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**Department of Education**

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 No. **18**, s. 2016

**2016 ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
 AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR)**

To: Undersecretaries  
 Assistant Secretaries  
 Bureau and Service Directors  
 Regional Directors  
 Schools Division Superintendents  
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads  
 All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) supports the **2016 Activities of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)** pursuant to Republic Act No. 9512 entitled *National Environmental Awareness and Education Act*, and other existing laws, rules and regulations.

2. The activities aim to support the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Environmental Education Action Plan of 2014-2018.

3. The following are the enclosures of this Memorandum:

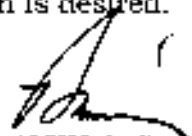
Enclosure No. 1 - Letter of Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, DENR  
 Assistant Secretary and Concurrent  
 EMB Director;

Enclosure No. 2 - List of Nationally and Internationally-Significant  
 Environmental Events/Celebrations; and

Enclosure No. 3 - Provisional List of Support Activities to 2016  
 Environmental Events.

4. For more information, all concerned may contact **Ms. Elenida del Rosario-Basug**, Chief of the Environmental Education and Information Division, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) at telefax no. (02) 928-4674, telephone no. (02) 376 5610, mobile phone no. 0937-275-3553 or through [ccfriendlyschools@gmail.com](mailto:ccfriendlyschools@gmail.com).

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
 Secretary

Encls.: As stated

Reference: DepEd Memorandum No. 14, s. 2014

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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Dear Br. Luistro:

The Philippines is supporting various national and international environmental events that we would like to request your institution to likewise support. Attached is a copy of the same.

As such, we would also like to request your organization to include these events in your official calendar, and issue a national memorandum circular urging the support of various educators, institutions and stakeholders under your department, and conduct support activities for the year 2016, in support to the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan of 2014-2018.

- National Zero Waste Month - Whole Month of January
- World Wetlands Day - February 2
- World Wildlife Day - March 3
- World Forest Day - March 21
- World Water Day - March 22
- Philippine Water Week - 4th Week of March
- Earth Hour - 4th Saturday of March (8:30-9:30 p.m.)
- Philippine Earth Month - Whole Month of April
- International Earth Day - April 22
- Month of the Ocean - Whole Month of May
- International Day for Biological Diversity - May 22
- Philippine Environment Month - Whole Month of June
- Philippine Eagle Week - June 4-10
- World Environment Day - June 5
- World Day to Combat Desertification - June 17
- National Arbor Day - June 25
- National Disaster Consciousness Month - Whole Month of July
- National Clean-Up Month - Whole Month of September
- International Coastal Clean Up Weekend - 3rd Weekend of September
- International Ozone Day - September 16
- National Tamaraw Month - Whole Month of October
- International Lead Prevention Poisoning Week - October 20-26

National Clear Air Month and National Environmental Awareness Month - Whole Month of November

National Climate Change Consciousness Week - November 19-25


National Day for Youth in Climate Action - November 25

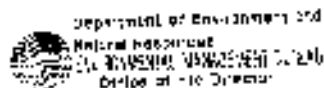
Likewise attached herewith are the template and forms to fill up for the various support activities from your different institutions.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter. We would be grateful to be furnished a copy of such order or circular which your office would issue. Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Eleuda Basig, Chief of the Environmental Education and Information Division, Environmental Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at telefax number 928-16-74, telephone number 876-56-10, mobile number 0947-2753553 or e-mail address at [ecoliendysec@schools@gmail.com](mailto:ecoliendysec@schools@gmail.com).

Thank you very much for your usual support to our endeavors to strengthen the implementation of Republic Act No. 9512 (National Environmental Awareness and Education Act).

Very truly yours,

  
ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CRSO IV  
ENR Assistant Secretary  
and Concurrent EMB Director



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Table 1. List of Nationally and Internationally-significant Environmental Events/Celebrations

Date Celebrated	Legal Basis	Brief Description of the Event or Celebration
January	Proclamation No. 760, Series of 2014  Republic Act No. 9003 – Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000	The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 promotes environmental awareness and action among the citizenry and institutionalizes public participation in the development of national and local integrated, comprehensive and ecological waste management programs.
February 2	Ramsar Convention on Wetlands	This is an annual celebration of the vital importance of international wetlands to ecological and human health. It marks the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. Government agencies, non-government organizations and community groups have celebrated World Wetlands Day by undertaking actions to raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits and promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands. These activities include seminars, nature walks, festivals, launches of new policies, announcement of new Ramsar sites, newspaper articles, radio interviews and wetland rehabilitation.
March 3	United Nations General Assembly called December 20, 2015	In its resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed the intrinsic value of wildlife and its various contributions, including ecological, genetic, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic, to sustainable development, and human well-being, and recognized the important role of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in ensuring that international trade does not threaten the species' survival.
March 21	United Nations General Assembly called February 14, 2013	The resolution is adopted to be one of the world's leading global platforms for people with an interest in forests and climate change to share their views and work together to ensure forests are sustainably incorporated in all future climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.
March 22/ 4th Week of March	1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro	The world day for water was observed starting in 1993, in conformity with the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development contained in Chapter 18 (Fresh Water Resources) of Agenda 21.
April 22/ April	Presidential Proclamation on May 1481 and 1482	Earth Day Network was founded on the premise that all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment. Our mission is to broaden and diversify the environmental movement worldwide, and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle for promoting a healthy, sustainable environment. We pursue our mission through a combination of educational, public notice, and awareness activities. Our campaigns and programs are predicated on the belief that an educated, energized population will take action to secure a healthy future for itself and its children. Earth Day Network has a global reach with a network of more than 17,000 partners and organizations in 174 countries. More than 1 billion people participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest secular civic event in the world.
May	Presidential Proclamation No. 57, Series of 1999	Proclamation No. 57 dated January 9, 1999 declares the Month of May as the Month of the Ocean in the Philippines.
May 23	Convention on Biological Diversity	The United Nations proclaimed May 23 as International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

Date Celebrated	Legal Basis	Brief Description of the Event or Celebration
June 5/ June 21, 1972	Presidental Proclamation No. 237	World Environment Day (WED) was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 to mark the opening of the Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment.  Convened annually on 5 June, WED is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and encourages political action on air action.
June 7-16	Presidential Proclamation No. 79	State Proclamation Day, specifically (1) to strengthen public awareness of the significant role of the Philippine people in the forest ecosystem, and to impartance as a nation's symbol and unique heritage, among others; (2) to generate and concerted efforts among all sectors of the society to ensure the protection and perpetuation of the species; and (3) to encourage non government organizations, private companies or corporations, people's organization, academic and scientific organizations and all other interested parties to participate in the annual celebration of the Philippine "Agle Week."
June 17	95 <sup>th</sup> United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification	In 1994, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 17 the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, to promote public awareness of the issue, and the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or degradation, particularly in Africa
June 25	Proclamation No. 642 that amended Proclamation No. 396 of June 2, 2003	The "Action Plan" of all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, private sector, scholarly, civil society groups and law libraries in local planning activity.  National Disaster Preparedness Program for a better appreciation of the government's disaster preparedness program.
July	Executive Order No. 137 dated August 10, 1995	This event was just the beginning of a movement for cleaner beaches and marine habitats. In a few years, what had begun a local clean-up grew to encompass the 25 U.S. states and territories. In 1989, the Clean-Up the World weekend, officially became an international event, with the involvement of residents the citizens of Canada and Mexico. Today, half a million citizens from almost 100 countries participate in the Clean-Up, and it has grown into an annual event, involving people the world over to get outdoors and do something for the environment.
September 7-8 September 15	Presidential Proclamation No. 244 - National Clean-Up Month Presidential Proclamation No. 470 - International Coastal Cleanup Weekend	The World Council of Substances (WCS) Dupplin for Overall environmental force on 1 January 1989 when it became ratified by 29 countries and the European Community (EEC).  As of February 2007, 101 countries have ratified the "Treaty", representing an international effort to safeguard the ozone layer through early action on producing, consuming and use of ozone depleting substances (ODS).  Under said treaty, all government offices, agencies and institutions in the whole world of mankind are urged to implement activities geared toward the conservation of the tamaraw and its habitats at least during the month of October.
October 20-26	2012 National Social Conference on Corporate Management	The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO) were invited to establish a global partnership to promote phasing out the use of lead in paints, i.e. the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GALP). The Alliance aims to catalyze efforts to prevent children's exposure to lead from paint and to minimize other national exposures to lead paint.

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	Proclamation	
November	Proclamation No. 2109, s. 1997 - Clear Air Month  Republic Act No. 9749 - Philippine Clean Air Act of 1999	A continuing air quality information and education campaign shall promote by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DepEd), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), consistent with Sec. 7 of this Act, such campaign shall encourage the participation of other government agencies and the private sector including non-government organizations, peoples organizations, the academe, environmental groups and other service entities in a multi-sectoral information campaign.
November	Republic Act No. 9812 - National Environmental Awareness and Foundation Act of 2008  Proclamation No. 2667 - Climate Change Awareness and	Pursuant to the policy laid in this Act, the month of November of every year shall be known as the Environmental Awareness Month throughout the Philippines.  The Philippines has declared and confirmed its commitment to the goals of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
November 19-21	Republic Act No. 9726 - Climate Change Act of 2009	
November 25	Proclamation No. 1160, s. 2015 - National Youth for Youth and Climate Action	The National Youth Commission and the Climate Change Commission, in cooperation with other government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and international partners, have launched the #NoYouth (Not on our World) campaign, a comprehensive strategy on climate action, which aims to empower the youth in raising public consciousness on the science of climate change and on ways to lead a climate-resilient and climate-smart lifestyle.

**PROVISIONAL LIST OF SUPPORT ACTIVITIES TO 2016 ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS**

- JANUARY – NATIONAL ZERO WASTE MONTH**
- FEBRUARY 2 – WORLD WETLANDS DAY**
- MARCH 3 – WORLD WILDLIFE DAY**
- MARCH 22 – WORLD WATER DAY**
- 4TH WEEK OF MARCH – PHILIPPINE WATER WEEK**
- MARCH 19 (8:30-9:30 PM) – EARTH HOUR**
- APRIL – PHILIPPINE EARTH MONTH**
- APRIL 22 – INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY**
- MAY – MONTH OF THE OCEAN**
- MAY 22 – INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**
- JUNE – PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT MONTH**
- JUNE 4-10 – PHILIPPINE EAGLE WEEK**
- JUNE 5 – WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**
- JUNE 17 – WORLD DAY TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION**
- JUNE 25 – NATIONAL ARBOR DAY**
- JULY – NATIONAL DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH**
- SEPTEMBER – NATIONAL CLEAN UP MONTH**
- 3RD WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER – INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN UP WEEKEND**
- SEPTEMBER 16 - INTERNATIONAL OZONE DAY**
- OCTOBER - NATIONAL TAMARAW MONTH**
- OCTOBER 20-26 – INTERNATIONAL LEAD PREVENTION POISONING WEEK**
- NOVEMBER – NATIONAL CLEAN AIR MONTH AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS MONTH**
- NOVEMBER 19-25 – NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**
- NOVEMBER 25 – NATIONAL DAY FOR YOUTH IN CLIMATE ACTION**

<b>TITLE OF ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>ORGANIZERS</b>

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