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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. <u>2013–</u>108

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH THIS SEPTEMBER

This September marks the 10th National Peace Consciousness Month, with the theme "*Lahat ay Peace-sible!*". The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process leads the month-long celebration with the following series of events/activities:

• KaPeacetahan 2013

Date:	September 21, 2013
Venue:	Liwasang Aurora, Quezon City Memorial Circle
Activities:	Opening Ceremony
	Job Fair (DOLE, NBI, SSS, etc.) and Serbisyong Bayan
	Exhibition of livelihood products of PaMaNa areas
	Concert for Peace

- Conference: "Imagining a Post-Conflict, Post-Agreement Philippines"
 - a. National Conversation
 - Theme 1: Reintegration
 - Date: September 26-27, 2013
 - Venue: Manila and Davao
 - Theme 2: Transitional Justice
 - Date: September 30-October 1, 2013
 - Venue: Manila and Bacolod
 - b. Local Conversation
 - Negros: Healing the wounds, reconciling communities Date: October 3, 2013 Venue: Bacolod
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Aside from encouraging participation of LGUs in the various consciousness-raising activities, the posting/display of tarpaulins and recitation of the *Pledge for Peace* and *Harmony Prayer* during flag ceremonies for the whole month of September is encouraged.

Attachments

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- Copy of Pledge for Peace
- Copy of Harmony Prayer



In this regard, all Local Chief Executives especially in conflict-affected areas are encouraged to participate in the various consciousness-raising activities which include posting of tarpaulins, the recitation of the "Pledge for Peace" and "Harmony Prayer" (copies herein attached) during Flag Ceremonies at least for the whole month of September.

For queries regarding the abovementioned activities, all concerned are advised to coordinate with the OPAPP Liaison Unit thru Ms. Clarissa Batac at Telephone Number (02) 636-0701 loc. 824 or via email at clarissabatac@gmail.com.

Be guided accordingly.

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MAR ROXAS Secretary





PLEDGE OF PEACE

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I will work towards peace through my own goals and initiatives, starting with my thoughts and actions.

I will promote a culture of non-violence in my daily life and contribute in developing a progressive country.

I will contribute in building a better future for Filipinos and I promise to do my best to achieve these goals through peaceful means.

I pledge to support peace in every way possible for I am and will always be a Filipino for a just and lasting peace.

I am a Filipino and I am for peace.

HARMONY PRAYER

O Lord, I cry for peace. Purify my eyes to see peace. Purify my mind to understand peace, Purify my heart to love peace, Purify my memory to work for peace, the peace that comes from your love and compassion.

O Lord, sustain my vision of peace, following your inspiration. You have many ways of revealing your presence and love for humanity, But your style is constant: you are in dialogue with all, you care for all.

Make me, O Lord, a sign of your peace,

Living in dialogue with you,

To understand your silence and seek your presence;

In dialogue with myself to rediscover the meaning of life;

In dialogue with others to move together in harmony with all;

and in dialogue with creation to care for the earth.

Give me, O Lord, the courage to live in dialogue,

In the midst of divisions and conflicts,

And to build peace with all people of sincere hearts,

Who believe in your love and compassion.

Note: The Harmony Prayer is a universal prayer for people of different religions. The prayer was composed of the Silsilah Dialogue Movement. The use of the word "Lord" referring to the "Lord of the Universe" in the prayer is a universal attribute for God/Allah/Divine/Supreme Being as the religions in the world use in their prayers.