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Department of Education

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2014 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS


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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) joins the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in announcing the observance of the **2014 National and International Environmental Events** listed in Enclosure No. 1. These events mark the end of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014).
2. These events aim to support the implementation of Republic Act (RA) 9512 entitled *Environmental Awareness and Education Act*.
3. Regional directors and schools superintendents shall enjoin their school heads (SHs) to plan and use the form provided in Enclosure No. 2 in listing doable and appropriate activities to celebrate said events.
4. The SHs shall encourage their pupils and students to participate in the celebration of their school events.
5. For more information, all concerned may contact:

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6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 32, s. 2010

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Table I. List of Nationally and Internationally-significant Environmental Events/Celebrations

Name of Event: or Celebration	Date Celebrated	Legal Basis	Brief Description of the Event or Celebration
World Wetlands Day	February 2	Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	This is an annual celebration of the vital importance of international wetlands to ecological and human health. It marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Government agencies, non-government organizations and community groups have celebrated World Wetlands Day by undertaking actions to raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits and promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands. These activities include seminars, nature walks, festivals, launches of new policies, announcement of new Ramsar sites, newspaper articles, radio interviews and wetland rehabilitation
International Day of Forests	March 21	United Nations General Assembly dated February 14, 2013	The occasion is intended to be one of the world's leading global platforms for people with an interest in forests and climate change to share their views and work together to ensure forests are suitably incorporated into any future climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.
World Water Day	March 22	1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro	This world day for water was observed starting in 1993, in conformity with the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development contained in chapter 18 (Fresh Water Resources) of Agenda 21. States were invited to devote the Day to implement the UN recommendations and set up concrete activities as deemed appropriate in the national context.
International Earth Day/ Month of Planet Earth	April 22/ April	Presidential Proclamation Nos. 1481 and 1482	Earth Day Network was founded on the premise that all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment. Our mission is to broaden and diversify the environmental movement worldwide, and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle for promoting a healthy, sustainable environment. We pursue our mission through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns. Our campaign and programs are predicated on the belief that an educated, energized population will take action to secure a healthy future for itself and its children. Earth Day Network has a global reach with a network of more than 17,000 partners and organizations in 174 countries. More than 1 billion people participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest secular civic event in the world.
Month of the Ocean	May	Presidential Proclamation No. 57, series of 1999	Proclamation No. 57 dated January 9, 1999 declares the Month of May as the Month of the Ocean in the Philippines.
The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB)	May 22	Convention on Biological Diversity	The United Nations proclaimed May 22 as International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.
World Environment Day/ Philippine Environment Month	June 5/ June	Presidential Proclamation No. 237	World Environment Day (WED) was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment. Commemorated yearly on 5 June, WED is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.
Philippine Eagle Week (PEW)	June 4-10	Proclamation No. 79	Said Proclamation aims specifically 1) to strengthen public awareness on the significant role of the Philippine Eagle in the forest ecosystem, and its importance as a national symbol and unique heritage, among others; 2) to generate unified and concerted efforts among all sectors of the society to ensure the protection and perpetuation of the species; and 3) to encourage non-government organizations, private companies or corporations, people's organization, academic and scientific organizations and all other interested parties to participate in the annual celebration of the PEW.
World Day to Combat Desertification	June 17	1994 United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 17 the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought to promote public awareness of the issue, and the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa.

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Arbor Day	June 25	Proclamation No. 643 that amended Proclamation No. 396 of June 2, 2003	The "active participation of all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, private sector, schools, civil society groups and the citizenry in tree planting activity.
National Clean-Up Month/International Coastal Clean-Up Weekend	September/3 rd Weekend of September	Presidential Proclamation No. 244 - National Clean-Up Month Presidential Proclamation No. 470 - International Coastal Clean-Up Weekend	This event was just the beginning of a movement for cleaner beaches and marine habitats. In a few years, what had been a local clean-up grew to encompass the 25 U.S. states and territories. In 1989, the Clean-Up the World weekend, officially became an international event, with the involvement of responsible citizens of Canada and Mexico. Today, half a million citizens from almost 100 countries participate in the Clean-Up, and it has grown into an annual event, motivating people the world over to get outside and do something for their coastal environment.
National Ozone Protection Month/International Ozone Day	September / September 16	DepEd Memo No. 358, s. 2007, Montreal Protocol	The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer came into force on 1 January 1989 when it had been ratified by 29 countries and the European Economy Community (EEC). As of February 2007, 191 countries have ratified the Protocol, representing an international effort to safeguard the ozone layer through controls on production, consumption and use of ozone-depleting substances (ODS).
Tamaraw Month	October	Presidential Proclamation No. 273	Under said Proclamation, all government offices, agencies and instrumentalities in the whole Island of Mindoro are urged to implement activities geared toward the conservation of the Tamaraw and its habitats at least during the month of October.
International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week	October 20-26	2012 International Conference on Chemicals Management Presidential Proclamation No. 1109, s. 1997 - Clean Air Month	The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) were invited to establish a global partnership to promote phasing out the use of lead in paints, i.e. the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GALP). The Alliance aims to catalyze efforts to prevent children's exposure to lead from paints and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint.
Philippine Clean Air Month	November	Republic Act No. 8749 - Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999	A continuing air quality information and education campaign shall promoted by the Department, the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA). Consistent with Sec. 7 of this Act, such campaign shall encourage the participation of other government agencies and the private sector including NGOs, POs, the academe, environmental groups and other private entities in a multi-sectoral information campaign.
National Environmental Awareness Month	November	Republic Act No. 9512 - National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008	Pursuant to the policy set forth in this Act, the month of November of every year shall be known as the Environmental Awareness Month throughout the Philippines.
Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week	November / November 19-25	Presidential Proclamation No. 1667 - Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week	The Philippines has declared and confirmed its commitment to the goals of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention.

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 14, s. 2014)

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TO 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL
EVENTS**

Title of Activities	Date	Venue	Organizers

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