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

SUBJECT : CELEBRATION OF THE *DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH MONTH (DPRM)* EVERY SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR PER **PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 247 (S. 2002)**

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No 247 dated September 2, 2002, the month of September of every year is declared as **Development Policy Research Month (DPRM)** to promote and draw nationwide awareness on the importance of policy research in nation building.

This year's theme, "*Pagpapatibay ng Desentralisasyon Tungo sa Kaunlarang Panrehiyon,*" or its English version, "*Strengthening Decentralization for Regional Development*" was chosen in view of the ongoing discourse on federalism, as well as, to highlight the need for in-depth reflections and analyses, not just on federalism but encompassing the bigger umbrella of decentralization reforms. The month-long celebration that is spearheaded by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) will focus on the importance of critical thinking and the formulation of appropriate policy interventions to advance development in the regions.

In this connection, all Provincial Governors, City Mayors, Municipal Mayors and Punong Barangays are encouraged to participate in this year's DPRM celebration by way of:

1. Prominently displaying the DPRM banner/streamer within their office premises (Banner template may be accessed at this link: bit.ly/dprm2017; LGUs are free to choose the English version or the Filipino version depending on their locality's language preference. For inquiries regarding the banner, please contact Ms. Gizelle Manuel at gmanuel@mail.pids.gov.ph);
2. Featuring announcements about the DPRM and its theme in their publications, websites, social media accounts, and other dissemination outlets; and

"Matino, Mahusay at Maaasahan"

3. Organizing activities or events that may be relevant to the theme or to policy research. (LGUs may e-mail the details, to Ms. Reynalyn Argueza at RAgueza@mail.pids.gov.ph, of any activities or events that may be included in the List of Activities and Events for the 2017 DPRM Celebration which will be posted on the DPRM website at <http://dprm.pids.gov.ph>. The site will run throughout the months of September, October and November, 2017.)

The PIDS will be organizing a number of fora and other activities in September, 2017, the details of which will be posted on the DPRM website in the coming weeks.

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 areas of jurisdiction.

For information and guidance.


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