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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT : 2011 National Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration

Republic Act No. 9201 or the National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act of 2002 enjoins all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, state universities and colleges, and all levels of education/learning institutions, both state and privately owned to celebrate the week through meaningful and appropriate ceremonies and activities and make people aware of their basic and fundamental human rights.

Under RA 9201, December 4 to 10 of each year is declared as National Human Rights Consciousness Week. The declaration coincides with the international celebration of the universal declaration of human rights. For this purpose, a committee composed of the following was created to take the lead in the planning of meaningful activities and in the national implementation meant to effect a week-long celebration.

- Chair - Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
- Vice Chair - Chairman, Civil Service Commission (CSC)
- Members - a representative from each of the following government agencies:
 - Department of Education (DepEd)
 - Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
 - Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
 - Department of Justice (DOJ)
 - Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)
 - Department of National Defense (DND)
 - Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
 - Philippine National Police (PNP)
- one (1) representative each from two (2) human rights non-governmental organizations as members to be appointed by the President upon recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights

The theme for this year's celebration, "**End Impunity! Make Human Rights a Way of Life**" enjoins all Filipinos to continue the gains of the Aquino presidency in the furtherance of human rights. Government officials and employees are directed to actively participate in the activities to be undertaken at the national, regional, provincial and agency levels.

CHR-led Government-wide Events/Activities

The following activities will be conducted in all branches and instrumentalities of the government and to participating non-governmental organizations during the week-long celebration:

Date	Day	Activity	Lead Agency/ies-in-Charge
December 1-2	Thurs-Fri	Display of streamers/tarpaulins on HR week in respective agencies' foyer area/s	All government agencies and instrumentalities
December 3	Saturday 5:00 am	Kick-off Celebration of the NHRCW: Solidarity Run (Quezon Elliptical Circle to CHR Office)	All Committee Member's Agencies
December 3	Saturday	International Disability Day	CHR and FIND CHR
December 4	Sunday	Conduct of "Forum on Enforced Disappearance"	
December 4	Sunday	Concelebrated Mass	Amnesty International (AI) Philippines
December 4	Sunday	BIKE for RIGHTS	
December 5	Monday	Simultaneous Reading of " <i>Panunumpa sa Karapatang Pantao</i> ", and Universal Declaration of Human Rights/Talks on Human Rights	All government agencies
December 5-9	Mon-Fri	Issues Box for the use of the public at all DOLE Offices	DOLE
December 5-9	Mon-Fri	Registration Certificate of unions and workers association to bear a printed Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the back to commemorate its 63 rd Anniversary	DOLE
December 1-6	Thursday-Tuesday	Visit to detention facilities and lock-up cells	CHR-AVO, DOJ, PNP, and DSWD
December 6	Tuesday	DOLE-Labor Sector-PNP Summit on the Protection and Promotion of Workers' Rights	DOLE and PNP
December 6	Wednesday	Annual Kapihan sa Karapatang Pantao @ Hotel Rembrandt	CHR & PAHRA
December 8	Thursday	CHR Report Card (Performance Audit)	CHR
December 9	Friday	Human Rights Music Festival	CHR
December 9	Friday	Film Showing at the DOLE Central Office	DOLE
December 10	Saturday	Official Turn-over of Martial Law Declassified Files	CHR
December 10	Saturday evening	Karapatan at Kultura	AI Philippines

National Human Rights Consciousness Week Streamer Design

The CHR, through the inter-agency committee overseeing this year's celebration, has come out with the streamer design which may be reproduced and displayed in the government offices for the duration of the celebration. The design and specifications may be downloaded at the CHR and CSC websites at www.chr.gov.ph and www.csc.gov.ph, respectively.

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The CHR, as the lead agency, shall assist agencies in implementing the activities lined-up. All government agencies are directed to observe the NHRW theme and to adopt similar activities in their respective agencies.


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