

Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF MARINDUQUE

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

**MEMORANDUM**  
CID-2026-002

**TO** : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary, Secondary, and Integrated School Heads  
All Others Concerned

**FROM** : LYNN G. MENDOZA, EdD ✓  
OIC, Schools Division Superintendent

**SUBJECT** : 30<sup>th</sup> AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

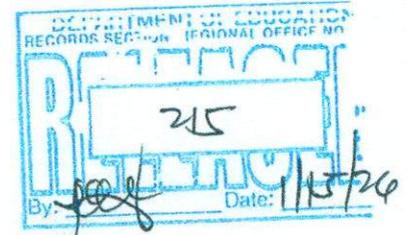
**DATE** : January 15, 2026

Please see attached Regional Memorandum CLMD-2026-016 dated January 15, 2026 titled "**30<sup>th</sup> AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**", encouraging all schools to celebrate on January 19-25, 2026 through the conduct of relevant programs, activities, and initiatives aligned to this year's theme: "**Mula Kamalayan Tungo sa Gawa: Pag-unlad ng Autism-OK Philippines**".

Immediate dissemination of and compliance with the contents of this Memorandum are desired.



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
MIMAROPA REGION



Office of the Regional Director

**MEMORANDUM**  
CLMD-2026-016

**TO : SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

**FROM : NICOLAS T. CAPULONG, PhD, CESO III**  
Director IV  
Regional Director

**SUBJECT : 30<sup>TH</sup> AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK**

**DATE : JANUARY 15, 2026**

In reference to the attached Advisory from the Bureau of Learning Delivery dated January 8, 2026, the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), encourages the regions, divisions, and schools to celebrate the **30<sup>th</sup> Autism Consciousness Week** on January 19 to 25, 2026.

This year's theme, "*Mula Kamalayan Tungo sa Gawa: Pag-unlad ng Autism-OK Philippines*," emphasizes the necessity of collaboration among government agencies, schools, workplaces, and families in building inclusive and supportive environments. It underscores a shared commitment to dismantling obstacles, ensuring that Filipinos with autism can reach their full potential and participate fully in society.

The Department encourages all schools to participate in the celebration through the conduct of relevant programs, activities, and initiatives aligned to the theme, including but not limited to the following suggested school-based activities during the week:

- Posting of campaign and advocacy materials in support of the celebration, in conformity with the design set by NCDA, within the DepEd schools and premises;
- Facilitating symposia involving parents, learners, and community leaders to discuss this year's theme;
- Creating advocacy campaign materials such as posters, slogans, etc., detailing tangible steps they will take for inclusion of learners with autism; and
- Organizing a day camp for learners with autism to explore new skills and social play in a safe, structured, and joy-filled environment.

The link for the official streamer design, which shall be used for advocacy materials, may be accessed through the NCDA website at [www.ncda.gov.ph](http://www.ncda.gov.ph).

For queries, please contact **Dr. Wendell I. Formalejo**, CLMD Chief at [clmd.mimaroparegion@deped.gov.ph](mailto:clmd.mimaroparegion@deped.gov.ph) or **Gerald S. Rizada**, Regional EPS in-charge of SNED, at [gerald.rizada@deped.gov.ph](mailto:gerald.rizada@deped.gov.ph).

For dissemination and appropriate action.

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Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
BUREAU OF LEARNING DELIVERY

**ADVISORY**

January 8, 2026

Pursuant to the Proclamation No. 771 (1996) declaring the third week of January as Autism Consciousness Week and in compliance with Paragraph 3 of DepEd Memorandum (DM) No. 022 s. 2021 entitled "Observance of National Celebrations on Advocacy Programs in Support to Inclusive Education", the Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA), encourages the regions, divisions, and schools in celebrating the **30<sup>th</sup> Autism Consciousness Week** on January 19 to 25, 2026.

This year's theme, "*Mula Kamalayan Tungo sa Gawa: Pag-unlad ng Autism-OK Philippines*," emphasizes the necessity of collaboration among government agencies, schools, workplaces, and families in building inclusive and supportive environments. It underscores a shared commitment to dismantling obstacles, ensuring that Filipinos with autism can reach their full potential and participate fully in society.

The Department encourages all schools to participate in the celebration through the conduct of relevant programs, activities, and initiatives aligned to the theme including but not limited to the following suggested school-based activities during the week:

- a. Posting of campaign and advocacy materials in support with the celebration, in conformity with the design set by NCDA, within the DepEd schools and premises;
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For any further queries or clarifications, kindly contact the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID) by email at [bld.od@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bld.od@deped.gov.ph), copy furnished to [bld.sid@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bld.sid@deped.gov.ph), or through telephone number 8673-4346.

For information and guidance.

  
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# 30<sup>TH</sup> AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK CELEBRATION

## January 19-25, 2026

### I. BACKGROUND

The nation is commemorating every third week of January of every year thereafter pursuant to Proclamation No. 711 (1996).

[Declaring the Third Week of January as Autism Consciousness Week – Proclamation No. 711 | National Council on Disability Affairs](#)

### II. THEME

This year's theme, "**Mula Kamalayan Tungo sa Gawa: Pag-unlad ng Autism-OK Philippines**" (*From Awareness to Action: Advancing an Autism-OK Philippines*), underscores the urgent need to move beyond awareness and translate understanding into meaningful, sustained action. It envisions a truly inclusive society where individuals on the autism spectrum are fully supported, valued, and empowered to participate with dignity in all aspects of community life.

#### **Key objectives:**

1. Shift from mere awareness to concrete, sustained actions for inclusion.
2. Build a truly inclusive society where individuals on the autism spectrum are supported, valued, empowered, and able to participate with dignity in community life.
3. Promote collective responsibility across sectors to remove barriers and create accessible, empathetic environments enabling autistic Filipinos to thrive and contribute.

#### **Call to Action:**

All sectors (government agencies, educational institutions, workplaces, communities, and families) are urged to collaborate in organizing and supporting relevant programs, activities, and initiatives aligned with the theme.

### III. POSTER AND TARPULIN

Here is the link for the tarpaulin streamer/poster design:

[Nationwide ACW poster/tarpaulin](#)

All txt : The background features soft, swirling patterns in shades of green, yellow, orange, and blue – colors often associated with autism awareness. The light, inclusive color palette evokes hope, growth, and neurodiversity.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS  
IS ONE WITH THE NATION IN COMMEMORATING

## THE 30TH NATIONAL AUTISM CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

"MULA KAMALAYAN TUNGO SA GAWA:  
PAG-UNLAD NG AUTISM-OK PHILIPPINES"

19-25 JANUARY 2026

#AUTISMOKPH #NACW2026



### IV. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES (Draft)

January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22
<p>Opening Ceremony + 1Bansa1Pangako</p> <p><i>Time:</i> Flag ceremony <i>Venue:</i> Nationwide <i>Lead:</i> ASP</p>	<p>Autism-Friendly Disaster Response: Train-the-Trainers Workshop</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 9am to 2pm <i>Venue:</i> TBA <i>Lead:</i> NCDA and ASP</p> <p>(by invitation)</p>		
January 23	January 24	January 25	Other events
	<p>Lights Up, Sounds Down</p> <p><i>Time:</i> 8am to 12nn <i>Venue:</i> Cinemas in multiple cities in Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao <i>Lead:</i> ASP</p> <p>Autism-OK Pilipinas: "Adulting Kapag Autistic"</p>		<p>ASP ARTismo sa Kongreso</p> <p><i>Date and Time:</i> Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm <i>Venue:</i> House of Representatives <i>Lead:</i> ASP</p>

	<b>Time: 10am</b> <b>Venue: ASP/NCDA</b> <b>Facebook</b> <b>Lead: ASP</b>	
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Resource: [NACW2026 Game Plan](#)

## V. MEMORANDUM CIRCULARS

This observance emphasizes moving beyond awareness toward meaningful inclusion, acceptance, and empowerment for Filipinos on the autism spectrum. Agencies and units are encouraged to issue directives for active participation.

### a. Department of Labor and Employment



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
 1000, Manila



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** All Heads of Bureaus, Services, Regional Offices, and Attached Agencies

**SUBJECT :** 2026 Autism Consciousness Week

**DATE :** 05 January 2026

The upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> Autism Consciousness Week will be observed for the third week of January 2026, as mandated by Executive Order No. 433 s. 1996. This year's theme is *"Mala Kamalayan Tunga sa Gawa: Pag-unlad ng Autism-OK Philippines"* (From Awareness to Action: Advancing an Autism-OK Philippines), which addresses the need to shift from mere awareness to concrete, sustained actions that truly include society, where individuals with autism are supported, valued, and empowered to participate fully and with dignity.

As the Department supports this national observance, all offices are encouraged to actively participate by organizing or supporting relevant programs, activities, and initiatives aligned with the theme. For guidance and consistency, the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) provided the official program book, which can be downloaded from the website of [www.ncda.gov.ph](#). The program book materials can be downloaded from the website of [www.ncda.gov.ph](#).

Should you need further information, you may contact the NCDA through the NCDA Division of Information at 02-820-4700 or email at [info@ncda.gov.ph](#).

For appropriate action, please:

**ATTN: FRANCIS EDUARDO, JR.**  
 Undersecretary

As authorized by the Department Secretary, the Undersecretary for Information and Public Affairs is authorized to execute this memorandum.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 05th day of January 2026 at the Department of Labor and Employment, Manila.

### b. Other agencies to follow



Republika ng Pilipinas  
**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS**  
Pambansang Sanggunian Ukol sa Ugnayang Pangmaykapansanan



December 10, 2025

**SECRETARY JUAN EDGARDO M. ANGARA**  
Department of Education  
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

**Attention: Dr. Jerome T. Buenviaje**  
Assistant Secretary Strategic Management  
Education Futures Office

Dear Secretary Angara:

This has reference to the forthcoming celebration of the 30th Autism Consciousness Week celebration that will be commemorated every third week of January of every year thereafter pursuant to Proclamation No. 711 (1996). This year's theme, "**Mula Kamalayan Tungo sa Gawa: Pag-unlad ng Autism-OK Philippines**" (*From Awareness to Action: Advancing an Autism-OK Philippines*), underscores the urgent need to move beyond awareness and translate understanding into meaningful, sustained action. It envisions a truly inclusive society where individuals on the autism spectrum are fully supported, valued, and empowered to participate with dignity in all aspects of community life.

The theme calls upon all sectors—government agencies, educational institutions, workplaces, communities, and families—to work collaboratively in creating accessible, empathetic, and enabling environments. It emphasizes collective responsibility in removing barriers and fostering conditions that allow autistic Filipinos to thrive and contribute meaningfully.

In line with this national observance, we respectfully request the issuance of a departmental directive enjoining all regional offices, attached agencies, and operating units to actively participate in the 30th Autism Consciousness Week through the conduct and support of relevant programs, activities, and initiatives aligned with this year's theme.

For uniformity in advocacy materials, the official streamer design may be downloaded from the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) website at [www.ncda.gov.ph](http://www.ncda.gov.ph).

Should you have any questions or require further coordination, please feel free to contact Ms. Jem P. Aguilar, our officer-in-charge for this event, at Telephone No. 5310-4759.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support and look forward to your favorable action on this request.

Very truly yours,

  
**GLEND A. RELOVA**  
Executive Director III

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