



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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2022 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. To showcase the great efforts and contributions of women and girls in adapting, mitigating and responding to the changing planet, the Department of Education announces the observance of the **2022 International Women's Day (IWD)** under the theme, **Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow**.

2. In 1945, the Charter of the United Nations became the first international agreement to affirm the principle of equality between women and men. The UN celebrated its first official International Women's Day on March 8 during International Women's Year in 1975. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.

3. The celebration shall focus on the progress made towards achieving gender equality and women's empowerment. Furthermore, to recognize the extraordinary acts of women, and to stand together, as a united force, to advance gender equality around the world. In the Philippines, the following are the legal bases for the celebration:

- 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 (RA) 6949 s. 1990** declaring March 8 of every year as National Women's Day.

4. DepEd, through the International Cooperation Office (ICO), will organize a webinar on **March 8, 2022** from 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m. via Facebook Live of DepEd PH and DepEd-ICO Facebook Page, to celebrate the 2022 International Women's Day

(IWD). Target participants are educators and learners representing different schools, as well as other organizations and education systems from countries around the world.

5. All concerned regional offices (ROs) and school division offices (SDOs) are enjoined to support the 2022 IWD by organizing relevant activities for the learners and for other stakeholders such as parents, teachers, and nonteaching personnel. These activities shall strictly comply with the minimum health standards currently imposed in its respective location. The abovementioned concerned offices are also encouraged to prepare tarpaulins to be posted on the school premises and online postings on the official Facebook pages for information dissemination of the international celebration.

6. Expenses incurred relative to the observance of the 2022 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 or at telephone number (02) 8637-6462.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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