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2020 OBSERVANCE OF THE SAFER INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN PHILIPPINES

Memorandum Circular No. 2020-013

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1. Background

Under Section 13, Article II of the 1987 Constitution, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being.

The Presidential Proclamation No. 417 declares every second Tuesday of February every year as “**Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines**” which is celebrated as a call to action to promote better and safer internet use for everyone. It was first introduced in 2004 in various countries in Europe and is currently being observed by more than 100 countries in the world.

2. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all local government units to support the observance of the Safer Internet Day which aims to promote better and safer internet use for everyone and to raise awareness on online issues faced by children.

3. Scope/Coverage

All DILG Regional Directors, Field Officers, BARMM Minister of Local Government, and all others concerned.

4. Policy Content and Guidelines

- 4.1 This year's celebration of the Safer Internet Day will be on **February 11, 2020** with a national theme “**Responsableng Paggamit ng Internet, SANA ALL!**” which is in line with this year's international theme, “Together for a Better Internet.”
- 4.2 All local government units are enjoined to support the observance of the Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines by conducting activities, such as but not limited to the following:
 - a. Passage of a city/municipal ordinance to institutionalize Proclamation No. 417 to yearly celebrate the Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines;


- b. Consultation with children and youth leaders, representatives, and organizations on the ASEAN Declaration on the Protection of Children from Online Abuse and Exploitation;
- c. Announcement of Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines;
- d. Orientation on preventing online child pornography

4.3 All DILG Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Local Government are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this circular to all local government units within their respective jurisdiction.

5. Effectivity

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

6. Approving Authority


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