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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

- Т OF DEPARTMENTS. Ο : ALL HEADS BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT-OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS
- SUBJECT : Attendance of Women in Government in the International Women's Day Celebration on March 8, 1996

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 227 dated March 17, 1988 providing for the yearly observance in the month of March and "Women's Role in History Month" and Proclamation No. 224 declaring March 8 as "Women's Rights and International Peace Day" to coincide with the UN International Women's Day, the Civil Service Commission hereby authorizes the 1996 International Women's Day celebration at the Quezon City Park Circle, (East Avenue Entrance) Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Transportation allowance shall be borne by their respective agencies.

With this year's theme focusing on the role that women play in poverty alleviation, the following are the objectives of the program:

- 1) to increase public awareness on the programs that government has put in place to address the problem of poverty;
- to inform the public in general and women in particular on the actual amount that will be made available by the different departments in government on gender responsive projects as a result of the inclusion of Section 27 of the General Appropriations Act;
- 3) to strengthen GO/NGO participation which is one of the commitments of the Philippines in the Beijing Conference held last September.

All government agencies are likewise enjoined to celebrate the Women's Month (March) and to submit their list of activities by February 26, 1996 to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) for consolidation and dissemination.

For more information on the matter, inquiries may be made at telephone numbers 741-50-28 and 741-50-93.

## (SGD.) CORAZON ALMA G. DE LEON Chairperson

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