



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A. Francisco Gold Condominium II Building
BDSA corner Mapagmahal St., Diliman, Quezon City

15 February 2006

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2006-11

TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG
REGIONAL DIRECTORS & OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : COMPLIANCE TO BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 344 OR THE ACCESSIBILITY LAW
AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277 KNOWN AS THE MAGNA CARTA FOR DISABLED
PERSONS

Batas Pambansa Blg. 344 enacted on February 25, 1983 and Republic Act 7277, enacted on March 24, 1992 were promulgated to enhance the mobility of disabled persons by requiring certain buildings, institutions, establishments and public utilities to install facilities and other devices for the benefit of persons with disabilities, and to promote the rehabilitation, self-development, self-sufficiency of persons with disabilities.

Relative hereto, the National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons, the attached agency of the Department of Social Welfare and Development which is tasked to coordinate programs and projects related to the welfare of disabled persons, in cooperation with the Accessibility Committee of the United Architects of the Philippines will provide a free orientation seminars and training for the conduct of audits and monitoring of buildings and related infrastructure for compliance with BP 344 to all stakeholders and personnel concerned with the implementation and enforcement of the said law.

In this connection, all concerned Provincial Governors, City Mayors and Municipal Mayors are encouraged to allow the attendance of the following persons concerned with the implementation and enforcement to Batas Pambansa Bilang 344:

1. Building Official
2. Provincial/City/Municipal Engineer
3. Representative of the respective Sanggunian
4. Representative of the Local Planning Development Office (LPDO)
5. Representative of local organization of persons with disabilities
6. Representative of the Office of Persons with Disabilities
7. Property owners
8. Contractors
9. Architects

For other details, interested parties may communicate directly with a) Director Catalina L. Fermin, National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons, Sugar Regulatory Administration Bldg., North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, telephone numbers (632) 9201503 and (634) 9261165 or by E-mail address: council@ncwdp.gov.ph b) Architect Jaime D. Silva, Chairman, Accessibility Committee of the United Architects of the Philippines, 8th floor, DPC Bldg., 2322 Chino Roces Avenue, Makati City, telephone numbers 8898861 to 64.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


MARIUS P. CORPUS
Acting Secretary