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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR 2007-53**

**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND FIELD OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** OBSERVANCE OF WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR



The "World Day Against Child Labor" is being commemorated every 12<sup>th</sup> day of June of every year through the initiative of the International Labour Organization (ILO). The event is intended to:

1. serve as catalyst for enhancing the growing worldwide movement against child labour;
2. provide an opportunity to further the political will and commitment of individual governments as well as that of the social partners, civil society and others, such as the schools, youth groups and the media, for the ILO campaign against child labour;
3. provide people, especially child workers, an occasion on which they feel that their plight does not go unnoticed and they are not alone.
4. break through the silence and sense of impurity of those who would exploit children economically; and
5. firmly and visibly establish in the public eye the image of the ILO as the leader in the struggle against child labour, especially in its worst forms.

As member of the National Steering Committee on the National Program Against Child Labor, DILG supports this year's observance with the theme "**Harvest for the Future: End Child Labor in Agriculture**". It aims to: a) raise awareness on the plight of child laborers in agriculture; b) take action to ensure that children do not carry out hazardous work in agriculture; and c) bring child labor into the mainstream of agricultural policy-making.

All Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to spearhead the observance of this important event in their respective jurisdiction by undertaking activities in line with the aforementioned theme such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Hanging of streamer; and
- Conduct of advocacy activities relative to child rights and the elimination of child labor, especially in agriculture.

DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers shall cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this Circular.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY:

  
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