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## ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO : ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS (GOCCs), AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)**

**SUBJECT : 12<sup>th</sup> Development Policy Research Month (DPRM)**

This September 2014, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) is spearheading the month-long celebration of the 12<sup>th</sup> Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 247, series of 2002 with the theme "**Addressing the Jobs Challenge toward Inclusive Growth**".

This year's theme highlights labor market issues particularly the pressing need to increase quality job opportunities in order to address the perennially high rates of unemployment and underemployment in the country and accelerate poverty reduction.

To promote public awareness in the observance of the event, all government agencies are enjoined to undertake the following activities/initiatives:

1. Display of banner/streamer within the agency's premises containing this year's DPRM theme (Please see attached design and specifications). You may also come up with your own creative design as long as the DPRM and this year's theme appear in the text. The design/template is downloadable at <http://bit.ly/12dprm> or at [http://dirp4.pids.gov.ph/webportal/CDN/HIGHLIGHTS/DPRM12\\_streamer.pg](http://dirp4.pids.gov.ph/webportal/CDN/HIGHLIGHTS/DPRM12_streamer.pg);
2. Feature announcements on DPRM and its theme in the agency's various publications or dissemination outlets as well in the respective websites; and
3. Organize activities or events that may be relevant to the theme or to policy research.

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