NSCB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 001 - 06

TO: The Heads of Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and Instrumentalities of the National Government, Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations, State Universities and Colleges, Local Government Units, and the Private Sector

SUBJECT: Celebration of the 17th National Statistics Month in October 2006

1. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all agencies of the government, academic institutions and the private sector at the national and subnational levels to actively participate in and support the celebration of the 17th National Statistics Month (NSM) in October 2006. This activity is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month, issued on September 20, 1990.

2. Objectives

In general, the observance of this event has two-fold objectives, viz: (a) to promote, enhance, and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society, and (b) to elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

3. Theme and Sub-Theme

The 17th NSM shall have for its overall theme:

“Empowering Consumers Through Responsive Energy Statistics”

This theme may be translated into other major Philippine dialects. Depending on the focus and direction of its statistical activities, an agency or region may choose to have its own sub-theme.

4. Suggested Activities

Activities may be undertaken by an agency or a region in accordance with the capabilities of the participating agencies/regions. These may be in the form of symposia, workshops, orientation seminars, exhibits, slide shows, and publication of statistical reports, indicators and other relevant information, among others, with particular emphasis on the theme and the agency’s/region’s selected sub-theme, if any.
Participating agencies are requested to display their own NSM streamers to be displayed at their building façade throughout the month of October following the prescribed format. Likewise, they are encouraged to disseminate the consolidated calendar of activities, posters, and other promotional materials to be provided by the NSM Secretariat.

5. Coordination of Activities at the National Level

The National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) has created the National Statistics Month (NSM) Steering Committee to oversee and coordinate the implementation of the various activities and programs to be undertaken during the month-long celebration. The Committee shall be composed of representatives from the following government departments and agencies, academic institutions, and the private sector:

- National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
- Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS)
- National Statistics Office (NSO)
- Bureau of Labor and Employment Statistics (BLES)
- Statistical Research and Training Center (SRTC)
- Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
- Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR)
- Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
- Department of Education (DepEd)
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Department of Finance (DOF)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
- Department of Tourism (DOT)
- Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)
- National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW)
- National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
The Committee shall be chaired by the NSCB Secretary General with the DOE and the BSP, hosts of the opening and closing ceremonies, respectively, as Co-Chairs and BAS, the past host, as Vice-Chair.

Various Sub-Committees with specific terms of reference shall also be created. The NSCB Technical Staff shall serve as secretariat to the Steering Committee and Sub-Committees.

6. Coordination of Activities at the Subnational Level

For the regional celebration of the event, the Regional Statistical Coordination Committees (RSCCs) under the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) are hereby designated as the coordination bodies for all NSM activities. The NSCB Regional Divisions (RDs) shall provide technical and administrative support to their respective RSCCs. In areas where there are no RDs, the RSCCs shall create or designate a group that will provide technical and administrative support in this undertaking.

7. Fund Contribution

The participating agencies/organizations in the NSM celebration are requested to earmark funds for their respective activities as well as for common NSM activities. While funds of participating agencies for their own celebration shall come from their respective agencies, the funds for common NSM activities such as inter-agency forum, publicity and promotional materials, and other inter-agency activities shall be sought from contributions of participating agencies and other possible donors, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit. Each agency shall be requested to contribute at least Ten Thousand Pesos (PhP10,000) and the NSCB is hereby designated to administer the NSM funds.

Funds needed for the NSM opening and closing ceremonies shall be provided by the host agencies.

8. Submission of Agency Activities

Participating agencies/organizations at the national level and in the National Capital Region (NCR) are requested to submit a detailed list of their proposed activities to the NSM Steering Committee following a prescribed format through the NSM Secretariat at NSCB, 2nd Floor, Midland Buendia Building, 403 Senator Gil J.
Puyat Avenue, Makati City on or before August 31, 2006, in order to synchronize all efforts for the celebration. Further inquiries may be coursed through the NSM Secretariat at telephone numbered 890-9404, telefax numbered 895-2436 or email address nsm@nscb.gov.ph

Participating agencies/organizations in the Cordillera Administrative Region and in Regions 1, 4A, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are requested to submit their activities to their respective RSCCs and in Region 4B to the RDC-Sectoral Concerns on Macroeconomic Development Administration (SCMDA) through the NSCB RDs. Agencies/organizations in other regions are requested to submit their activities to their respective RSCCs through the NEDA Regional Director (RSCC Chairperson) or the NSO Regional Director (RSCC Co-Chairperson).

All concerned are hereby urged to cooperate in ensuring the attainment of the objectives of the NSM. National line agencies are enjoined to issue special orders/circulars encouraging the participation of their field offices in the subnational celebration of the NSM. Whenever necessary, the NSCB Secretary-General shall issue additional guidelines for the successful conduct of the event.

(Original Signed)

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