-writing, Thank You card design and text contests, and others) among pupils and students. Cultural performances, especially those expressed using the Mother Tongue, may also be incorporated in the activities.	School Heads	School NTM and WTD Committees, Supreme Pupil/Student Governments, PTAs, Alumni Associations, Sponsors	September 5 to October 5, 2013
F. Conduct of Other Activities	Other activities may be held by the school, district, division, and regional offices, which highlight and honor the contributions of the teachers in the society.	School Heads, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	September 5 to October 5, 2013
III. World Teachers' Day				
A. Ringing/Sounding of School Bells	At 10:05 AM, school bells shall be sounded as signal for the synchronized anticipated World Teachers' Day celebration.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and other school-based organizations	October 4, 2013 (Friday)
B. National Prayer for Teachers	Immediately after the ringing/sounding of school bells, the National Prayer for Teachers, either in Filipino or English, shall be recited.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and other school-based organizations	October 4, 2013 (Friday)

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B. National Prayer for Teachers	This must be recited in the district, division, regional, and national celebrations nationwide at exactly 10:05 AM.	District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors.	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2013 (Saturday)
C. Special Activities for Teachers	All teachers nationwide shall take a break from their classroom duties to give way for special classroom/school programs. Schools may organize Grade VI Pupils and Fourth Year High School Students to handle the classes on behalf of the teachers.	School Heads	Supreme Pupil/Student Governments and other school-based organizations.	October 4, 2013 (Friday)
	Teachers may be provided with free make-over and spa treatments (haircut, facial and foot spa, massage, pedicure, manicure, and other services) from EPP/TLE/TVE/STEP students/members or from private sponsors.	School Heads	Alumni Associations, Parents-Teachers Associations, Supreme Student Governments, Supreme Pupil Governments, EPP, TLE, TVE and STEP Officers and members.	October 4, 2013 (Friday)
		District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2013 (Saturday)

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D. Religious Activities	Schools, Districts, Divisions, and Regions may conduct religious ecumenical activities or liturgical celebrations.	School Heads District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	School NTM and WTD Committees District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 4, 2013 (Friday) October 5, 2013 (Saturday)
E. Synchronized Culminating Activities	Each District, Division and Region is REQUIRED to conduct one culminating activity for the teachers on October 5, 2013. This is similar to the Grand World Teachers' Day Celebration organized by DepEd Central Office every year.	District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, and Regional Directors	District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 5, 2013 (Saturday)
F. Grand World Teachers' Day Event	The Department of Education Central Office will organize the Grand World Teachers' Day celebration. (Venue and participants to be announced.)	DepEd-Central Office with Selected Regions	Teacher-representatives from the different selected regions, DepEd Officials, National Teachers' Month Coordinating Council, Guests, and other Government Officials	October 5, 2013 (Saturday)

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G. Submission of Reports	Schools and Offices (districts, divisions and regions) shall post their respective reports on the activities conducted pertinent to WTD celebration at www.facebook.com/depedinc or www.facebook.com/DepEd.Philippines . Reports shall include clear pictures and a comprehensive documentation.	School Heads, District Supervisors, Schools Division Superintendents, Regional Directors	School, District, Division, and Regional NTM and WTD Committees	October 6-31, 2013

**Say 'THANK YOU'
to our TEACHERS!**

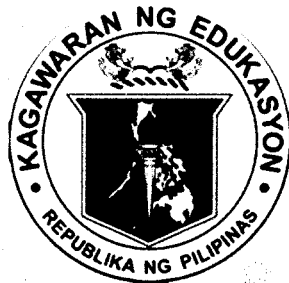
Celebrate...

**National Teachers'
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September 5-October 5

**World Teachers'
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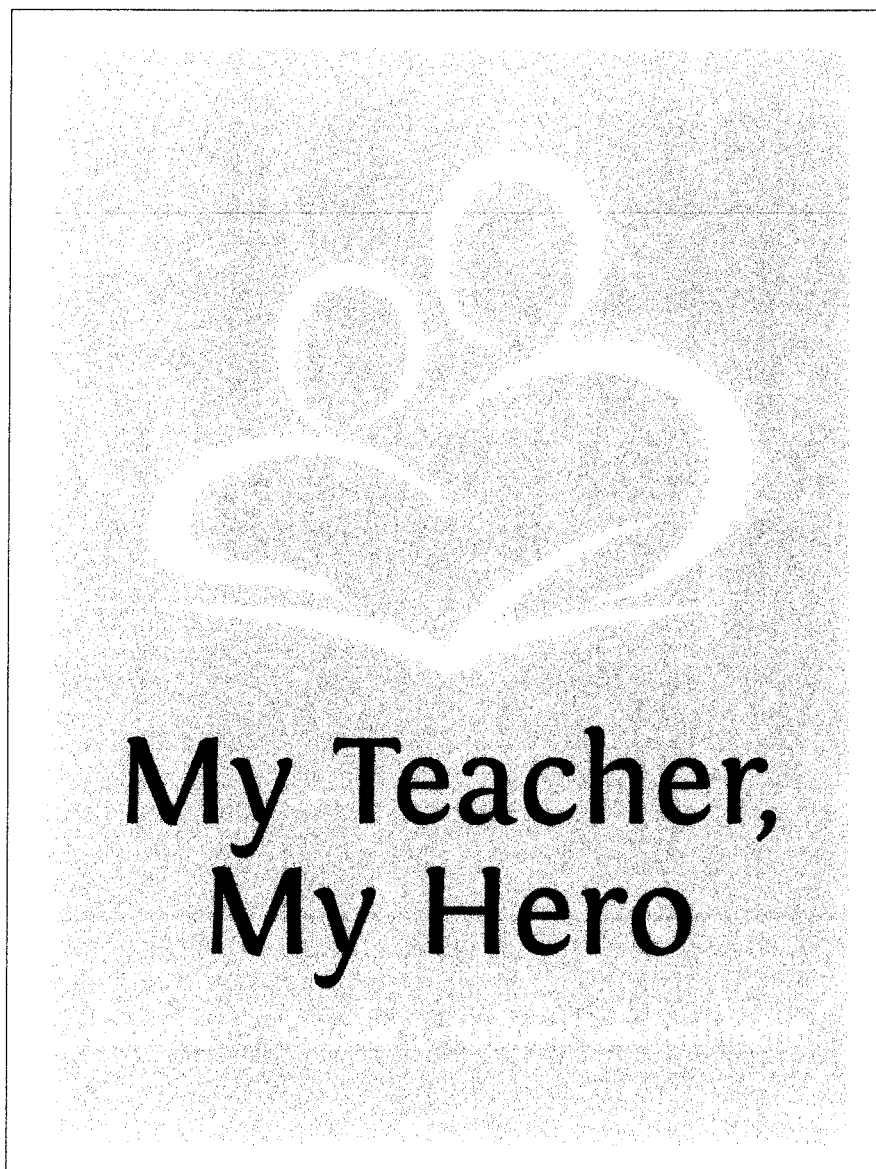
October 5



**My Teacher,
My Hero**

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Enclosure No. 4 to DepEd Memorandum No. 155, s. 2013



A PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Giver of All Wisdom and Greatest of all Teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love

Grant them the resolve
To nurture our eager minds
And to never give up on us who fall behind

Bless their hearts
For they rejoice when we succeed
And encourage us when we fail

Endow them with gentle patience
For the path of learning is never easy

Kindle a spirit of passion in them
It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us

Help them see the potential in each student
Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make

Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning
It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences

Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves

Bless our teachers who have come before
for their work endures to this day

Let the light of Your example shine upon all teachers:
To build up with their words
To love with their mind
To share with their heart
Amen.

PANALANGIN PARA SA MGA GURO

Tagapagkaloob ng Lahat ng Kaalaman at Guro ng mga guro
Bigyan po Ninyo ng pagkalinga ang aming mga guro

Biyayaan Ninyo sila ng kahandaang
Linangin ang aming murang isipan
At huwag magsawa kapag di makahabol ang turuan

Pagpalain nawa ang kanilang mga pusong
Nagdiriwang sa tuwing kami'y nagwawagi,
At nag-aalo sa tuwing kami'y nadadaig

Pagkalooban Ninyo sila ng mahinahong pagtitiyaga
Sapagkat ang landas ng kaalaman ay hindi madali

Pagningasin Ninyo sa kanila ang maapoy na diwang
Nagpapaliyab sa kagustuhan naming matuto

Tulungan Ninyo silang makita ang galing sa bawat mag-aaral
Wala sa marka ang halaga kundi sa pananalig nila

Ikintal Ninyo sa kanila ang walang pagkauhaw sa karunungan
Ang bagong kaalaman at karanasan ay di dapat katakutan

Turuan po Ninyo silang masiglang abutin ang alapaap
Kasinsigla at kasintayog ng sarili naming pangarap

Pagpalain po Ninyo ang mga gurong nauna sa amin
Ang nagawa nila ay napapakinabangan pa rin

Tanglawan po ng Iyong mabuting halimbawa ang kaguruan

Upang makapagpatayo sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang
pangungusap

Upang makapagmahal sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang isipan
Upang makapagbahagi sila sa pamamagitan ng kanilang puso

Siya nawa.