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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO

: ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ALL SCHOOL HEADS ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM

: Atty. FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN

Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT

: SCALING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DEPED

**OFFICES AND SCHOOLS** 

DATE

: 19 November 2024

This is in reference to the official statement from the Office of the Executive Secretary on November 19, 2024, encouraging all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during Christmas season. This call is "in solidarity with the millions of our countrymen who continue to grieve over lives, homes and livelihoods lost during the six typhoons that pummeled us in a span of less than a month."

In this regard, all DepEd offices and schools are instructed to scale down their Christmas celebrations, and may utilize the resulting savings as donations for calamity-hit communities. Regional and Division Offices shall ensure compliance with the Presidential Directive, and initiate donation drives for affected areas.

For dissemination and strict compliance.

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