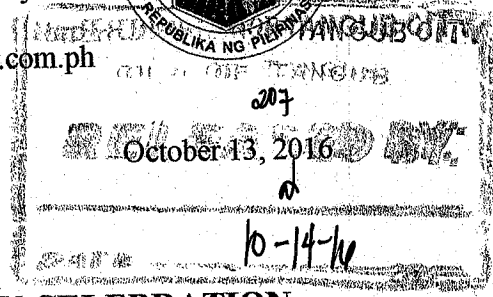
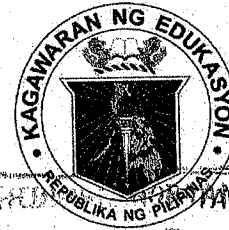


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2016 GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To: School Principals, School Heads, TIC's
Public and Private Elementary
Secondary Schools

1. The Department of Education will celebrate the 2016 Global Handwashing Day (GHD) with the theme "*Make Handwashing A Habit*". This theme emphasizes the importance of handwashing as a ritual behavior for long term sustainability.
2. The Celebration aims to create a global buzz about hand washing and to inspire increased investment in hand washing efforts globally as well as promote correct hygiene and sanitation practices among learners and clean environment in and around school to keep safe and healthy.
3. All schools are enjoined to support the 2016 GHD on **October 20, 2016 at 7:30am** right after the daily flag raising ceremony to encourage proper and correct health and environmental sanitation practices to safeguard against disease and infection.
4. Activities to be included are, but not limited, to the following:
 - a. Washing hands with water alone is not enough, proper hand washing requires soap and only a small amount of water.
 - b. Hand washing with soap and water is among the most effective way to prevent diarrhea diseases and pneumonia which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths.
 - c. The critical moments for hand washing with soap are after using the toilet, and before handling of food.
 - d. Hand washing with soap is the single most cost effective intervention especially in targeted populations like the school children.
 - e. Discussion on the importance of hygiene and sanitation within the curriculum.
5. Submit Narrative and pictorial reports on this activity.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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