



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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CELEBRATION OF 2017 MONTH OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS AND INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY

Memorandum Circular No. 2017 - 140
October 20, 2017

1. Background

Proclamation No. 276 dated June 21, 1988 declares the month of December as the Month of Overseas Filipinos (MOF) and United Nations Resolution No. 55/93 dated February 28, 2001, proclaims December 18 of every year as the International Migrants Day (IMD). The annual celebration is spearheaded by an Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) for the MOF and IMD, chaired by the President of the Philippines Migrants Rights Watch (PMRW), an umbrella organization of twelve (12) migrant Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working for the recognition, protection, fulfillment of the rights of Filipino migrants in the Philippines and abroad. The Commission on Filipino Overseas (CFO) is a co-chair of the said committee. The IAC is composed of members and partners from national government agencies, LGU Leagues, private sector and non-government organizations.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to encourage all local government units to observe the MOF and IMD Celebration, and make it meaningful by recognizing the migrants and overseas Filipinos' hard work and efforts, sacrifices, and important contributions to national development.

3. Scope and Coverage

All Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors, DILG Regional Directors and Field Officers, ARMM Regional Secretary and all others concerned

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

This year's celebration will carry the theme, **"Enhancing Reintegration: Leaving No Migrants and Their Families Behind."**

Relative thereto, all local government units are enjoined to support the observance of MOF and IMD by coordinating with concerned agencies to conduct fitting activities such as, but not limited, to the following:

- Forum on migration, balikbayan night, sports fest, fun run, food fair, film showing, art exhibits, and similar activities that may be of interest or relevant to migrants and overseas Filipino workers and their families; and
- Cross-sectoral engagements e.g. health fair, free livelihood training, healthy lifestyle session, etc.

The lay-out/design of the MOF celebration streamer/banner can be downloaded from the MOF Website - <http://mof.cfo.gov.ph>.

All DILG Regional Directors, through their respective field officers, are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend the necessary assistance, as may be necessary, to make the celebration more meaningful.

6.0 References

- 6.1 Letter from the President of PMRW/Chairperson, IAC-MOF, to the OIC, DILG, dated August 02, 2017.
- 6.2 Proclamation No. 276 dated June 21, 1988, declaring December as the MOF.
- 6.3 UN Resolution No. 55/93 dated February 28, 001, proclaiming December 18 as International Migrants Day.
- 6.4 Presidential Administrative Order 202 dated October 10, 2007, creating an IAC for the celebration of the MOF and International Migrants Day.
- 6.5 IAC Resolution No. 01-2014 dated June 25, 2015, expanding the membership of IAC for the MOF and International Migrants Day Celebration in the Philippines.

7.0 Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

8.0 Approving Authority


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9.0 Feedback



For further inquiries, all concerned are advised to coordinate directly with Mr. Frenzel Tingga of the CFO, through tel. nos: (02) 552-4766; and (02) 552-4767, or send email to: ftingga@cfo.gov.ph or to Mr. Lance Velasco of PMRW, pmrw@pmrw.org.ph or through tel. no. 526-9098.