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**TO :** ALL HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs); GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS; STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**SUBJECT :** 2014 National Human Rights Consciousness Week Celebration

December 4 to 10 of each year marks the celebration of the National Human Rights Consciousness Week (NHRCW) in the country as provided under Republic Act No. 9201 or the National Human Rights Consciousness Week Act. The 66<sup>th</sup> year of Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) will also be commemorated on December 10, 2014.

Republic Act No. 9201 constituted a national committee that will spearhead the celebration and enjoin the participation of all government offices. The committee is composed of the following:

Chairperson : Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights (CHR)  
Vice-Chairperson : Chairperson, Civil Service Commission (CSC)  
Members : One representative from each of the following 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-government organizations as members, to be appointed by the President, upon recommendation of the CHR.

The theme of this year's celebration "**Mamamayan at Pamahalaan, Kapit-bisig sa Pagsulong ng Karapatan sa Kaunlaran!**" underscores that people should claim their right to development. The theme also reflects the need for government-citizen partnership in promoting the right to development.

The celebration will be marked by the following activities:

1. Start of Display of Celebratory Streamers for the 2014 NHRCW and the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UDHR. The streamers will be posted from December 1-31, 2014. (Please refer to streamer design)
2. Launch of the R.A. No. 9201 Contest
3. "*Ulat sa Bayan: Status of the Implementation of R.A. 10368*" in Malacañan Palace on December 10, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
4. Holding of the Human Rights Caravan on December 10, 2014

The Caravan on Human Rights and Access to Justice will start at 1:00 P.M. at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila and will end at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City. (Please refer to Caravan mechanics)

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

5. Signing of the Declaration of Commitment to the National Monitoring Mechanism for Extra-Judicial Killings, Forced Disappearances and Torture (with support from the European Union-Philippines Justice Support Programme II)
6. Reading of the Messages of His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III and CHR Chairperson Loretta Ann P. Rosales during the flag-raising rites on December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2014.
7. Recitation of the "*Panata sa Karapatang Pantao*", copy enclosed, during the flag raising rites on December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2014.

Government offices as well as private education/learning institutions are encouraged to celebrate the NHRCW through simple, appropriate and meaningful activities consistent with the objective of R.A. No. 9201 and the mandate of the agency/institution. Streamer design, T-shirt design, Caravan details, the "*Panata sa Karapatang Pantao*", and the list of specific activities of various government agencies may be accessed via the CHR's website at [www.chr.gov.ph](http://www.chr.gov.ph).

Please be guided accordingly.

  
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Chairman

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# **PANATA SA KARAPATANG PANTAO**

**Ako'y mamamayang Pilipino.  
Kikilalanin ko, igagalang,  
ipagtatanggol at isasakatuparan  
ang dangal at karapatan ng bawat tao  
nang walang pinapanigang kasarian,  
lipi, pananampalataya  
at katayuan sa buhay**

**Diringgin ko ang tinig ng kabataan,  
kababaihan, nakatatanda, katutubo  
at mga taong may kapansanan  
nang may paggalang at pagkilala  
sa kanilang kakayahan.**

**Titiyakin ko na ang bawat bata  
ay hindi salat sa pagkalinga,  
at may matiwasay na lipunang ginagalawan.**

**Tututulan ko ang pagmamalabis  
sa kapangyarihan, katiwalian,  
at pagyurak sa karapatan  
ng mga manggagawa, mga mahihirap,  
at mga sector na higit na nangangailangan.**

**Paninindigan ko ang aking pananagutan  
sa aking kapwa.**

**Babantayan ko  
na gagampanan ng pamahalaan  
ang kaniyang tungkulin  
na igalang, ipagtanggol at isakatuparan  
ang mga karapatang pantao.**

**Magkapit-bisig tayo sa pagsulong  
sa katuparan ng lahat ng  
Karapatang Pantao.**

