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DepED MEMORANDUM
No. 23, s. 2007

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

1. Special Education in the Philippines started in 1907 with the establishment of the School for the Deaf and Blind. Now on its 100 years, Special Education will commemorate its centennial celebration in 2007. This is the year for Special Education to celebrate the accomplishments of a dream worked so hard – giving access to and quality education to Filipino children who are gifted and those with disabilities.

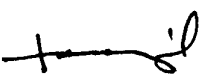
2. The theme for the celebration is **“Celebrating 100 Years of Special Education: Directions for the Future”**. Special Education programs and services implemented will be documented and challenges/issues facing the program will be dealt with in conferences or fora.

3. All schools, both public and private catering to children/persons with special needs are encouraged to undertake activities to mark the centennial year. Enclosed is the List of Year-Round Activities in Celebrating 100 Years of Special Education.

4. The celebration shall be made a part of the regular school/classroom activities to avoid disruption of classes and to maximize time for learning.

5. The regions, divisions, and schools may coordinate with the special education supervisor in their respective regions or divisions or to the Bureau of Elementary Education, Special Education Division at tel. no. (02) 631-9993 or (02) 632-1361 local 2054 for more information on the conduct of the celebration.

6. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Officer-in-Charge

Encl.: As stated

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**YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATING
100 YEARS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

<i>Month</i>	<i>Suggested Activities</i>
January	Autism Month Celebration
February	Mental Retardation Week
March	SPED Celebration in Luzon
April	SPED Celebration in Visayas
May	Symposium on Special Education in Teacher Training Institutions
June	SPED Celebration in Mindanao
July	National Disability Prevention & Rehabilitation Week
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sight Saving Month• White Cane Safety Day
September	Cerebral Palsy Week
October	Deaf Awareness Week
November	Giftedness Week
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Year of the Disabled• A Grand Celebration of the 100 Years of SPED in the Philippines• Tribute to Pioneers in SPED & Friends of Special Children