



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
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**OBSERVANCE OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

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. The Department of Education (DepEd) announces the **Observance of the 2021 International Women's Day (IWD)** with the theme, **Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future in a COVID-19 World**. This is to celebrate the monumental efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed **March 8** as the IWD, in recognition for the achievements of women and girls without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. In the Philippines, the legal bases for the celebration are the following:

- a. Presidential Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988 declaring the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day;
- b. Presidential Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988 providing for the observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History Month; and
- c. Republic Act No. 6949 s. 1990 declaring March 8 of every year as National Women's Day.

3. The IWD is not only an occasion to celebrate the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment, but also to critically reflect on those accomplishments and strive for a greater momentum towards gender equality worldwide. It is a day to recognize the extraordinary acts of women and to stand together, as a united force, to advance gender equality around the world.

4. DepEd, through the International Cooperation Office (ICO), will organize a webinar on **March 8, 2021** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m via Facebook Live of DepEd PH and DepEd-ICO Facebook Page, to celebrate the IWD. Target participants are teachers and students representing different schools, organizations and education systems from countries around the world.

5. All concerned DepEd personnel are enjoined to support the 2021 IWD by organizing activities for the learners and advocacy activities for other stakeholders such as parents, teachers, and nonteaching personnel.

6. Expenses incurred relative to the observance of the 2021 IWD shall be charged to local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures, rules and regulations.

7. 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](mailto:ico@deped.gov.ph) or at telephone number (02) 8637-6462.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

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