



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2009-173

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

SUBJECT : **5TH NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY WEEK CELEBRATION**

Presidential Proclamation No. 1414 dated November 9, 2007 declares every last week of November of every year as National Biotechnology Week. The celebration is in pursuance to the policy of the government to promote safe and responsible use of modern biotechnology and its products as one of the several means to achieve and sustain food security, equitable access to health services, sustainable and safe environment and industry development.

In order to strengthen public awareness, education and understanding on biotechnology, the Biotechnology National Steering Committee composed of the Departments of Science and Technology, Health, Education, Environment of Natural Resources, Trade and Industry and Interior and Local Government spearheads the celebration of the **5th National Biotechnology Week on November 23-29, 2009 at the Nido-Fortified- Science Discovery Center, SM Mall of Asia, Roxas Blvd., Manila.**

Series of activities such as symposium, scientific forums, livestock biotechnology, Bionet National Congress, investors forum for biotechnology crops are among the activities lined-up for the long week celebration.

In this connection, local government officials and functionaries are hereby encouraged to participate in the various activities during the National Biotechnology Week. Please confirm your attendance to the office of Executive Director Reynaldo V. Ebra, Ph.D., PCASTRD and DOST NBW Focal Person at telephone nos. (02) 837-2072 to 81 local 2102 or email at vgn@pcastrd.dost.gov.ph.

Transportation and other incidental expenses are authorized chargeable against local funds, subject to the availability of funds and to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For guidance of all concerned.

By Authority of the Secretary:


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Undersecretary for Local Government