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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

TO : HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS; GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS; AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

SUBJECT : 2011 Anniversary of the Philippine Civil Service

The Philippine Civil Service will mark its 111th year on September 2011. The birth of the civil service signifies the start of the Philippine government's journey after the declaration of independence. Thus, it is an important hallmark in the history of our nation. All government agencies are a part of this celebration.

The Civil Service Commission will be spearheading the 111th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA) celebration. This year's celebration is anchored on President Benigno S. Aquino III's call for reform, *daang matuwid*, and on his pledge to implement change in government. The theme urges civil servants nationwide to respond to the call for change and be servant-heroes (*lingkod bayani*) by joining CSC in building a responsive, accessible, courteous and effective public service or R.A.C.E. Thus, this year's theme is:

Championing R.A.C.E.: Public Service Excellence at Full Speed

The anniversary celebration aims to showcase and celebrate reforms and milestones of government agencies as they fulfill their respective mandates.

State employees in all government agencies and instrumentalities are enjoined to actively participate in the activities and contests stated below to be undertaken at the national, regional and agency levels.

*In a Race to Serve
Responsive, Accessible, Courteous and Effective Public Service*

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

I. **Honor Awards Program (HAP) Rites for the 2011 Presidential Lingkod Bayan, Dangal ng Bayan, and CSC Pagasa Awardees** *September 19, 2011 | Malacañan Palace, Manila*

The awards rites serve as the culmination of the 2011 Search for the Outstanding Public Officials and Employees. The awards, as provided by laws, are conferred by the President of the Republic of the Philippines. It is slated in September at the Malacañan Palace. Heads of government agencies, especially those with 2011 national winners, are expected to attend the rites.

II. **R.A.C.E. to Serve Fun Run**

To be held first week of September. Exact date and venue within Metro Manila to be announced.

Coordinator: CSC National Capital Region (CSC-NCR)

Contact Number: (02)7499026, (02)7416097 or (02) 3817681

The *R.A.C.E. to Serve* Fun Run will officially commence the 2011 anniversary celebration. This advocacy and media event is open to public servants in Metro Manila and nearby areas. This will be done to promote good governance, environmentalism, health and wellness. Pre-registration will be spearheaded by CSC-NCR.

III. **PCSA Contests**

The complete contest rules and guidelines, contest/registration forms, prizes and other details may be viewed and/or downloaded online at the official 2011 anniversary blog at **www.pcsa2011.wordpress.com**. Interested individuals may also contact the Coordinating Offices for further details.

1. **Give It Your Best Shot! Photography Contest**

Acceptance of Entries: July 18 to August 18, 2011 (5:00 p.m.)

Coordinator: CSC Personnel Relations Office (PRO)

Contact Number: (02)931-4149

The photo contest is open to all public servants/government employees nationwide holding permanent positions – except employees of the Civil Service Commission and other individual government employees affiliated with the agency partners of the CSC. Since the anniversary theme is “Excellence in Public Service”, photos should capture the essence of public service at its best in the Filipino’s everyday life.

2. **Government Chorale Competition**

Finals: September 6, 2011 | CCP Main Theater (tentative)

Coordinator: CSC National Capital Region (CSC-NCR)

*Contact Information: (02)7811156 or (02)5276615;
govchoralcompetition@yahoo.com*

The competition is open to all choirs composed for 20 to 30 government employees. To qualify, recorded videos of the chorale's performance should be submitted along with the accomplished registration via email to govchoralcompetition@yahoo.com on or before August 8, 2011. Qualified contestants will be notified on August 12. A Final Competition will be held at the CCP Main Theater tentatively on September 6.

3. Essay Writing Contest

Acceptance of Entries: July 22 to August 24, 2011

Coordinator: CSC Regional Office No. 4 (CSC RO 4)

Contact Information: (02)9264450; csc_essay@yahoo.com

This Contest is open to all public servants nationwide. The theme of the contest is "Kawani, kaya mong maging Lingkod Bayani." The participants must answer the question "*Ano ang lingkod bayani?*" Entries should be emailed to. Winning entries will be featured in The Philippine Star throughout September.

4. Digital Book Cover Contest

Acceptance of entries: July 22 to August 21, 2011

Coordinator: CSC Public Assistance and Information Office (PAIO)

Contact Information: (02)9314180; csc.pmr@gmail.com

The Contest is open to all public servants nationwide with the penchant for illustration and graphic design. Book cover designs should reflect the concept "*lingkod bayani ang bawat kawani*" and be submitted in digital form (JPEG format) to csc.pmr@gmail.com along with the registration form and other requirements. Winning book covers will be used by the CSC for its various official publications and promotional materials as additional incentive to winners.

IV. Diskwento Para Sa Kawani Trade Fair

September 18, 2011 (tentative)

Coordinator: CSC Office for Finance and Assets Management (OFAM)

Contact Number: (02)9317984

As a way of expressing gratitude to civil servants nationwide for their hard work and service, a Trade Fair will be done to bring quality but reasonably-priced products to government agencies.

REGION-LED/AGENCY-LED ACTIVITIES

All CSC Regional and Field Offices as well as government agencies are not precluded from conducting their own PCSA activities (including a localized version of the Fun Run, the Government Chorale Competition and the Trade Fair), provided that such activities observe the 2011 PCSA theme.

The CSC has come out with an anniversary streamer which may be reproduced and displayed by CSC and government offices nationwide. The design and specifications are available for download at the CSC website, www.csc.gov.ph, and the official 2011 anniversary blog at www.pcsa2011.wordpress.com.



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