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DepED MEMORANDUM
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5TH NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK CELEBRATION

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

1. The Department of Education (DepED) in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and Philippine Council for Advanced Science and Technology, Research and Development (PCASTRD) will celebrate the 5th National Biotechnology Week on November 22-29, 2009 with the theme "Bioteknolohiya para sa Kalikasan, Kalusugan, Kagandahan, Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran".

2. The event aims to:

- a. promote safe and responsible use of modern biotechnology and its products as one of the several means to achieve and sustain food security, equitable access to health services, sustainable and safe environment, and industry development;
- b. stimulate public awareness, education and understanding of biotechnology which is essential for the responsible application and regulation of the new technology;
- c. celebrate globally in research and development and its commercial applications in agriculture towards a more healthy and safe use of the products of modern technology; and
- d. generate full media support and participation on biotechnology concerns.

3. The Department of Education (DepED), a member agency of the governing board shall take part in the implementation of the following suggested activities lined up for the occasion:

Activities	Date	Time	Venue
A. Preparation of Exhibit Booths	November 22		SM Mall of Asia
B. Opening Ceremonies and Press Conference	November 23	11:00 a.m.	Science Discovery Center (SDC) Event Room, SM Mall of Asia
C. Educational Forum for Teachers	November 23	1:00 p.m.	SDC Event Room, SM Mall of Asia

D. Scientific Forum	November 24	10: 00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SDC Event Room, SM Mall of Asia
E. Forum on Halal and Food Biotech	November 25	10: 00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia
F. Educational Forum for High School Students	November 26	10: a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia
G. Techno-mart Conference	November 27	1:00 p.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia
H. Biotech for Kids Forum	November 28	10:00 a.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia
I. Public Forum on Health Newborn Screening and Vaccines	November 28	1:00 p.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia
J. Public Forum on Bio-Safety	November 29	1:00 p.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia
K. Daily Exhibit and Trade Fair	November 23-29	10: 00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	common area SM Mall of Asia

4. Schools especially near SM Mall of Asia are encouraged to join the activities.
5. Further, activities to be undertaken should not disrupt classes as stipulated in DepED Order No. 9, s. 2005, Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.
6. For more information, please contact Dr. Reynaldo V. Eborá, Executive Director and DOST NBW Focal Person, General Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig at tel. no.: (02) 837-2071 local 2102-2109 or Dr. Yolanda S. Quijano, Director IV, Bureau of Elementary Education (BEE), DepED Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. no.: (02) 638-47-99.
7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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 Secretary

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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