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

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS) CELEBRATION ON DECEMBER 3

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1157 dated October 16, 2006 issued "Declaring December 3, 2006 and Every Year Thereafter as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Philippines" as mandated by UN General Assembly A/RES/47/3 dated 14 October 1992. The declaration was laid down primarily to synergize the efforts and resources of the government in the promotion and improvement of the well-being of persons with disabilities to enable them to be part of our nation's development and progress.

This year's celebration has adopted the theme "Removing barriers to create an inclusive and accessible society for all" in consideration of Article 9 (Accessibility) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which seeks to enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life and development. The mandate calls upon States Parties to take appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities have access in all aspects of society.

In this regard, all Local Chief Executives, Regional Directors, Bureau Directors and concerned officials of this Department, are hereby enjoined to actively participate in the observance of the Day's celebration this year by taking the lead in undertaking fitting activities, such as but not limited, to the following:

- Hanging of streamers in conspicuous places of the locality and/or offices
- Holy Mass/Ecumenical celebration
- LGU "Report on Local Government Responsiveness to PWD Concerns"
- Forum on Accessibility to Health, Transport and Education Services
- Media guestings highlighting LGUs best practices
- Children's Artwork Contest of Accessibility
- Awarding of Plaques of Recognition to Private Entity compliance to BP 344 (Accessibility Law).

Feedback reports of the Day's activities that were conducted should be submitted to this Office, copy furnished the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the immediate and widest dissemination of this MC to all local governments units within their jurisdictions.

For compliance.

*Mar Roxas*  
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Secretary



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