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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
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**TO :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS,  
MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL  
DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

**SUBJECT :** 19<sup>th</sup> PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL ARTS MONTH  
CELEBRATION

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Pursuant to Proclamation No.683 dated January 28, 1991, the month of February of every year is declared as **Philippine International Arts Festival Month**.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) is spearheading the 19<sup>th</sup> National Arts Month Celebration dubbed as the "**1<sup>st</sup> Philippine International Arts Festival 2009**" with the theme "**Ani ng Sining.**" The celebration is aimed to :

- promote and popularize outstanding creations of Filipino artists in the seven arts (Architecture and Allied Arts, Cinema, Dance, Dramatic Arts, Literary Arts, Music and Visual Arts) to all sectors both local and International,
- promote the integration of arts in community life,
- underscore the significant role of art and artist and other stakeholders in uplifting the nation's spirit, and
- utilize art as catalyst for values education.


In view of this, LGUs are hereby encouraged to undertake activities that will enhance the Filipinos' understanding and appreciation of arts and culture towards raising pride in our identity and promote national unity. Provinces, cities and municipalities may choose their own sub-theme that is most relevant to their local conditions and community aspirations depending on the focus and direction of its art activities. Activities maybe in the form of music, dance or theater performances, film or visual arts exhibits and visits to museums or cultural sites.

All LGUs are requested to provide their own streamers to be displayed at the Provincial, City and Municipal building façades throughout the month of February. Likewise, LGUs are also encouraged to post posters and other information materials that have cultural significance within or outside public offices/ buildings.

DILG Regional Directors and field officers are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular in their areas of jurisdiction.

For information and inquiries, you may contact the office of the Executive Director, NCCA at Telephone Nos. 527-21-92, 525-20-89 (Telefax).

For the guidance of all concerned.

  
**RONALDO V. PUNO**  
Secretary



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