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Department of Education

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2021 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EDUCATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Recognizing that education plays a key role in building sustainable and resilient societies and contributes to the achievement of all the other Sustainable Development Goals, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the observance of the **2021 International Day of Education (IDE)** with the theme, Recover and Revitalize Education for the COVID-19 Generation.

2. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed January 24 as International Day of Education (IDE), in celebration of the role of education peace and development. UNGA invites all Member States to observe IDE in an appropriate manner and to continue to give consideration to enhancing international cooperation in support of the efforts of all Member States towards the realization of Sustainable Development Goal 4, which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all by 2030.

3. The IDE aims to

- a. highlight commitments and follow-up on actions taken to protect education through the recovery, increase inclusion and combat drop-out rates;
- b. celebrate initiatives being led by governments, educators, organizations from global to grassroots efforts, as well as partnerships demonstrating the potential to recommit education to the principles of equity and relevance;
- c. highlight the best practices in laws and policies on equitable finance for education that effectively and efficiently target the most disadvantages via a tool featured on UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report website, PEER; and
- d. give voice to the COVID-19 generation to express their concerns and aspirations in the face of a future marked by an economic recession and climate change.

4. DepEd, through the International Cooperation Office (ICO), will organize an online webinar, in collaboration with the Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction and Global Teacher Prize Ambassadors, Philippines (GTPA PH) on **January 25, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon via Facebook Live of DepEd PH and DepEd-ICO Facebook Page, to celebrate the 2021 IDE. Target participants are teachers representing different schools, organizations, and education systems from countries around the world.
5. All concerned DepEd personnel are enjoined to support the 2021 IDE by organizing activities for the learners and advocacy activities for other stakeholders such as parents, teachers, and nonteaching personnel.
6. Since **January 24, 2021** falls on a Sunday, IDE activities shall be conducted on **January 25, 2021**, Monday, the same day that UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France will commence the event.
7. Expenses incurred relative to the observance of the 2021 IDE shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures, rules and regulations.
8. For more information, please contact the **International Cooperation Office**, Ground Floor, Teodora Alonzo Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at ico@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8637-6462.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

Reference:
None

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