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Department of Education

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NINTH NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK CELEBRATION

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. The National Biotechnology Week (NBW) has been celebrated annually since 2005 every last week of November by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1414. Government agencies; namely, Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) are the key institutions involved in crafting a meaningful celebration that highlights the benefits and contributions of biotechnology to agriculture and food security, the delivery of equitable health care service, sustainable environment and the development of industries and the economy.

2. This year, the Ninth NBW will be celebrated on November 25-29, 2013 with DepEd as Chair and CHED as Co-Chair. Seminars (fora) will be held at the Justice Palma Hall of Unibersidad de Manila, while exhibits will be at the Division of Manila. The celebration will focus on the theme *Edukasyon sa Biotechnolohiya: OK sa 5K!* (*Kalikasan, Kalusugan, Kagandahan, Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran*).

3. Various topics and activities on biotechnology (list enclosed) were prepared to create awareness, as well as educate the public on the importance and benefits of biotechnology. Likewise, exhibit booths will be set up at the eco-park in front of the Division of Manila to showcase various programs and projects of students, for government agencies and the academe, as well as science investigative projects of students, for viewing of the general public from Monday to Friday.

4. Regional directors (RDs), schools division/city superintendents (SDSs) and school heads (SHs) are enjoined to organize similar activities in the regions and divisions in collaboration with the heads of field offices of the aforementioned agencies. Expenses relative to the conduct of the activities shall be charged to the local funds of each agency.

5. Science education supervisors, teachers, National Greening Program (NGP) coordinators and health and nutrition personnel are expected to take the lead in the planning and conduct of the activities during the week. The narrative report together with a simple evaluation report shall be submitted to the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC), Ninth NBW Secretariat, 4/F Dorm-E Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Attention: **Dr. Ella Cecilia G. Naliponguit**, Director III, Health and Nutrition Center on or before **December 15, 2013** through email addresses: hnc_oad13@yahoo.com.ph or araoj62@gmail.com.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 441, s. 2009

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9TH NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK
 Theme: *Edukasyon Sa Bioteknolohiya: OK Sa SKI*
 November 25 – 29, 2013
 Justice Palma Hall, Unibersidad de Manila, A. Villegas St., Mehan Gardens, Manila

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

| NOVEMBER 25 (MONDAY) | | NOVEMBER 26 (TUESDAY) | | NOVEMBER 27 (WEDNESDAY) | | NOVEMBER 28 (THURSDAY) | | NOVEMBER 29 (FRIDAY) | |
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| DepEd | | DENR | | DOH | | DOST | | DTI | |
| AM | OPENING CEREMONIES 9:00-12:00 Registration Doxology National Anthem Opening Message Keynote Speaker: Br. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC <i>Secretary, DepED</i> | PUBLIC FORUM ON HEALTH CARE BIOTECHNOLOGY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 21st Century Food & Drug Administration Philippines ➤ Center for Drug Regulation and Research ➤ Center for Food Regulation and Research ➤ Center for Cosmetic Regulation and Research | NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CONFERENCE FOR FILIPINO TEACHERS RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION | INVESTORS FORUM FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY PROJECTS (c/o SEARCA and DA) | AM | Presentation of Long-Week Activities Declaration of Opening of 2013 NBW Ribbon Cutting: Opening of the Exhibit Press Conference | | |
| PM | SEMINAR BIOTECHNOLOGY AND FILIPINOS | PUBLIC FORUM ON HEALTH CARE BIOTECHNOLOGY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Farmer's Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology ➤ National Biotechnology Education Conference for Teachers ➤ Launching of DNA barcoding book and DNA purity testing kits for rice | BIOTECHNOLOGY QUIZ CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL (c/o Dept. of Agriculture) | VIDEO SHOWING (c/o SEARCA and DA) | PM | SEMINAR BIOTECHNOLOGY AND FILIPINOS | PUBLIC FORUM ON HEALTH CARE BIOTECHNOLOGY | BIOTECHNOLOGY QUIZ CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL (c/o Dept. of Agriculture) |
| LUNCH BREAK | | | | | | | | | |
| CHED | | DA | | DOH | | DOST | | DepEd | |
| CLOSING CEREMONIES 1:00-3:00 Doxology National Anthem Video Presentation of Week-long Activities Announcement and Awarding of Winners - Fashion for Biotech Contest - Biotechnology Quiz Contest for High School Acknowledgement of Appreciation to the NBW Steering Committee and Sponsors NBW Chairmanship Turnover Acceptance Speech Closing Remarks: | | | | | | | | | |