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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 2003-187

**TO: ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS,  
PUNONG BARANGAYS AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS/FIELD  
OFFICERS**

**SUBJECT: OBSERVANCE OF CHILDREN'S MONTH 2003**

The month of October of every year is observed as Children's Month to highlight the government's concerns for children in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

This year's celebration is anchored on the theme: "**Mundong Payapa, Handog sa Bata**", which gives emphasis on the thematic thrust, : "*A World Fit for Children*". The theme is premised on the fact that one of the fundamental rights of every child is to live in a peaceful and safe environment conducive to his/her proper growth and development.

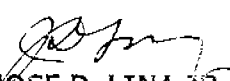
In order to help build a peaceful place for every child, all provinces, cities and municipalities are hereby requested to actively participate in this month-long celebration by undertaking Child 21 related activities, with especial focus on peace and safe environment, including but not limited to the following:

- hanging of streamers/similar signs in strategic places carrying this year's theme;
- photo exhibits on the LGU's good practices on children;
- slide shows/mobile cinematography re children's concerns;
- art contests in schools depicting the role of the child and the youth in the family and in nation building;
- conduct of symposia, forã, concerts, pulong-pulong and other similar activities;
- LCE's report on the State of the Children in his/her jurisdiction during Flag Raising Ceremonies and other fora on children; and
- holding of Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) Convention provincewide or if possible, regionwide.

Further, the Punong Barangays as Chairs of the Barangay Councils for the Protection of Children (BCPCs) are encouraged to spearhead the celebration in their respective barangays with the support of the Sangguniang Barangay, school, people's organizations and parents/residents of the barangay.

All DILG Regional Directors/field officers shall disseminate this Memorandum Circular, coordinate with the LCEs and their Local Social Welfare Officers in their respective areas of jurisdiction in overseeing/monitoring the activities to be conducted and ensure the participation of all concerned.

For your information and guidance.

  
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