



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**

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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
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**9<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) will celebrate the **9<sup>th</sup> Dental National Health Month** this February 2013 with the theme "*Ngipin Pangalagaan, Sakit Maiiwasan, Bansa'y Matutulungan Tungo sa Kaunlaran*" in consonance with Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004.
2. The month-long celebration aims to create awareness on the primary role of the schools in the government's effort to promote oral health on its direct link to general health and well-being towards improving learning outcomes and reducing absenteeism.
3. All public school dentists are advised to coordinate with the Philippine Dental Association (PDA) local chapters on the activities scheduled during the month-long celebration. Enclosed is the schedule of activities initiated by the PDA.
4. All school health and nutrition personnel, especially the school dentists, are expected to take the lead in the conduct of the aforesaid activities. Reports on accomplishments must be submitted to the Health and Nutrition Center (HNC) on or before **March 8, 2013**.
5. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Health and Nutrition Center (HNC)**, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone no.: (02) 635-9964 or telefax no.: (02) 637-5504.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: DepEd Memorandum: No. 19, s. 2012  
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## 9<sup>th</sup> National Dental Health Month

Theme : "Ngipin Pangalagaan Sakit Maiiwasan

Bansa'y Matutulungan Tungo sa Kaunlaran"

January 15 – February 27, 2013

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Venue	Activities
January 15, 2013	PDA Bldg.	Deadline for submission of Slogan Contest
January 20, 2013	PDA Bldg.	Judging of Slogan Contest
January 22, 2013	All Chapters & Affiliates	Simultaneous On the Spot Making Contest
January 30, 2013	PDA Bldg.	Judging On the Spot Making Contest
February 1, 2013	AFP Commission Officers Club, Camp Aguinaldo	PDA Open House / Ladrido Memorial
February 3, 2013	Cuneta Astrodome	Alay Parada
		9 <sup>th</sup> NHDM Grand Opening Celebration
		"Dentistang Henyo" Competition (Showcase of Talents) – Chapters & Affiliates
		Cheer Dance Competition – Dental Schools
February 6, 2013	PDA Bldg.	Awarding- Slogan, On the Spot Making
		"21 Days Challenge"
		Photography Lecture
February 9, 2013	PDA Bldg.	"Defensive Dentists" Lecture
		Saint Apolonia Thanksgiving Mass / Blood Letting Project
February 11, 2013	North Luzon Kick Off Ilocos Norte	Hepa Vaccine "Gawing Safe Ang Klinika"
		Alay Parada / Motorcade / Opening Ceremony
February 13, 2013	Laguna, Luzon South	Oral Health Awareness Program-"Ngiti mo, Sagot ko"
February 15, 2013	Marikina City	NCR Oral Health Awareness Program – "Ngiti mo, Sagot ko"
February 18, 2013	Visayas Kick Off Cebu City	Alay Parada / Motorcade / Opening Ceremony
		Oral Health Awareness Program-"Ngiti mo, Sagot ko"
		Hepa Vaccine "Gawing Safe Ang Klinika"
February 22, 2013	Mindanao Kick Off General Santos City	Alay Parada / Motorcade / Opening Ceremony
		Oral Health Awareness Program-"Ngiti mo, Sagotko"
		Hepa Vaccine "Gawing Safe Ang Klinika"
February 23, 2013	General Santos City	Cleft Lip & Palate Operation
February 27, 2013		Closing Ceremonies

**Note :**

- "Kabaranggaysa Dental Health" as per Chapter Schedule
- "Ngiti Mo , Sagot Ko" as per Chapter Schedule
- "Indigency Clinic every Tuesday and Thursday at the PDA Bldg.

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