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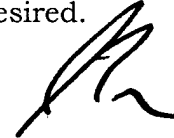
**2014 NATIONAL DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH**

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

1. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 137, s. 1999 *Declaring the Month of July of Every Year as National Disaster Consciousness Month (NDCM)*, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (DRMMO), will lead in this year's observance of the **2014 National Disaster Consciousness Month (NDCM)** with the theme *Kahandaan at Kaligtasan ng Pamayanan, Pundasyon ng Kaunlaran* in July.
2. In view of this, all DepEd offices and schools are enjoined to participate in the launching of the 2014 observance of the NDCM during the Flag Raising Ceremony on June 30, 2014 in their respective areas.
3. Further, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10121 otherwise known as the *Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Act*, the Department will conduct related and relevant activities, which seek to intensify preparedness as a key strategy in reducing disaster risk and to highlight learner engagement, awareness on disaster risk concerns, and assessment of the capacity of the schools in managing emergencies.
4. During the kick-off ceremony, DepEd officials and school heads shall announce and disseminate information on the conduct of a nationwide simultaneous multi-hazard drill on **July 2, 2014**. All DepEd offices, public and private schools are enjoined to participate in the said drill.
5. To ensure the success of the simultaneous nationwide drill, the school heads are encouraged to have close coordination with the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (LDRRMC) and all other concerned agencies.
6. Further, all public schools shall conduct hazard mapping and risk assessment to indicate various presence of physical threats, which may have direct or indirect effect to the school operations and learners' performance. The detailed guidelines on the implementation of this activity will also be issued.
7. A post activity report shall be submitted by the school head to the schools division office for consolidation and submission to the regional office. These reports, indicating the number of schools, which participated in the abovementioned activities, will be transmitted to the DepEd Central Office through the DRRMO on or before **August 15, 2014**.

8. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (DRMMO)**, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO), 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, telefax no.: (02) 637-4933 or through email address: [drmo@deped.gov.ph](mailto:drmo@deped.gov.ph).

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Officer-in-Charge

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 287, s. 2010

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