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T O : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH MONTH CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 247 (s. 2002), the month of September of every year has been declared as the Development Policy Research Month (DPRM), to provide a means of promoting and drawing nationwide awareness on the importance of policy research in national development.

The theme for this year's DPRM celebration is: *"Effective Regulations for Sustainable Growth"* or *"Tamang Regulasyon para sa Patuloy na Pag-ahon,"* to highlight the need to build a strong regulatory management system backed by research evidence and systematic assessment of proposed policies and regulations before they are implemented. The month-long celebration of the DPRM hopes to influence policymakers to take action in adopting explicit standards for regulatory quality that ensures the integrity and quality of regulations.

In this connection, and upon the request of Dr. Gilberto M. Llanto, President of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), all Local Chief Executives are hereby encouraged to extend their active participation on this year's DPRM celebration, among others, through the following means:

- Prominently displaying a banner/streamer within their premises containing this year's DPRM theme, or may come-up with their own creative design as long as the DPRM and this year's theme appear in the text,
- Featuring announcements about the DPRM and its theme in their various publications or dissemination outlets as well as in their websites, and
- Organizing activities or events that may be relevant to the theme or to policy research.

Should the LGUs have any of such activities or events, the PIDS can be reached through Mesdames Gizelle Manuel or Necy Aquino at gmanuel@mail.pids.gov.ph and naquino@mail.pids.gov.ph so that PIDS can include them in the List of Activities/Events for the 2015 DPRM Celebration to be posted on the DPRM website at <http://dprm.pids.gov.ph>. The site will run throughout the months of September, October and November 2015.

All DILG Regional Directors and the ARMM Regional Governor are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to the LGUs within their respective areas of jurisdiction.


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Secretary