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2015 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SOILS (IYS 2015)

The 68th United Nations (UN) General Assembly declared 2015 as the *International Year of Soils (IYS 2015)* with the theme *Healthy Soils for a Healthy Life*.

The main aim of the IYS 2015 is to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of soil for food security and essential ecosystem functions. Specifically, its objectives are to:

1. raise full awareness among civil society and decision makers about the profound importance of soil for human life;
2. educate the public about the crucial role that soil plays in food security, climate change adaptation and mitigation, essential ecosystem services, poverty alleviation and sustainable development; and
3. promote investment in sustainable soil management activities to develop and advocate for rapid capacity enhancement for soil information collection and monitoring at the global, regional and national levels.

To support the Celebration, the Department of Education (DepEd) officials, employees, students and pupils from both public and private schools are encouraged to undertake the following activities, provided that the engaged Time-on-Task Policy shall be observed as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005:

1. Use of the IYS logo and slogan in all communications;
2. Display of IYS streamer depicting the theme all year round;
3. Showing of IYS videos during conferences, meetings, seminars and similar gatherings; and
4. Conduct of relevant activities signifying support to this year's observance.

The slogan and logo can be accessed on the Global Soil Partnership website: (<http://www.fao.org/globalsoilpartnership/iys-2015/en/>).

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