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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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

SUBJECT : 2013 National Women's Month Celebration

Presidential Proclamation No. 224 and 227, and Republic Act No. 6949 provide for the yearly observance of the month of March as *Women's Month*.

This year's theme is "*Kababaihan: Gabay sa Pagtahak sa Tuwid na Daan*" emphasizing the need to accelerate women's participation in governance and enhance gender perspective in upholding good governance. It highlights the importance of strengthening the mechanisms and institutions that support women and to widen the arena for their participation.

The specific objectives of the celebration are as follows:

- a. To highlight women's leadership roles, participation in-decision making, and participation in the political arena, peace-building and conflict resolution;
- b. To build upon the gains achieved under the existing mechanism and institutions that support women and gender-responsive governance; and
- c. To strengthen partnership with media in promoting women's rights and in advocating to address gender issues.

All government agencies are enjoined to participate in the Women's Day/Month Celebration and to submit a list of Women's Month activities (with details, e.g., title of activity, brief description, date and venue) to the Philippine Commission on Women (through email: irmd@pcw.gov.ph and /or fax: 736-4449) on or before February 25, 2013.

Expenses related to the Women's Month may be charged to the Gender and Development (GAD) Budget and other available funds of agencies.


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