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**TO :** REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
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 SCHOOL HEADS  
 ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

**FROM :** *GO*  
 GINA O. GONONG  
 Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching

**SUBJECT :** OBSERVANCE OF 2023 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY  
 CELEBRATION

**DATE :** July 19, 2023

Pursuant to the Republic Act (RA) No. 6759, "An Act Declaring August 1 of Each Year as White Cane Safety Day in the Philippines and Other Purposes", the Department of Education (DepEd), as the lead agency, through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusion Division (BLD-SID), would like to invite you or your representative to the 2023 White Cane Safety Day Celebration with the theme "**Putting Baston: Gabay sa MATATAG na Kinabukasan, Inklusibong Edukasyon at Pamayanan**" to be held on the 1st day of August 2023, from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, at the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), Visayas Avenue, Quezon City.

Participants from the National Capital Region, Region III, and Region IV-A are encouraged to participate in person, while participants from other regions are welcome to attend virtually via the official DepEd Philippines Facebook Page and the BLD-SID Facebook page. Aside from the main event, the Regional Offices (ROs), Schools Division Offices (SDOs), and schools are encouraged to participate in the following activities in conjunction with the 2023 White Cane Safety Day Celebration.

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1. Basic Computer-Eyes Training for Students with V.I.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To make the students with visual impairment knowledgeable and have enough hands-on practice in computer</li><li>2. To introduce to them the different components of computer and familiarize their uses</li><li>3. To learn the different office applications and Windows Operating System</li><li>4. To develop their confidence in the use of computer and screen reader</li></ol>	Two-Week training July 24-August 4, 2023	National Council on Disability Affairs (NDCA) – Disability Resource and Development Center (DRDC) <b>NCDA Bldg. Isidora Street, Brgy. Holy Spirit Diliman, Quezon City</b>
2. Basic Computer-Eyes Training for Students with V.I.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To make the students with visual impairment knowledgeable and have enough hands-on practice in computer</li><li>2. To introduce to them the different components of computer and familiarize their uses</li><li>3. To learn the different office applications and Windows Operating System</li><li>4. To develop their confidence in the use of computer and screen reader</li></ol>	Two-Week training July 31-August 11, 2023	Tentative Venue: General Santos College of Technology, Camias St., Dad. East, General Santos City
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<p>4. Basic Computer-Eyes Training for Students with V.I.</p>	<p>1. To make the students with visual impairment knowledgeable and have enough hands-on practice in computer          2. To introduce to them the different components of computer and familiarize their uses          3. To learn the different office applications and Windows Operating System          4. To develop their confidence in the use of computer and screen reader</p>	<p>Two-week training          July 24-August 4</p>	<p>Quezon National High School,          Lucena City</p>
<p>5. Basic Computer-Eyes Training for Students with V.I.</p>	<p>1. To make the students with visual impairment knowledgeable and have enough hands-on practice in computer          2. To introduce to them the different components of computer and familiarize their uses          3. To learn the different office applications and Windows Operating System          4. To develop their confidence in the use of computer and screen reader</p>	<p>Two-week training          July 24-August 4</p>	<p>Central Philippines University (CPU),          Iloilo City</p>
<p>6. National training on accessible EPUB 3 formats for SPED teachers who are teaching students with visual impairment</p>	<p>Creating accessible digital learning resources in EPUB formats (using the EPUB 3 guidelines developed by DAISY Consortium)           Reading and accessing digital learning resources using PC and mobile phone applications</p>	<p>4 Days          July 29-August 1, 2023</p>	<p>Venue: Microtel Hotel           Address: Damosa Gateway          Angliongto Road,          Lanang, 8000          Davao City</p>
<p>7. Philippine White Cane Walk</p>	<p>1.To create awareness for the Public on the White Cane as an Assistive Tool</p>	<p>August 6, 2023,          Sunday          7am -1130am</p>	<p>Quezon Memorial Circle</p>



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	2. To present the support organizations for the Blind Community in the Philippines 3. Encourage the Parents and Relative of Blind Individual in the Country to register and avail of the support services made available to help them in their Independent Living Life Journey		
8. Braille Reading Contest	To create awareness on Braille as the Basic Learning	Aug 19, 2023, Sat 9AM-12NN	Resources for the Blind
9. Audio Described Movies in collaboration with SM Cares and Netflix HIT Production	To provide accessible entertainment for Blind and Low Vision Community Members	Aug 25, 2023 Friday- Sat Aug 26, 2023, Sat  Closing Ceremonies 3PM	SM Megamall

For more information and clarifications, please contact **Mr. Allan Mesoga**, Senior Education Program Specialist of the BLD-SID, through email at [allan.mesoga@deped.gov.ph](mailto:allan.mesoga@deped.gov.ph) / [bld.sid@deped.gov.ph](mailto:bld.sid@deped.gov.ph) or through mobile and telephone numbers: +639198861145/0286374347.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Undersecretary for Operations