

**17<sup>th</sup> CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION WEEK CELEBRATION**

***WEBINAR ON HEALTH GUIDELINES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF COVID-19 INCLUDING AWARENESS OF PROPER USAGE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT***

*September 17, 2020, 9:00 AM to 12:00 NN*

**Welcome Remarks** *delivered by*

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MY WARMEST GREETINGS TO OUR LONG TIME PARTNER IN THE GOVERNMENT – THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEADED BY SECRETARY FRANCISCO T. DUQUE AND HIS VERY SUPPORTIVE AND COMMITTED STAFF, MS. MA. CRISTINA L. RAYMUNDO, MY OTHER COLLEAGUES IN THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING THOSE COMING FROM THE PDAOs, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT, PARTICIPANTS FROM PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES SECTOR AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS, GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IS AN UNPRECEDENTED HEALTH CRISIS OF GLOBAL SCALE. SINCE JANUARY 2020, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION HAS PUBLISHED HUNDREDS OF DOCUMENTS ABOUT COVID-19. OF THESE, MOST ARE DETAILED TECHNICAL GUIDANCE, HOW TO PROVIDE SAFE AND APPROPRIATE CARE FOR PEOPLE, HOW TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER, HOW TO HELP COMMUNITIES TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY AND HOW TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

WE NEED TO ADAPT TO THE NEW NORMAL WHEREIN HEALTH IS THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF EVERYONE. THIS INCLUDES THE WEARING FACE MASKS, FREQUENT HAND WASHING, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND AVOID CROWDED PLACES.

TODAY, ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF CELEBRATING THE 17<sup>TH</sup> CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS AND PROTECTION WEEK, OUR WEBINAR TOPIC IS **“HEALTH GUIDELINES TO REDUCE THE RISK OF COVID-19 INCLUDING AWARENESS OF PROPER USAGE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT”**. IT AIMS TO UNDERSTAND AND LEARN ON HOW WE CAN PROTECT OURSELVES AND HOW TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF INFECTION ESPECIALLY TO THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PERSONS, CHILDREN, ELDERLY AND WOMEN.

INFORMATION IS POWER. LET US EMPOWER OURSELVES WITH THE RIGHT INFORMATION. LET US LISTEN AND HELP SAVE LIVES. MABUHAY PO TAYONG LAHAT.

GOOD MORNING AND HAVE A NICE DAY TO ALL.

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