



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

August 22, 2017



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
 N O. 2017-106**

T O : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : 2017 NATIONAL TEACHERS' MONTH EVERY SEPTEMBER 5 TO OCTOBER 5 PER PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 242, S. 2011

The Philippines holds the longest celebration for teachers –**National Teachers' Month**- which is held every *September 5 to October 5* as declared by Presidential Proclamation No. 242 dated August 24, 2011, and the **National Teachers' Day** on the 5th day of October of every year, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10743 (s. 2016). The grand multi-sectoral celebration honors the Filipino teachers and their important role of nurturing minds, and uplifts the noble teaching profession, as well as, inspire the young to consider a career in education.

In this connection, all Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors are hereby enjoined to come up with support activities in promoting the culture of gratitude to the Filipino teachers, in partnership with the Department of Education, such as, but not limited to the following:

- ✦ organize short yet, meaningful programs honoring the teachers in their respective communities, and invite students to give messages and special presentations,
- ✦ join the nationwide “National Prayer for Teachers” and “Ringing of Bells” which will be done as one nation at exactly 10:05 A.M. on October 5,
- ✦ encourage commercial and retail outlets to offer discounts/freebies or special promos for teachers, or come-up with special “Thank you, Teacher” merchandise during the month,
- ✦ sponsor trainings, seminars and conferences for teachers, as may be hosted by corporate foundations and other organizations,
- ✦ encourage radio and television networks to feature the National Teachers' Month in their shows, where hosts and celebrities greet their teachers, and present special segments honoring teachers, among others.

For details on the 2017 NTM, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. can be reached through Ms. Kristina Misajon of the NTM Secretariat through Telephone Number (02) 857-0618 or email address: *kristina.misajon@metrobank.com.ph*.

The DILG-ARMM Regional Governor and all DILG Regional Directors are also directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their respective jurisdictions.

CATALINO S. CUY *in*
 Officer-In-Charge, DILGy

“Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahan”





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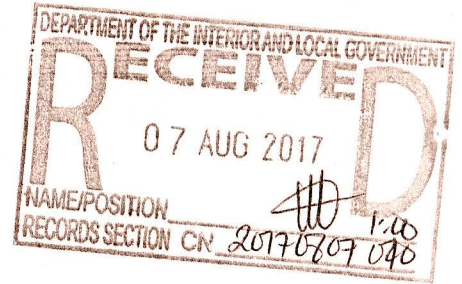
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CATALINO S. CUY
Officer-in-Charge
Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)



Dear Mr. Cuy:

Mabuhay!

The Philippines holds the longest celebration for teachers — **National Teachers' Month** which is held every September 5 to October 5 as declared by *Presidential Proclamation No. 242* signed in 2011. The grand multi-sectoral celebration honors the Filipino teacher and their important role of nurturing minds. Through NTM, we hope to uplift the noble teaching of profession as well as inspire the young to consider a career in education.

In January 2016, the **Republic Act 10743** or "*An Act Declaring the Fifth Day of October of Every Year as the National Teachers' Day*" was signed into law. The Secretariat has always envisioned a nationwide celebration for teachers much similar to how we celebrate Mothers' Day or Fathers' Day. With RA 10743, we hope that our partners will take an active participation in this milestone day which we will celebrate for the first time on October 5.

The support of the local government units (LGUs) has been an essential element in the success of the celebrations. We have a long tradition of partnership with DILG; every year the Department drafts and releases a Memorandum Circular formally endorsing NTM to all LGUs. Also the Department is an important member of the **NTM Coordinating Council**, a consortium of multi-sectoral organizations sharing the advocacy of promoting a culture of gratitude for the Filipino teacher in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd).

Once again, we would like to invite DILG to join the NTM Coordinating Council. Also we hope that the Department can engage the LGUs to participate this year with another Memorandum Circular. Attached herewith is a sample of Memorandum Circular No. 2016-121 for your reference.

In behalf of the NTM Coordinating Council, I would like to extend our appreciation to DILG for actively participating in the NTM celebrations. We look forward to pursuing a more collaborative partnership with the Department in the next year especially as we prepare for NTM's 10th anniversary. For details on the 2017 NTM, you may reach the NTM Secretariat at (02) 857.0618 and look for Ms. Kristina Misajon. You may also email her at kristina.misajon@metrobank.com.ph. Thank you.

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who is Dept's rep?
suggested activities?

Very truly yours,

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My Teacher,
My Hero

Develop Your Own National Teachers' Month Activity

Everyone can help celebrate the lives and work of those most instrumental in shaping our youth for a better future, the teachers. Thus, students, businesses, NGOs, civic organizations and local government units are invited to develop their own activities in support of National Teachers' Month such as:

Invite everyone who has ever been a student to say "THANK YOU!" to at least one teacher who has made a difference in his or her life.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS
* Organize short yet meaningful programs honoring the teachers in their respective communities
* Invite students to give messages and special presentations

RADIO AND TV NETWORKS
* Feature The National Teachers' Month in their shows, where hosts and celebrities greet their teachers
* Present special segments honoring teachers

Join the nationwide "National Prayer for Teachers" and "Ring of Bells" which will be done as one nation at exactly 10:05 A.M. on October 5, which is World Teachers' Day.

Post celebration pictures, selfies and shoutouts on social media

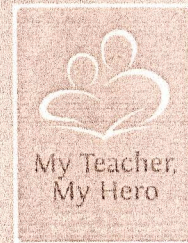
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COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL OUTLETS
* Offer discounts/freebies or special promos for teachers
* Come up with special "Thank you, Teacher" merchandise during the month

CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
Sponsor trainings, seminars and conferences for teachers during the month

BUSINESS AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS
Encourage employees to thank their teachers or come up with activities to honor teachers

National Prayer for Teachers



Giver of All Wisdom
and Greatest of all Teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love

Grant them the resolve
To nurture our eager minds
And to never give up on us
who fall behind

Bless their hearts
For they rejoice when we succeed
And encourage us when we fail

Endow them with gentle patience
For the path of learning is never easy

Kindle a spirit of passion in them
It is the flame that ignites
the love of learning in us

Help them see the potential
in each student
Their belief in us means much more
than the grade we make

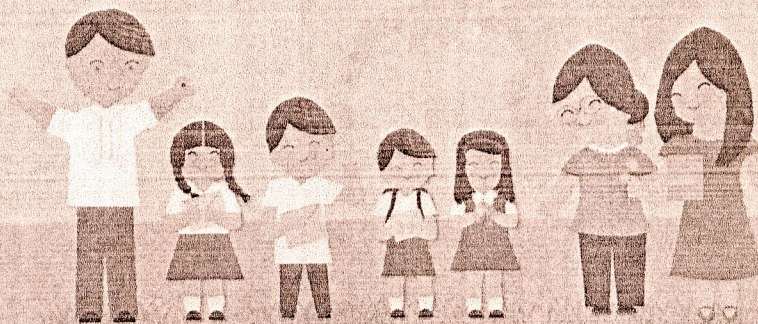
Instill in them a commitment
to keep on learning
It shows us to not fear
new knowledge and experiences

Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream
we dream for ourselves


Bless our teachers who have come before
for their work endures to this day

Let the light of Your example
shine upon all teachers:
To build up with their words
To love with their mind
To share with their heart
Amen.

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The National Prayer for Teachers is available in 40 languages, available for download at the Publications section of the Metrobank Foundation website at <http://mbfoundation.org.ph>



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