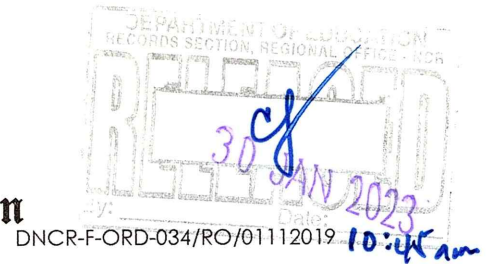




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; **REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
No. NCR - 060, s. 2023

TO : Schools Division Superintendents  
School Health Personnel  
All Others Concerned

FROM :   
**WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III**  
Regional Director

SUBJECT: **19TH NATIONAL DENTAL HEALTH MONTH CELEBRATION**

DATE : January 27, 2023

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Enclosed is a copy of OUOPS Memo No. 2023-03-0601 dated January 11, 2023 signed by Atty. Revsee A. Escobido, Undersecretary for Operations re: **19<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the National Dental Health Month** with the theme, "**Ngiting Protektado, Ngiting Panalo**", the content of which is self-explanatory for information and guidance of all concerned.

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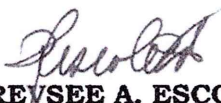


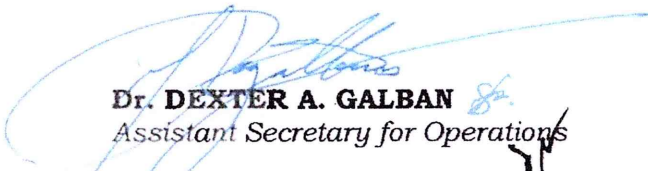
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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : **Regional Directors and BARMM Minister of Education**  
**Schools Division Superintendents**  
**Regional Supervising Dentists**  
**School Health Personnel**  
**Principals and School Heads**  
**All Others Concerned**

FROM :   
**Atty. REYSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

  
**Dr. DEXTER A. GALBAN**  
*Assistant Secretary for Operations*

SUBJECT : **19<sup>th</sup> Celebration of National Dental Health Month**

DATE : January 11, 2023

This Office, through the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), announces the celebration of the 19<sup>th</sup> National Dental Health Month throughout the month of February 2023 with the theme, "*Ngiping Protektado, Ngiting Panalo.*" This is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 559 dated February 24, 2004, titled *Declaring the Month of February of Every Year as National Dental Health Month.*

This year's theme aims to promote public oral health literacy in a creative and safe manner in order to address the persistent burden of oral diseases. The Philippine Dental Association (PDA) organized a variety of contests, programs, and sports throughout the month-long celebration.

The dentists and other school health personnel in the regions and schools' divisions shall take the lead in the following suggested activities to the national celebration:

First Week	<b>School Children Oral Health Awareness</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oral health campaign through various contest</li><li>• School event/Alay Parada</li><li>• Distribution of oral health campaign materials (materials available at <a href="http://www.worldoralhealthday.org">www.worldoralhealthday.org</a>)</li></ul>
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Second Week	<p><b>Oral Health Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classroom activities (lectures/oral health education)</li> <li>• Social media campaign</li> <li>• School community oral health awareness through orientation, lectures, and activities involving parents, teaching and non-teaching staff</li> </ul>
Third Week	<p><b>Delivery of Dental services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide dental services through the Oplan Kalusugan sa DepEd (OK sa DepEd) partnership with LGUs, stakeholders and partners</li> </ul>
Fourth Week	<p><b>Promoting Linkages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish and strengthen linkages for the promotion of Oral Health through stakeholders' involvement</li> </ul>

DepEd school dentists are advised to work collaboratively with local chapters of PDA and other stakeholders on NDHM activities.

The link to the 19th NDHM calendar of activities, contest guidelines, and other related materials can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/NDHMcollaterals>.

In relation to this, all Regional Supervising Dentists are required to submit a consolidated narrative and pictorial report on the different activities done by the SDOs through email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph) not later than 20 March 2023.

For more information and questions, please contact Dr. Cynthia D. Coronado, Dentist III of BLSS-SHD at (02) 8632-9935 or via email at [blss.shd@deped.gov.ph](mailto:blss.shd@deped.gov.ph). Likewise, Dr. Nathaniel R. Dacuan of PDA may be reached at 0956-665-8818 or via email at [19thndhm@gmail.com](mailto:19thndhm@gmail.com) for more information on the events.

For immediate dissemination.



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January 11, 2023

**HON. SARA DUTERTE-CARPIO**

Secretary  
Department of Education

Thru: **CYNTHIA D. CORONADO, DMD**  
Dentist III  
Bureau of Learner Support Services School Health Division

Dear **Secretary Duterte-Carpio**,

Greetings!

It is with great pleasure to inform you that the **Philippine Dental Association (PDA)** will spearhead the celebration of the **19th National Dental Health Month (NDHM)** nationwide this February 2023. This is a yearly event for all dental practitioners nationwide in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 559 signed on February 24, 2004 declaring the whole month of February as National Dental Health Month.

Dental practitioners from all over the country will come together to find creative but safe means to promote and educate to the public the importance of oral healthcare to address the persistent burden of oral disease with 72% Filipinos suffering from dental caries and 50% have gum disease ([doh.gov.ph](http://doh.gov.ph)). Various contests, programs, and sports are planned to be held in this month-long celebration.

In this regard, we would like to invite the dental professionals from your department to participate in the NDHM Activities, particularly during the following:


- a. **January 29, 2023 (Sun)** 5AM-12NN – Opening Ceremonies at Quezon Memorial Circle (Bike Parada, Alay Parada, Chant for Smiles Contest, Free Dental Consultation for the General Public, Interactive Games and Booths)
- b. **February 1, 2023 (Wed)** 8AM-12NN – Open House at PDA Building, Makati City
- c. **February 6, 2023 (Mon)** 6AM-2PM – Visayas Kick-Off Opening Ceremonies and National Toothbrushing Day at Amlan Central Elementary School, Mag-abo, Amlan, Negros Oriental
- d. **February 12, 2023 (Sun)** – Mindanao Kick-Off at Kidapawan City
- e. **February 26, 2023 (Sun)** – PDA Sportsfest at Coronado Lanes, Star Mall, Mandaluyong City

Attached herewith is the 19<sup>th</sup> NDHM Calendar of Activities for your perusal and contest guidelines ([https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TH\\_UKhZzyukm51MxrBCMIxrwq8\\_s8i7us?share=link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TH_UKhZzyukm51MxrBCMIxrwq8_s8i7us?share=link)). If you have queries regarding any of the events, you may contact Dr. Nathaniel R. Dacuan at 0956-665-8818 email: [19thndhm@gmail.com](mailto:19thndhm@gmail.com)

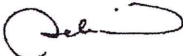
Thank you for always being WITHIN REACH to the Filipino people and we hope for your consideration of this humble invitation.

Very truly yours,

**PHILIPPINE DENTAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

  
**DR. NATHANIEL R. DACUAN**  
General Chairman  
19<sup>th</sup> National Dental Health Month

NOTED BY:

  
**DR. CHERYL Y. DEL ROSARIO**  
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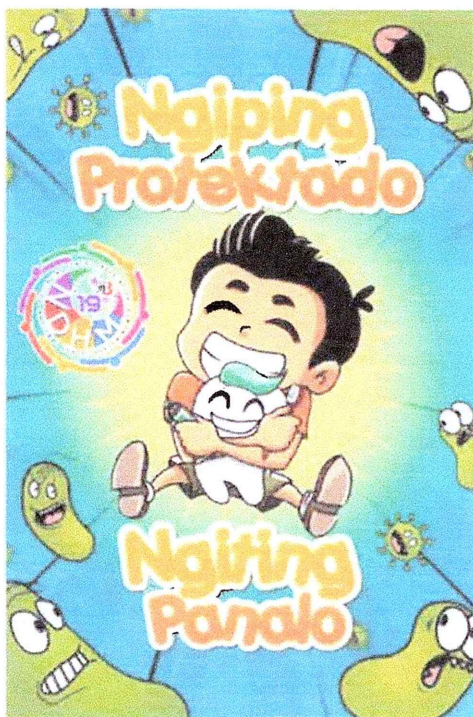


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## 19<sup>th</sup> NDHM Calendar of Activities

 <b>FEBRUARY 2023</b> 						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Bike Parada Alay Parada Chant for Smiles Opening Ceremonies	Start of DynaDent		1 Interreligious Open House Unveiling	2 Indigency Clinic	3 PDA Executive Board Meeting E-Poster Submission of Entries	4 Infomercial Submission of Entries Outreach Program Biri Island, Northern Samar
5 NTD (1-min NTD video post) Visayas Kick-Off	6 NTD Post #1	7 Indigency Clinic	8 Infomercial Date of Judging Tobacco Intervention Seminar	9 Feast of St. Apollonia Indigency Clinic	10 PDA Executive Board Meeting E-Poster Submission of Entries	11
12 Mindanao Kick-Off	13 NTD Post #2 PDA DOH Oral Public Health Forum Indigency Clinic	14 NTD Post #2 PDA DOH Oral Public Health Forum Indigency Clinic	15 PWD Project	16 Golf Tournament Indigency Clinic	17 E-Poster Virtual Judging	18 Cleft Lip and Palate Operation
19 PDA Blood Donation Drive	20 Ladrido Memorial Lecture Indigency Clinic	21 Ladrido Memorial Lecture Indigency Clinic	22 PWD Project	23 Submission of WOHD Report Indigency Clinic	24	25
26 PDA Sportsfest (Darts, Billiards, Bowling)	27 NTD Post #3 Indigency Clinic	28 NTD Post #3 Indigency Clinic	December 2 – Tagline Submission of Entries December 8 – Tagline Virtual Judging January 1 – NTD Photo Post #1 January 3 – January 30 – Acceptance of Participants for DynaDent January 15 – Chant for Smiles Submission of Entries. March 19 - Badminton January 17 – OdontoArt Submission of Entries		January 22 – OdontoArt Judging March 3 – NTD Over-all Report March 9 – Closing Ceremonies	



**Oral Health,  
ora Mismo!**

