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MEMORANDUM
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For: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors and BARMM Education Minister
School Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

Subject: CELEBRATION OF EARTH DAY 2021

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1481, s. 2008 declaring April 22 of every year as the Philippines' Earth Day, the Department of Education (DepEd) reaffirms its commitment to strengthening the *makakalikasan* value of learners and personnel, especially in the light of climate change. In this connection, all public and private elementary and secondary schools, including schools district offices, schools division offices (SDOs) and regional offices (ROs) are encouraged to participate in the **online celebration of Earth Day with the theme: "PINASiglang Mundo (Restore the Earth)" on 20-22 April 2021.**

The activities led by the DepEd for Earth 2021 are as follows:

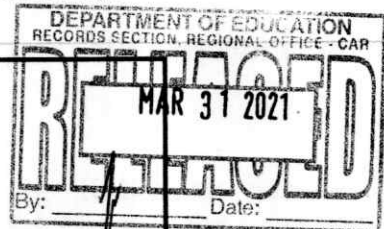
- 1. 20 April 2021, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**
 - a. Storytelling for Elementary Learners
 - b. Makakalikasan Creative Activity on Sustainable Dining where selected participants may be awarded with prizes
- 2. 21 April 2021, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**
 - a. Panel Discussion with selected learners, teachers, and personnel on Decreasing Single-Use Plastics in Schools
- 3. 22 April 2021, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.**
 - a. Messages from DepEd Officials
 - b. Launch of the KaLikHasan! Likha at Lakas ng Kabataan para sa Kalikasan: A Creative Sourcebook on the Use of Theater for Climate Education and Action
 - c. Re-launch of the Microsite on Curated Resources for Teaching Climate Change



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In addition, DepEd supports the **program of the Climate Change Commission (CCC) on 22 April 2021, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Interested DepEd personnel and learners may submit their Earth Day Pledge at <http://bit.ly/DepEdEarthDayPledge2021> **not later than 08 April 2021**. Kindly refer to Enclosure 3 for more information.

Also, learners and personnel are invited to the **ZOOMba session at 7:30-7:45 a.m.** where they are encouraged to post their action photos with the following hashtags for monitoring purposes: #RestoreOurEarth, #WalangPlastikan, #PlasticFreePH, #EarthDay2021, and #DepEdClimateAction. The Department reminds learners and personnel to exercise due diligence in the use of social media.

There will be no registration fee, and pre-registration is not required. The activities will be streamed live at the DepEd Philippines Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/DepartmentOfEducation.PH>.

For DepEd-led activities, certificates will be given after program evaluation and a short quiz through a link which will be provided at the end of each session. For CCC-led activities, learners and personnel may send a screenshot of their attendance at <http://bit.ly/EarthDay2021RequestforCerts>.

Schools and offices may initiate activities in observance of Earth Day 2021. Activities conducted at a distance are recommended, in consideration of the ongoing pandemic. Health and safety protocols should be followed at all times.

Please refer to the enclosed documents for more information.

For queries and concerns on these activities, kindly contact the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) through (02) 8637-4933 or email at drmo+ccam@deped.gov.ph. Likewise, the Bureau of Learner Support Services - Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) may be contacted through (02) 8637-9814 or email at blss.yfd@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination and appropriate action.


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EARTH DAY CELEBRATION CUM YES-O ASSEMBLY 20-22 April 2021

Theme: “PINASiglang Bansa (Restore Our Earth)”

I. Rationale

Earth Day Network (EDN), the organizing body for Earth Day worldwide, announced that the theme of Earth Day 2021 is “**Restore Our Earth.**” The theme is based on the emerging concept that rejects the idea that our only options to save the planet are to mitigate or adapt to the impacts of climate change and other environmental damage. Scientists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), businesses, and governments worldwide are now looking at natural system processes and emerging green technologies to restore the world’s ecosystems and forests, conserve and rebuild soils, improve farming practices, restore wildlife populations, and rid the world’s oceans of plastics.

While the world awaits for global political and business leaders to take decisive action to reduce carbon emissions, natural processes including reforestation and soil conservation can store massive amounts of carbon while restoring biodiversity, clean water and air, and rebalancing ecological systems. Restoration is pragmatic and necessary to reduce climate change.

The restoration also brings hope which is important in the age of COVID-19. The impacts of the pandemic have illustrated with painful clarity that the planet faces two crises and they are connected: global environmental degradation and its connection to health. Deforestation, wildlife trade, air and water pollution, human diets, climate change, and other issues have all fed into a breakdown of our natural systems, leading to new and fatal diseases, such as the current pandemic, and a breakdown of the global economy.¹

In this connection, the Department of Education (DepEd), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services – Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) in partnership with DepEd Region IV-A and Schools Division Office (SDO) of Dasmariñas City with the support of the Public Affairs Service (PAS), will conduct a virtual 3-day interactive Earth Day Celebration. This is in coordination with the Climate Change Commission (CCC) and its partners.

II. Objectives

The Earth Day celebration aims to

1. promote environment protection among DepEd stakeholders;
2. rally more learners and personnel to be engaged to environment actions;

¹ <https://www.earthday.org/>

3. strengthen the *makakalikasan* core value among learners; and
4. provide a platform for learners to showcase their commitment to Earth restoration.

III. Activities

20 April 2021 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
1. "You and the Earth" Story Telling	It will be delivered by a learner or personality. The target audience are elementary learners.
2. "Makakalikasan" Creative Activity Topic: The Sustainable Diner	<p>A resource speaker from the World Wildlife Fund for Nature Philippines will discuss the five principles of being a sustainable diner – conserving resources, reducing single-use plastics, reducing food waste, eating more plant-based food, and sourcing locally.</p> <p>Afterwards, learners and personnel are encouraged to create TikTok-styled videos to showcase any of the five principles previously mentioned before expounding on each one. They may post their videos on Facebook or TikTok and tag DepEd Philippines using the hashtags #MyAmbag4Environment, #2021EarthDay, and #DepEdClimateAction.</p> <p>Selected videos will be given a prize to be announced on 22 April 2021.</p> <p>The target audience are elementary and high school learners and teachers.</p>

21 April 2021 (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Panel Discussion with our Earth Warriors (Learners and Personnel)	<p>The panel discussion focused on the best practices of schools initiated by the learners and personnel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tumbler Challenge by SDO Dasmarinas (Student Leader) 2. Good practice in Ecological Waste Management (Student Leader) 3. Zero-waste School (Principal)

22 April 2021 (8:30 – 10:00 a.m.)

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
1. Message from DepEd Officials and Personalities	DepEd ExeCom and well-known personalities will provide messages to uplift the spirit of learners to be engaged in environment protection.
2. Review of Past Activities	The past activities (20-22 April 2021) will be reviewed through a video compilation. Likewise, the winners for the Makakalikasan Creative Activity will be announced.

3. Launch of Knowledge Materials for Teachers	<p>The following materials will be launched for use of teaching personnel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promotion of the Microsite on Curated Resources for Teaching Climate Change 2. Launch of the KaLikHasan! Likha at Lakas ng Kabataan para sa Kalikasan: A Creative Sourcebook on the Use of Theater for Climate Education and Action
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IV. Methodology

The virtual **Earth Day Celebration Cum Yes-O Assembly** on **20-22 April 2021** via Zoom and will be streamed on the Facebook Pages of DepEd Philippines, DepEd Tayo - Youth Formation, and DepEd DRRMS.

V. Participants

The expected attendees are as follows:

1. Public and private elementary and secondary learners and teachers
2. All schools district offices
3. All Regional Offices (ROs)
4. All Schools Division Offices (SDOs)
5. All Regional and Division Youth Formation Coordinators
6. All YES-O student officers and teacher-advisers

VI. Indicative Program

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION DAY 1 (20 APRIL 2021)

Time	Activity
08:45-09:00 a.m.	AVP Video
09:01-09:10 a.m.	Preliminaries (by Region 4A) Pambansang Awit Ecumenical Prayer
09:11-09:15 a.m.	Opening Remarks Dir. Lope Santos III OIC-Director IV, BLSS
09:16-09:20 a.m.	Objective Setting Adolf Aguilar Chief, BLSS-YFD
09:20-09:45 a.m.	"You and the Earth" Story Telling
09:46-09:50 a.m.	Break (Intermission Number)
09:50-10:50 a.m.	"Maka-kalikasan" Creative Activity a. Plant-based food b. Solid Waste Management including open forum
10:51-11:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks Wilfredo Cabral Regional Director, 4A

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
DAY 2 (21 APRIL 2021)**

Time	Activity
01:45-2:00 p.m.	AVP Video
02:01-2:15 p.m.	Preliminaries (by Region 4A) Pambansang Awit Ecumenical Prayer
02:16-2:20 p.m.	Opening Remarks Ronilda R. Co Director IV, DRRMS
02:21-2:25 p.m.	Objective Setting Adolf Aguilar Chief, BLSS-YFD
02:26-3:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion with our Earth Warriors (Learners and Personnel) 1. Tumbler Challenge (Learner) 2. Ecological Waste Management - Lighthouse Schools (Learners) 3. Participation in Barangay Solid Waste Management Council (Principal)
03:16-3:20 p.m.	Intermission number
03:21-3:50 p.m.	Open Forum
03:51-4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks Celedonio B. Balderas, Jr. Schools Division Superintendent Division of Dasmariñas City

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION
DAY 3 (22 APRIL 2021)**

Time	Activity
08:15-08:30 a.m.	AVP Video
08:30-08:40 a.m.	Preliminaries (by Region 4A) Pambansang Awit Ecumenical Prayer
08:40-08:50 a.m.	Opening Remarks Lope B. Santos III Director IV, DRRMS
08:50-09:20 a.m.	Messages from DepEd Selected ManCom Members: 1. Undersecretary Alain del B. Pascua 2. Undersecretary Diosdado San Antonio 3. Undersecretary Revsee Escobedo 4. Assistant Secretary Salvador Malana III 5. Regional Director Wilfredo Cabral
09:20-09:30 a.m.	Message from Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones
09:30-09:40 a.m.	Messages from Celebrities
09:40-09:55 a.m.	Launching of CCAM Materials % DRRMS
09:55-10:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks Adolf Aguilar Chief, BLSS-YFD