



Republic of the Philippines
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS

October 22, 2020

SECRETARY TEODORO L. LOCSIN, JR.

Department of Foreign Affairs
2330 Roxas Boulevard
Pasay City

Dear **Secretary Locsin**:

This has reference to the forthcoming celebration of the **28th Deaf Awareness Week** that will be commemorated on November 10-16 this year under the joint auspices of the Philippine Institute of the Deaf (PID), Philippine School for the Deaf (PSD) and this Council pursuant to Proclamation No. 829, S. 1991 titled "**Declaring November 10-16 of Every Year as Deaf Awareness Week**". Other national government agencies (NGAs) including local government units (LGUs), and non-government organizations of and for Deaf organizations are also enjoined to support and promote this event.

The celebration this year adopts the theme "**We Hear As One: Defying Communication Barriers for the Empowerment of Deaf Persons.**" It emphasizes on strengthening public awareness on Deaf culture, language and communication barriers that defy the inclusion of Deaf persons in the national development.

In this regard, we would like to request the Department to issue an Advisory or similar directive addressed to the Philippine Embassies and other foreign missions of the government abroad to initiate/conduct fitting activities for the celebration.

In order to give prominence on the celebration, may we also enjoin them to hang streamers to promote the celebration. The layout design can be downloaded at the NCDA website <https://www.ncda.gov.ph>. Other details of the celebration can also be secured from the NCDA Facebook Page <https://facebook.com/nationalcouncilondisabilityaffairs>.

Should you need further information on the matter, please feel free to contact our staff in charge, Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez and/or Ms. Barbara P. Ganaden thru Mobile Phone Nos. 0921-7554905 and 0923-9383729, respectively, and Telephone Nos. 8951-5013 and 8932-6422 local 111. You may also email us at iecdncda@gmail.com.

We would deeply appreciate your favorable accommodation and response to our request.

Our cordial regards.

Very truly yours,


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