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Department of Education
Region VII, Central Visayas
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS – TAGBILARAN
City of Tagbilaran



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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8th GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY CELEBRATION

To : **All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Division and School Health Coordinators and All Others Concerned**

1. The declaration of the United Nations General Assembly of the 1st **Global Handwashing Day** on October 15, 2008 was supported by the Philippine Senate Resolution No. 627 as an annual event. This Office will again join millions of children around the world this year in celebrating the **8th Global Handwashing Day**.
2. This activity aims to increase awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap and water as the simplest, most cost-effective way of improving sanitation and hygiene; prevent life-threatening diseases, such as reducing the incidence of diarrhea by 44%; reducing acute respiratory infection by 25%; and prevent skin and eye infection and intestinal worms.
3. All public and private elementary and secondary schools are enjoined to participate in this global activity through the organization of education and social activities in order to strengthen awareness and disseminate information on the significance of handwashing with soap and water.
4. The following are the suggested activities:
 - a. hanging of streamers in strategic places within the school;
 - b. conduct seminars/fora to create awareness on the need to practice handwashing;
 - c. mobilization of school health personnel to supplement and complement classroom instructions on handwashing;
 - d. coordination with other government agencies, NGOs and other private sectors in the conduct of advocacy activities within the school and community; and
 - e. conduct of the simultaneous handwashing in schools at 9:30 AM (during recess time)
5. School Heads are encouraged to support this celebration. The School Health and Nutrition In-Charge in coordination with partners from the government agencies and non-government organization shall take the lead in the planning, implementing and monitoring of the activities in their respective areas of coverage.
6. It is expected that narrative and pictorial reports concerning the Global Handwashing Day Celebration be incorporated in the Integrated School Health and Nutrition Program (ISHNP) reports for the month of October 2015 and submitted to the Division Office a soft copy through email: aquilmil@yahoo.com on October ~~10~~, 2015.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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