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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

**FOR :** HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES; DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS AND AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs); GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS (GOCCs); AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**SUBJECT :** 2017 World No Tobacco Day and No Smoking Month

In line with the Administration's continuous efforts to promote tobacco control within the bureaucracy, the Civil Service Commission enjoins all government agencies in celebrating the annual "World No Tobacco Day" (May 31, 2017) of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the "No Smoking Month" (June 2017), which is being led by the Department of Health (DOH).

As the central human resource institution of the government, the CSC urges the entire Philippine civil service to be one with the world in celebrating these events in order to raise awareness about the risks and dangers of tobacco consumption, and to advocate for the implementation of effective tobacco control policies around the world. All government agencies are encouraged to undertake related activities, such as:

- Inclusion of the CSC Memorandum Circular No. 17, s. 2009 and the CSC-DOH Joint Memorandum Circular 2010-01 as one of the agenda during the flag ceremony in the last week of May 2017;
- Conduct of Zumba fitness exercise, or any related undertaking, as an activity leading up to the flag retreat ceremony in the last week of May 2017;
- Conduct of other communication activities relative to the World No Tobacco Day and No Smoking Month in their official websites, social media accounts and publications; and sending reports of tobacco-related violations to the CSC through email at [tobaccocontrolcoordinator@csc.gov.ph](mailto:tobaccocontrolcoordinator@csc.gov.ph).

This year's theme "*Tobacco – a threat to development*", as announced by the WHO, stresses that the tobacco industry is a serious threat to citizens' health and economic well-being, thereby hampering a country's efforts towards sustainable development. The WHO hopes that through "World No Tobacco Day", both the government and the public would support measures

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to promote health and development by confronting the global tobacco crisis. This will be followed by the No Smoking Month in June.

You may contact Mr. Michael John G. Amponin of the CSC-Project Management Unit (PMU) at Telephone No. 931-8095 loc. 346 or Mobile No. 0917-6347262 for more information, on these events. The PMU may also be reached through email at tobaccocontrolcoordinator@csc.gov.ph.

  
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