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**2018 ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) supports the **2018 Activities of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)** pursuant to Republic Act No. 9512 entitled National Environmental Awareness and Education Act, and other existing laws, rules and regulations.
2. The activities aim to support the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Environmental Education Action Plan of 2014–2018.
3. The following documents are enclosed for reference:
 - Enclosure No. 1 – Letter of Corazon C. Davis, CESO II
DENR Assistant Secretary and Chair
National Inter-Agency Committee
on Environmental Education;
 - Enclosure No. 2 – List of Nationally and Internationally-Significant
Environmental Events/Celebrations; and
 - Enclosure No. 3 – Provisional List of Support Activities to 2018
Environmental Events.
4. For more information, contact **Ms. Elenida Del Rosario- Basug**, Chief of the Environmental Education and Information Division-Environmental Management Bureau (EEID-EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at telefax no. (02) 928-4674; telephone no. (02) 376-5610; mobile phone nos. 0919-996-2543; 0928-501-0540 or email at ecofriendlyschoools@gmail.com.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 18, s. 2016

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Dear Dr. Briones:

The Philippines is supporting various national and international environmental events that we would like to request your institution to likewise support. Attached is a copy of the same.

As such, we would also like to request your organization to include these events in your official calendar, and issue a national memorandum circular urging the support of various public and private schools and educators under your institution, and conduct support activities for the year 2018, in support to the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan of 2014-2018.

National Zero Waste Month – Whole Month of January
World Wetlands Day – February 2
World Wildlife Day – March 3
World Forest Day – March 21
World Water Day – March 22
Philippine Water Week – 4th Week of March
Earth Hour – 4th Saturday of March (8:30-9:30 p.m.)
Philippine Earth Month – Whole Month of April
International Earth Day – April 22
Month of the Ocean – Whole Month of May
International Day for Biological Diversity – May 22
Philippine Environment Month – Whole Month of June
Philippine Eagle Week – June 4-10
World Environment Day – June 5
World Day to Combat Desertification – June 17
National Arbor Day – June 25
National Disaster Consciousness Month – Whole Month of July
National Clean-Up Month – Whole Month of September
International Coastal Clean Up Weekend – 3rd Weekend of September
International Ozone Day – September 16

National Tamaraw Month – Whole Month of October
International Lead Prevention Poisoning Week – October 20-26
National Clean Air Month and National Environmental Awareness Month – Whole Month of November
National Climate Change Consciousness Week – November 19-25
National Day for Youth in Climate Action – November 25

Likewise attached herewith are the template and forms to fill up for the various support activities from your different institutions.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter. We would be grateful to be furnished a copy of such order or circular which your office would issue. Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Elenida Basug, Chief of the Environmental Education and Information Division, Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at telefax numbers (02) 928-46-74 and (02) 376-56-10; mobile numbers 0919-9962543 and 0928-5010540 or e-mail address at ecofriendlyschools@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your usual support to our endeavors to strengthen the implementation of Republic Act No. 9512 (National Environmental Awareness and Education Act).

Very truly yours, .



CORAZON C. DAVIS, CESO II
DENR Assistant Secretary, and Chair,
National Inter-Agency Committee
on Environmental Education

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
National Zero Waste Month	January	Presidential Proclamation No. 760, Series of 2014 Republic Act No. 9003 – Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000	The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 promotes environmental awareness and action among the citizenry and institutionalizes public participation in the development of national and local integrated, comprehensive and ecological waste management programs.
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.
World Wildlife Day	March 3	United Nations General Assembly dated December 20, 2013	In its resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed the intrinsic value of wildlife and its various contributions, including ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic, to sustainable development and human well-being, and recognized the important role of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in ensuring that international trade does not threaten the species' survival.
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 adaption strategies.
World Water Day / Philippine Water Week	March 22/ 4th Week of March	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	May 22	Convention on Biological Diversity	The United Nations proclaimed May 22 as International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

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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	June 4-10	Proclamation No. 79	Said Proclamation aims specifically i) 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; ii)to generate unified and concerted efforts among all sectors of the society to ensure the protection and perpetuation of the species; and iii)to encourage non-government organizations, private companies or corporations, people's organization, academic and scientific organizations and all another interested parties to participate in the annual celebration of the Philippine Eagle Week.
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.
National 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 Disaster Consciousness Month	July	Executive Order No. 137 dated August 10, 1999	National Disaster Consciousness Month aimed to increase awareness of every Filipino to the ever threatening disasters for a better appreciation of the government's disaster preparedness program.
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.
International Ozone Day	September 16	Montreal Protocol dated January 1, 1989	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).
National 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	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, ie, the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP). The Alliance aims to catalyze efforts to prevent children's exposure to lead from paints and to minimize occupational exposures to lead paint.

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Philippine Clean Air Month	November	<p>Presidential Proclamation No. 1109, s. 1997 – Clean Air Month</p> <p>Republic Act No. 8749 – Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999</p>	<p>A continuing air quality information and education campaign shall be 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 non-government organizations, peoples organizations, the academe, environmental groups and other private entities in a multi-sectoral information campaign.</p>
National Environmental Awareness Month	November	<p>Republic Act No. 9512 – National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008</p>	<p>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.</p>
National Climate Change Consciousness Week	November 19-25	<p>Presidential Proclamation No. 1667 – Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week</p> <p>Republic Act No. 9729 – Climate Change Act of 2009</p>	<p>The Philippines has declared and confirmed its commitment to the goals of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention.</p>
National Day for Youth in Climate Action	November 25	<p>Presidential Proclamation No. 1160, s. 2015 – National Day for Youth in Climate Action</p>	<p>The National Youth Commission and the Climate Change Commission, in cooperation with other government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and international partners, have launched the #NowPH (Not on our Watch) campaign, a comprehensive advocacy on climate action, which aims to empower the youth in raising public consciousness on the science of climate change and on ways to lead a climate-resilient and climate-smart lifestyle.</p>

PROVISIONAL LIST OF SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TO 2018 ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

- JANUARY – NATIONAL ZERO WASTE MONTH**
- FEBRUARY 2 – WORLD WETLANDS DAY**
- MARCH 3 – WORLD WILDLIFE DAY**
- MARCH 22 – WORLD WATER DAY**
- 4TH WEEK OF MARCH – PHILIPPINE WATER WEEK**
- MARCH 19 (8:30-9:30 PM) – EARTH HOUR**
- APRIL – PHILIPPINE EARTH MONTH**
- APRIL 22 – INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY**
- MAY – MONTH OF THE OCEAN**
- MAY 22 – INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
- JUNE – PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT MONTH**
- JUNE 4-10 – PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK**
- JUNE 5 – WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**
- JUNE 17 – WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION**
- JUNE 25 – NATIONAL ARBOR DAY**
- JULY – NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCE MONTH**
- SEPTEMBER – NATIONAL CLEAN UP MONTH**
- 3RD WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER – INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP WEEKEND**
- SEPTEMBER 16 – INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY**
- OCTOBER – NATIONAL TAMARAW MONTH**
- OCTOBER 20-26 – INTERNATIONAL LEAD PREVENTION POISONING WEEK**
- NOVEMBER – NATIONAL CLEAN AIR MONTH AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH**
- NOVEMBER 19-25 – NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**
- NOVEMBER 25 – NATIONAL DAY FOR YOUTH IN CLIMATE ACTION**

TITLE OF ACTIVITIES	DATE	VENUE	ORGANIZERS

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Full Name and Position

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