



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

## PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

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14 January 2016

### MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** The Honorable ARSENIO M. BALISACAN  
Secretary of Socioeconomic Planning  
and Chairperson, PSA Board

**SUBJECT :** PSA Memorandum Circular on the Celebration of the  
27<sup>th</sup> National Statistics Month and 13<sup>th</sup> National Convention on  
Statistics in October 2016

This refers to the celebration of the National Statistics Month (NSM) during the month of October of every year pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 issued on 20 September 1990 (Annex PSA-CTCO-SS-SPPD-1601-01-01) and the conduct of the National Convention on Statistics (NCS) every three years per NSCB Resolution No. 6, s. 2000, (Annex PSA-CTCO-SS-SPPD-1601-01-02).

This year, the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) will celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM, which shall also coincide with the conduct of the 13<sup>th</sup> NCS in October 2016. In behalf of the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM/13<sup>th</sup> NCS Steering Committee, we are pleased to submit the attached **PSA Memorandum Circular**, for your approval and signature. The 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 27<sup>th</sup> NSM and conduct of the 13<sup>th</sup> NCS (Annex PSA-CTCO-SS-SPPD-1601-01-03).


In its organizational meeting on 8 January 2016, the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM/13<sup>th</sup> NCS Steering Committee agreed on the theme for this year's celebration, to wit, "*Sustainable Development: Making Statistics Count.*" The theme underscores the importance of statistics in tracking the nation's journey to sustainable development in line with the United Nations' program on the Post-2015 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.

Our staff, Ms. Lotis I. Ira and/or Mr. Elijah Joy S. Alonzo, with contact numbers (02) 376-1928 and email addresses [Lira@psa.gov.ph](mailto:Lira@psa.gov.ph) and [elijahjoy.alonzo@gmail.com](mailto:elijahjoy.alonzo@gmail.com) will coordinate with your office on the matter.

We acknowledge your steadfast support to the statistical advocacy activities of the PSS such as the NSM and NCS as well as its pivotal role in helping instill wider appreciation for statistics among our fellow Filipinos.

Thank you and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
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**MALACAÑANG**  
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 647

**DECLARING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS THE  
NATIONAL STATISTICS MONTH**

WHEREAS, statistics plays a pivotal and crucial role in policy formulation, planning and decision making in both the government and the private sectors;

WHEREAS, the crucial role of statistics in nation building must be given the official recognition it rightly deserves;

WHEREAS, the observance of National Statistics Month will be a step towards promoting, enhancing and instilling nation-wide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value that statistics provide the different sectors of our society, while at the same time insuring the support of the public at large in improving and enhancing the quality and standard of statistics in the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an over-all coordinator of the different statistical agencies of the government to ensure the success of the various programs to be undertaken during the National Statistics Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of October of every year as the National Statistics Month under the auspices of the National Statistical Coordination Board.

All departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, local government units, government owned or controlled corporations, the private sector, and the public at large are hereby enjoined to actively support the activities and programs for the National Statistics Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 20th day of September in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety.

*Corazon C. Aquino*

By the President:

*Catalino Macaraig, Jr.*  
CATALINO MACARAIG, JR.  
Executive Secretary

**NSCB RESOLUTION NO. 6****Series of 2000****APPROVING THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ON  
STATISTICS EVERY THREE YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, a National Convention on Statistics has been conducted periodically by the Philippine Statistical System to (a) provide a forum for exchanging ideas and experiences in the field of statistics and for discussing recent statistical developments and prevailing issues and problems of the Philippine Statistical System and (b) to elicit the cooperation and support of statisticians and professionals in related fields from the government, academe and private sector towards a more responsive statistical system;

**WHEREAS**, the conduct of the Convention has been led by the NSCB Technical Staff and the other statistical agencies together with the Philippine Statistical Association;

**WHEREAS**, in the past, the Convention has been funded mainly by government appropriations of the statistical agencies and some donations/contributions from local and international institutions;

**WHEREAS**, in the 7th National Convention on Statistics in 1998, an issue was raised as to the frequency of holding the convention considering among others the required financial and manpower resources, particularly for the lead agencies;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, the Board approve the conduct of the National Convention on Statistics every three years effective the 8th series in 2001, to be led by an inter-agency Steering Committee to be created by the Chair of the NSCB and to be coordinated by the NSCB Technical Staff.

**BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER THAT:**

- 1) The Steering Committee shall adopt a fund sourcing strategy for the Convention which may include requesting budgetary appropriations from the national government, donations and other forms of financial assistance as well as charging convention fees from the participants;
- 2) Government appropriations for preparatory activities and other general expenses of the convention shall be reflected in the budget proposal of the NSCB Technical Staff; and
- 3) All member agencies in the Philippine Statistical System are enjoined to participate and support the preparation and conduct of every Convention.

Approved this 4th day of December, 2000 in Pasig City.

Attested by:

(Sgd.) **ROMULO A. VIROLA**  
Secretary General



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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## PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

PSA MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 01-2016

**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 27<sup>th</sup> National Statistics Month and 13<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Statistics in October 2016

**DATE** : 29 January 2016

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### 1. Purpose

This Memorandum Circular is issued to enjoin all agencies of the government, local government units, academic institutions, state universities and colleges, and the private sector at the national and subnational levels to actively participate in and support the celebration of the **27<sup>th</sup> National Statistics Month (NSM)** and conduct of the **13<sup>th</sup> National Convention on Statistics (NCS) in October 2016**.

The annual observance of the NSM is pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, *Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month*, issued on 20 September 1990 by then President Corazon C. Aquino. Meanwhile, the conduct of the NCS is pursuant to the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) Resolution No. 6, *Approving the Conduct of the National Convention on Statistics Every Three Years*, approved on 4 December 2000.

### 2. Objectives

The NSM is aimed at: (a) promoting, enhancing, and instilling nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society; and (b) eliciting the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

In consonance with the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM celebration, the NCS will be conducted by the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) to: (a) provide a forum for exchanging ideas and experiences in the field of statistics and for discussing recent statistical developments and prevailing issues and problems of the PSS; and (b) elicit the cooperation and support of statisticians and professionals in related fields from the government, academe and private sector towards a more responsive statistical system.

### 3. Theme for the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM and 13<sup>th</sup> NCS

The 27<sup>th</sup> NSM/13<sup>th</sup> NCS shall have the following theme:

***“Sustainable Development: Making Statistics Count”***

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 in support of the NSM and the NCS may be undertaken by an organization, university/college or a region in accordance with the capabilities of the participating units/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 sub-theme, if any.

Participating organizations, universities/colleges and units of the government are requested to display NSM/NCS streamers/tarpaulin in their building facade throughout the month of October following the prescribed streamer format. Likewise, organizations, universities/colleges and units of the government are encouraged to distribute the NSM Calendar of Activities, posters, and other promotional materials provided by the NSM/NCS Secretariat on their respective websites and disseminate printed copies of such to their stakeholders and local official counterparts.

### 5. Coordination of Activities at the National Level

To oversee and coordinate the implementation of the various activities and programs to be undertaken during the month-long celebration, the Steering Committee for the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM/13<sup>th</sup> NCS has been established with the composition, as follows:

Chair:	Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)
Vice Chair:	National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)
Members:	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)
	Commission on Higher Education (CHED)
	Congressional Policy and Budget Research Department (CPBRD)
	Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
	Department of Education (DepEd)
	Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
	Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
	Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
	Department of Health (DOH)
	Department of Justice (DOJ)
	Department of National Defense (DND)
	Department Public Works and Highways (DPWH)
	Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
	Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
	Department of Tourism (DOT)
	Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP)
	Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ)
	Philippine Information Agency (PIA)

Philippine Statistical Association, Inc. (PSAI)  
Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI)  
Senate Economic Planning Office (SEPO)  
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)  
University of the Philippines Institute of Statistics (UPLB INSTAT)  
University of the Philippines School of Statistics (UPSS)

Various subcommittees with specific terms of reference shall also be established. The PSA Technical Staff shall serve as secretariat to the Steering Committee and subcommittees.

#### **6. Coordination of Activities at the Local Level**

For the regional NSM celebration, the Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs) are hereby designated as the coordinating bodies for all NSM activities. The PSA Regional Statistical Service Offices shall provide technical and administrative support to their respective RSCs.

#### **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/organizations, the funds for major NSM activities such as interagency forum, publicity and promotional materials, and other activities shall be sought from contributions and participating agencies and other possible donors, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations of the Commission on Audit (COA).

**Agencies/organizations are requested to contribute at least Fifteen Thousand Pesos (PhP 15,000.00) to the NSM Funds on or before 15 August 2016. The PSA is hereby designated to administer such NSM funds for the conduct of the various NSM interagency activities.**

Funds needed for the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM opening and closing ceremonies shall be provided by the host agencies, namely, the PSA and BSP.

#### **8. Submission of Agency Activities**

To synchronize all efforts for the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM celebration, participating agencies/ organizations at the national level and in the National Capital Region (NCR) are requested to submit a detailed list of their proposed NSM activities to be conducted in October 2016 to the 27<sup>th</sup> NSM/13<sup>th</sup> NCS Steering Committee through the NSM/NCS Secretariat on or before **26 August 2016** at:

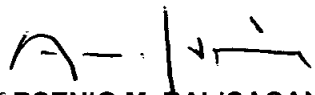
**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY**  
17th Floor, Eton Cyberpod Centris 3,  
EDSA Corner Quezon Avenue,  
Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines 1101

Further inquiries may be coursed through the NSM/NCS Secretariat at telephone numbered 376-1928 and 376-1879 and email addresses [lira@psa.gov.ph](mailto:lira@psa.gov.ph) and [13thnocs@gmail.com](mailto:13thnocs@gmail.com).



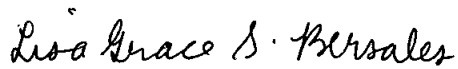
Participating agencies/organizations in all other regions are requested to submit detailed lists of their activities to their respective RSCs through the PSA Regional Statistical Service Offices by 22 August 2016.


All concerned are hereby urged to cooperate in ensuring the attainment of the objectives of the NSM and the NCS. **National line agencies** are enjoined to **issue their respective special orders/ circulars** to solicit the participation of their field/local offices/bureaus/ attached agencies in the celebration of the NSM. **Administrators of state universities/colleges and private sector organizations** are encouraged to **issue announcements** to their faculty/students and members, respectively, to encourage them to take part in the conduct of the various interagency 27<sup>th</sup> NSM activities and coordinate organization-wide activities aiming at improving statistical knowledge and awareness. Whenever necessary, the PSA National Statistician shall issue additional guidelines for the successful conduct of the event.



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Attested by:



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