

## Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Education Region V SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON

June 18, 2021

## **DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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## SIMULTANEOUS TREE GROWING ACTIVITY

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chiefs
Section Heads
Education Program Supervisors & Division Coordinators
Senior Education Program Specialists and EPS II
Public Schools District Supervisors/ OIC-PSDSs
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

- 1. **Arbor Day** in the Philippines has been institutionalized to be observed every June 25 nationwide by planting trees and ornamental plants and other relevant activities by virtue of Proclamation No. 643 signed in 2004. This highlighted the need to declare one day each year for the conduct of tree planting activities to promote a healthier ecosystem.
- 2. On a similar note, Presidential Proclamation No. 237 declares June as the **Philippine Environment Month** with the theme: "Sama-Samang Pagkilos, Sama-Samang Paghilom, Ikaw, Ako, Tayo ang Kalikasan".
- 3. In celebration of the Arbor Day and Philippine Environment Month, DepEd Schools Division of Sorsogon and all public elementary and secondary schools in the province shall be participating in the Simultaneous Tree Growing Activity on Friday, June 25, 2021 at 6:30am onwards.
- 4. In consideration of Covid-19 pandemic, the division and schools have the freedom to choose the venue for the activity (e.g. office, school campus, etc.).



- 5. The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) will be providing seedlings (mangrove, forest and agroforestry trees) which can be picked-up at their nursery in Juban, Sorsogon prior to the date of the tree planting provided that a request is forwarded to the same office. If there are other sources of seedlings near the schools, a request may no longer be made.
- 6. An after-activity report shall be submitted by PSDSs/ OIC PSDSs to SDO SGOD, attention: SEPS SocMobNet stating the number of seedlings actually planted, exact location of the tree planting activity and the number of participants.
- 7. Stringent adherence to Executive Orders issued by the LGUs relative to Covid-19 prevention must be adhered to and the required health protocols must be observed at all times.
- 8. Travel and incidental expenses relative to the conduct of the activity shall be charged to local school fund subject to the existing budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- 9. For information, guidance and compliance.

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