



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **8**, s. 2014

2014 NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY WEEK

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), in collaboration with other government and non-government organizations (NGOs), will celebrate the **2014 National Intellectual Disability Week** on February 14-20, 2014 pursuant to the enclosed Presidential Proclamation No. 1385, s. 1975 entitled *Designating the Period from February 14-20, 1975, and Every Year Thereafter as Retarded Children's Week*. This year's theme is *Evolving Capacity with Family and Community Participation*.

2. The Department encourages all school heads especially those from schools 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 service providers for children and youth with intellectual disabilities;
- b. holding cultural shows, sportsfest, photo and work exhibits, advocacy campaign in radio and television shows and other activities, which will feature success stories and showcase the potential capabilities of children and youth with intellectual disabilities;
- c. conducting dialogues with parents, service providers and stakeholders on the theme of the celebration;
- d. discussing the best practices and systems approach to better improve inclusion of children with intellectual disabilities in the classroom, school and community during meetings of teachers and parents in regular classes or school program; and
- e. organizing a day camp to provide opportunities for children and youth with disabilities to explore and learn while having fun and to highlight the celebration of the National Intellectual Disability Week.

3. At the National Capital Region (NCR), the Quezon City Government (QCG), in coordination with the SPED Division, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR), Jaycees Capitol, Inc. (JCI)-Quezon City, Manila Water (MW) and the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage System (MWSS), will sponsor the *Annual Camp Pag-ibig* at the Balara Filter Plant, Quezon City on February 15-16, 2014. Children enrolled in special classes, including teachers, administrators and supervisors, are encouraged to join the activity. Conduct of the same activity in all regions is encouraged.

4. All activities to be undertaken should not disrupt regular classes nor compromise their supervision pursuant to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*". Community-based activities should be conducted during Saturday and Sunday of the week.

5. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Special Education (SPED) Division-Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE)**, Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, 2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, telephone no.: (02) 631-9993 or through email address: sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


BR. ARMIN A. DUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 8, s. 2013

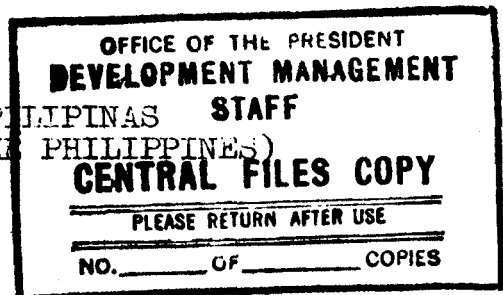
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(Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 8, s. 2014)

TANGGAPAN NG PANGULO NG PHILIPPINAS
(OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES)

PROCLAMATION NO. 1385



DESIGNATING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 14 to 20, 1975,
AND EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER, AS "RETARDED CHILDREN'S
WEEK."

By order of His Excellency, FERDINAND E. MARCOS,
President of the Philippines, I, ALEJANDRO MELCHOR,
Executive Secretary, do hereby designate the period
from February 14 to 20, 1975, and every year there-
after, as "Retarded Children's Week" under the auspices
of the National Coordinating Committee for Retarded
Children's Week Celebration and other concerned
entities.

Proclamation Nos. 479, s. 1968 and 1349, s. 1974,
are hereby revoked.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines
to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 12th day of
February, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and
seventy-five.

(SGD.) ALEJANDRO MELCHOR
Executive Secretary

By the Executive Secretary:

(SGD.) RONALDO B. ZANORA
Assistant Executive Secretary