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SAVE SIERRA MADRE DAY

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation (PP) No. 413 dated June 19, s. 2012 which declares September 26 of every year as *Save Sierra Madre Day*, the Department of Education (DepEd), in partnership with the Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance (SSMNA) Inc., mandates the schools in the Sierra Madre and Metro Manila to implement PP 413.

The Celebration aims to pursue activities geared toward the conservation of the Sierra Madre.

The suggested activities are as follows:

1. Linking up with the local governments, civil society groups, people's organizations especially farmers, schools, others church groups and indigenous people's communities for a common celebration of the Save Sierra Madre Day;
2. Conduct of tree planting activity and visit of trees planted by the National Greening Program or by other organizations to sustain the growing trees and/or to replace the dried ones;
3. Launching of an outdoor program or a symposium, followed by a parade of the endemic species in the Sierra Madre;
4. Performing a play by the *Kalipaya* Ministry on the environment: *Kalikasan ay Pag-asa* which includes the message of Pope Francis' Laudato Si to take care of our common home;
5. Training of the youth by the Kalipaya Ministry to present to many audiences the issues of the Sierra Madre;
6. Developing the attitude of simple lifestyle, conserving water and energy, reporting/preventing illegal logging and fishing, segregating waste, patronizing organic farming, among others; and
7. Formation of a strong network of organizations imbued with zeal to protect the Sierra Madre which could be a key to jumpstart the formation of 300,000 Save Sierra Madre advocates — 1% of the 30 million stakeholders of Sierra Madre in Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Viscaya, Nueva Ecija, Quirino, Aurora, Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, Quezon and Metro Manila.

All local governments, civil society groups, people's organizations especially farmers, public and private schools, other church groups, and indigenous people's communities are encouraged to provide full support and cooperation.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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