



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
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MEMORANDUM-CIRCULAR

NO. 2005-48

TO : ALL MUNICIPAL MAYORS AND COUNCILORS OF THE THIRTEEN (13) MUNICIPALITIES OF ZAMBALES PROVINCE, DILG REGION III DIRECTOR AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : PARTICIPATION TO THE AWARENESS-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON NEW LAWS PROTECTING WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND FORBIDDING TRAFFICKING

Republic Act 9208, otherwise known as "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003" is an act to institute policies to eliminate trafficking in persons especially women and children, establishing the necessary institutional mechanisms for the protection and support of trafficked persons and providing penalties for its violations.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government as member agency in the implementation of RA 9208, issued a Memorandum-Circular (MC) No. 2004-26 dated March 14, 2004 to all Local Chief Executives on the strict implementation of the said law. Specifically, the MC emphasized the important roles and responsibilities of the LGUs on the conduct of massive information campaign to the community in collaboration with national government agencies, civil societies, private and public organizations.

The PREDA Foundation, Inc. is an accredited Non-Government Organization (NGO) founded by Fr. Shay Cullen, of the Missionary Society of St. Columbus in 1974 in Olongapo City. The outreach programs of the foundation are supportive to the "Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003", such as: research and documentation of exploited women and children; conduct of extensive information, advocacy and public education program, and networking with other agencies to combat sex tourism and child pornography on the Internet, among others.

in support to the said law, PREDA will conduct a one-day seminar/workshop on Awareness-Building on New Laws Protecting Women and Children and Forbidding Trafficking to be held on May 19, 2005 at the Provincial Capitol-Iba, Zambales. Free meals and materials will be provided to all Municipal Mayors and Councilors of the thirteen (13) municipalities of Zambales Province.

In line with this, the DILG hereby encourages the Municipal Mayors and Councilors of Zambales province to attend and participate in the above-mentioned workshop to support the implementation of RA 9208 within their localities.

For further details, please contact Fr. Shay Cullen, MSSC, Founder and Executive Director, PREDA Foundation, Incorporated, Olongapo City at telephone numbers. (047) 223-9629, 223-9630 and 722-4994.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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