



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
No. **179** s. 2013

**2013 NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 675 entitled *Declaring the Month of September 2004 and Every Year Thereafter as the National Peace Consciousness Month*, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the celebration of the **2013 National Peace Consciousness Month** this September with the theme *Lahat ay Peace-sible!*
2. The observance aims to instill greater consciousness and understanding among the Filipino people on the comprehensive peace process to strengthen and sustain institutional and popular support for and participation in this effort, as well as in the global movement spearheaded by the United Nations to promote a Culture of Peace based on nonviolence, respect for fundamental rights and freedoms, tolerance, understanding and solidarity.
3. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), with other government agencies and instrumentalities that include local government units (LGUs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), as well as members of the private sector and civil society groups, are encouraged to initiate and participate in the relevant and meaningful activities in the celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month.
4. To support this activity, all DepEd officials, employees, teachers and students nationwide are encouraged to join in the celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month through the conduct of meaningful activities. The schools may carry out activities integrated in related subject areas, such as *Sibika at Kultura*, *Hekasi*, *Araling Panlipunan*, Values Education, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English, during classroom discussions to highlight the solidarity for peace.
5. Likewise, both public and private schools nationwide are requested to include the **Pledge for Peace** and **Harmony Prayer** during the Flag Ceremony for the whole month of September (and beyond, if possible).
6. Enclosed are the following documents for reference:  
  
Enclosure No. 1 - Pledge for Peace;  
Enclosure No. 2 - Harmony Prayer; and  
Enclosure No. 3 - 2013 National Peace Consciousness Month Events.

7. For more information, all concerned may contact **Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa**, Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Special Programs and Projects Office (SPAPO) located at Room 505, Bonifacio Building, Department of Education, Central Office (DepEd-CO), Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone nos.: (02) 637-5832; (02) 637-5834.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 159, s. 2012

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

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PUPILS  
STUDENTS  
TEACHERS

Sally: national peace consciousness month  
0836-September 5, 2013

## PLEDGE OF PEACE

I will work towards peace through my own goals and initiatives,  
starting with my thoughts and actions.

I will promote a culture of non-violence in my daily life and  
contribute in developing a progressive country.

I will contribute in building a better future for Filipinos and I  
promise to do my best to achieve these goals through peaceful  
means.

I pledge to support peace in every way possible for I am and will  
always be a Filipino for a just and lasting peace.

I am a Filipino and I am for peace.

## HARMONY PRAYER

O Lord, I cry for Peace. Purify my eyes to see peace.

Purify my mind to understand peace

Purify my heart to love peace. Purify my memory to work for peace;

The Peace that comes from your love and compassion.

O Lord, sustain my vision of peace following your inspiration.

You have many ways of revealing your presence and love for humanity,

But your style is constant: You are in dialogue with all, You care for all.

Make Me, O Lord, a sign of your peace,

Living a life-in-dialogue with you to understand your silence and seek your presence.

In dialogue with myself to rediscover the meaning of my life.

In dialogue with others to move together in harmony with all.

And in dialogue with creation to care for the earth.

Give me, O Lord, the courage to live in dialogue

In the midst of divisions and conflicts and to build peace with all people

Of sincere hearts who believe in your love and compassion.

Amen.

Note: the Harmony Prayer is a universal prayer for people of different religions. The prayer was composed of the Silsilah Dialogue Movement. The use of the word "Lord" referring to the "Lord of the Universe" in the prayer is a universal attribute for God/Allah/Divine/Supreme Being as the religions in the world use in their prayers.

PEACE MONTH 2013 EVENTS

Theme: *Lahat ay Peace-sible!*

I. 1 GOAL FOR PEACE

*Date: 1 September 2013*

*Venue: Emperor Stadium, McKinley Hill Football Field*

To serve as a kick-off event of the month-long celebration of peace, we propose to hold "1 GOAL FOR PEACE" on 01 September 2013 at Emperor Stadium, McKinley Hill Football Field. The event will be staged in partnership with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine Football Federation (PFF), and will include the Ceremonial Opening, a football clinic, and an exhibition game between various sectors of society.

1. PEACE MONTH 2013 CEREMONIAL OPENING

*Time: 10:00 AM to 11:10 AM*

Working Program:

10:00 AM- 10:05 AM	Flag Ceremony
10:05 AM- 10:10 AM	Ecumenical Prayer
10:10 AM- 10:20 AM	Welcome Remarks by PAPP
10:20 AM- 10:25 AM	Video Presentation
10:25 AM- 10:35 AM	Speech by MILF Guest Speaker
10:35 AM- 10:45 AM	Closing Remarks
10:45 AM- 11:00 AM	Symbolic Opening (Performance of the song "Kapayapaan" by Datu Khomeini, with special participation of the children involved in the football clinic)

*11:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*Early Lunch*

2. FOOTBALL CLINIC

*Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM*

OPAPP, through the CSOs Generation Peace, Asia-America Initiatives, and Urban Poor Associates will invite children ages 8-12, who will be trained by the Azkals, PFF's professional football coaches, or AFP football players. The clinic will begin at 10:00 am and will last for three (3) hours.

## II. KaPEACEtahan 2013

*Date: 21 September 2013*

*Venue: Liwasang Aurora, Quezon City Memorial Circle*

KaPEACEtahan, a word play on 'kapistahan' or festivity, is held annually in observance of the International Day of Peace. This is envisioned to serve as a venue where peace advocates and the public can gather to celebrate peace and the journey taken to achieve it.

### 1. OPENING CEREMONY

*Time: 08:00 AM- 09:00 AM*

The opening ceremony is envisioned to begin with a prayer for peace synchronized with the other prayers for peace occurring in the country and the rest of the world. It will culminate with a ribbon cutting to open the job fair and serbisyong bayan and the art installation exhibit.

### 2. JOB FAIR AND SERBISYONG BAYAN

*Time: 09:00 AM- 03:00 PM*

Several government agencies have been invited (DOLE, NBI, SSS, etc.) to set up booths during the entire day for the job fair and serbisyong bayan.

Participants and spectators can also view the art installation pieces on display around the grounds, and entertainment will be provided by select performers stationed throughout the venue.

### 3. PEACE CONCERT

*Time: 03:00 PM- 12:00 AM*

The peace concert will be headlined by musician peace ambassadors such as Ebe Dancel and apl.de.ap. Several other artists from different musical genres have also been invited. The concert will also be a venue for the launch of a peace song composed by Ebe Dancel, and interspersed throughout the concert will be informative AVPs on different peace tables.

### III. CONFERENCE: Imagining a Post-conflict, Post Agreement Philippines

A series of Conferences both at the national and local level is being proposed, which is an attempt to provide an avenue for stakeholders to envision a “post-conflict, post-agreements” society and assess what these stakeholders can contribute in ensuring that the realization of just and lasting peace is indeed possible.

The activity is framed as a lecture series, bringing in resource speakers who will provide the theoretical handle on the conversation. The target audience includes the business community, the academia, decision makers on national government agencies, and other stakeholders of the peace process.

#### 1. NATIONAL CONVERSATION

##### *Day 1*

*Topic: Reintegration*

*Date: 23 September 2013*

*Venue: Manila*

*Audience: Government sector, business sector, CSOs, academe, diplomatic community and media*

##### *Day 2*

*Topic: Transitional Justice*

*Date: TBA (first week of October)*

*Venue: Manila and Bacolod*

*Audience: Government sector, business sector, CSOs, academe, diplomatic community and media*