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DEPARTMENT CIRCULAR NO. 044

**TO : Undersecretaries/Assistant Secretaries
All Heads of Bureaus, Commissions and
Offices of the Department
Chiefs of Service/Staff in the Office of the Secretary**

**SUBJECT : Observance of the Development Policy Research Month
(DPRM) in September 2017**

DATE : AUG 24 2017

In the interest of the service, pursuant to Proclamation No. 247 dated 02 September 2002 declaring September of every year as Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) and upon the invitation of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), you are hereby enjoined to extend support to the Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) in September 2017 with the theme, "**Pagpapatibay ng Desentralisasyon Tungo sa Kaunlarang Panrehiyon**" with the English version "**Strengthening Decentralization for Regional Development.**"

In this regard, you are encouraged to come up with any of the activities, such as, but not limited to the following:

1. Prominently displaying the DPRM banner/streamer within your institution's premises (banner template may be accessed at bit.ly/dprm2017). You are free to choose between the English version and the Filipino version depending on your office's/locality's language preference;
2. Featuring announcements about the DPRM and its theme in your publication, website, social media accounts, and other dissemination outlets; and
3. Organizing activities or events that may be relevant to the theme or to policy research.

For inquiries regarding the banner, please contact Ms. Gizelle Manuel at gmanuel@mail.pids.gov.ph and Ms. Reynalyn Arqueza at for any activities/events for inclusion to the list of activities/events for the 2017 DPRM Celebration to be posted in the DPRM website which will run from September to November 2017.

For information, guidance and appropriate action.

VITALIANO N. AGUIRRE II
Secretary

Department of Justice
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July 17, 2017

ATTY. VITALIANO N. AGUIRRE II

Secretary
Department of Justice (DOJ)
DOJ Main Building
Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila

Dear Secretary Aguirre:



Greetings from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)!

Per Malacañang Proclamation No. 247 dated September 02, 2002, the month of September of every year is declared as **Development Policy Research Month (DPRM)** to promote and draw nationwide awareness on the importance of policy research in the formulation of national development plans, programs, and policies.

We shall be celebrating the DPRM once more this coming September. The theme of this year's celebration is "*Pagpapatibay ng Desentralisasyon Tungo sa Kaunlarang Panrehiyon*". Its English version is "**Strengthening Decentralization for Regional Development**". We chose this theme in view of the ongoing discourse on Federalism, and to highlight the need for in-depth reflections and analyses not just purely on federalism but encompassing the bigger umbrella of decentralization reforms. Through the month-long celebration, we wish to emphasize to our policymakers the importance of critical thinking and the formulation of appropriate policy interventions to advance development in the regions.

PIDS, as the agency designated to lead and coordinate the activities for the annual observance of the DPRM, hereby invites your agency/institution to participate in this year's celebration by:

1. Prominently displaying the DPRM banner/streamer within your institution's premises. Please see the attached file for the design and specifications. The banner template may be accessed at this link: bit.ly/dprm2017. You are free to choose between the English version and the Filipino version depending on your office's/locality's language preference. For inquiries regarding the banner, please contact Ms. Gizelle Manuel at gmanuel@mail.pids.gov.ph.
2. Featuring announcements about the DPRM and its theme in your publications, website, social media accounts, and other dissemination outlets.
3. Organizing activities or events that may be relevant to the theme or to policy research. If you have any of such activities/events, please e-mail the details to Ms. Reynalyn Argueza at RArgueza@mail.pids.gov.ph (copy to Ms. Viveka Miguel at VMiguel@mail.pids.gov.ph) so that we can include them in the List of Activities/Events for the 2017 DPRM Celebration which will be posted on the DPRM website at <http://dprm.pids.gov.ph>. The site will run throughout the months of September, October, and November 2017.

We thank you for your continued support to PIDS and the DPRM. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

GILBERTO M. LLANTO
President

Enc: Specifications for the banner/streamer
Proclamation No. 247
Confirmation Sheet



Philippine Institute for Development Studies
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Development Policy Research Month (DPRM) 2017
 September 2017

“Pagpapatibay ng Desentralisasyon Tungo sa Kaunlarang Panrehiyon”
 (“Strengthening Decentralization for Regional Development”)

Note: Please send via telefax nos: **(632) 877-4099** (c/o Reynalyn Argueza); or at **(632) 372-1292** (c/o Viveka Miguel); **OR** thru email to RArgueza@mail.pids.gov.ph or VMiguel@mail.pids.gov.ph.

Participation Confirmation Form

Institution/ Office Affiliation: _____
 Contact Person/s : _____
 Designation : _____
 Address : _____
 Telephone No.: _____ Fax No.: _____
 E-mail Address: _____

Activity/ Activities Planned:

Activity 1: Organization and/or conduct of fora/seminars/events/trainings

Title: _____
 Date: _____ Venue: _____
 Speaker/s and Institutional Affiliation (if any): _____

Activity 2: Display of streamer/banner about the DPRM celebration in a prominent place/ spot in your institution's/agency's/library's premises

Activity 3: Featuring announcements about the DPRM and its theme in your various publication or dissemination outlets as well as in your websites

Comments:

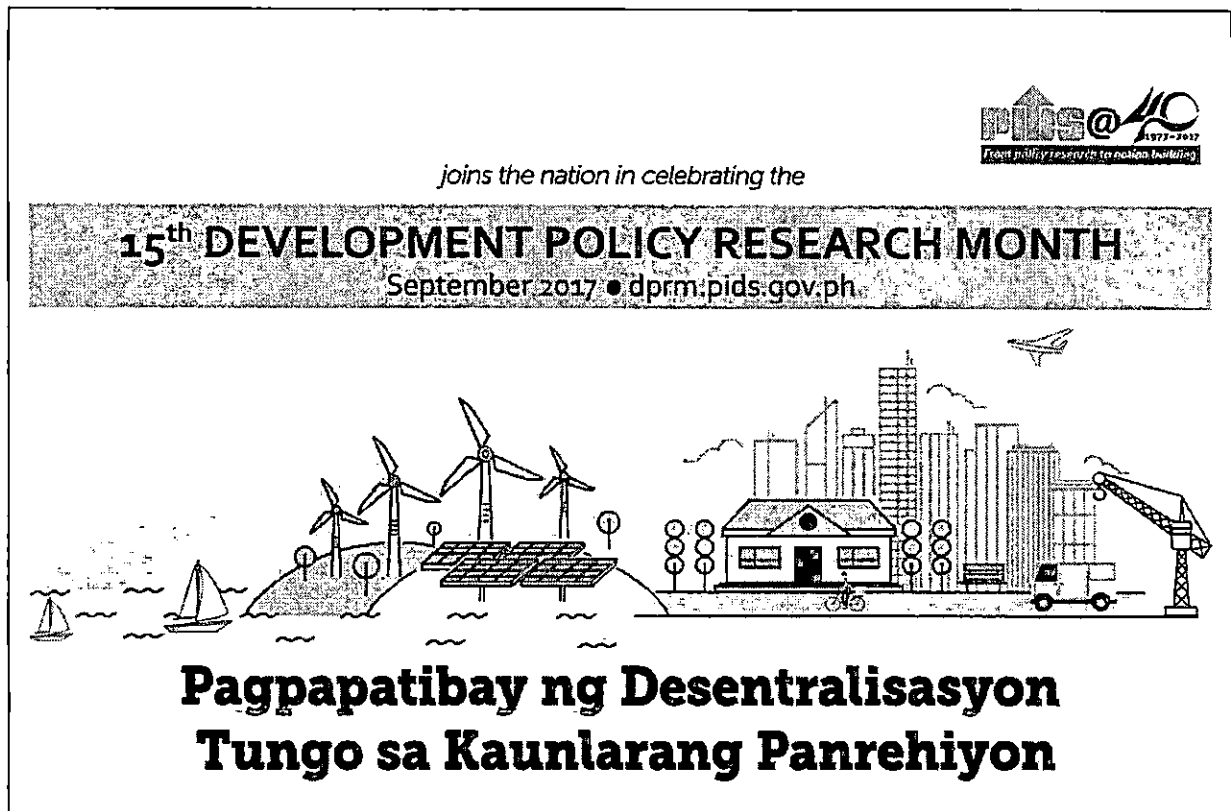
How to Use the DPRM Banner Template

PIDS, as the agency designated to lead and coordinate the activities for the annual observance of the DPRM, is inviting different agencies and institutions to participate in this year's celebration. An agency can participate by organizing events related to policy research or this year's DPRM theme, featuring announcements and articles about the DPRM in its dissemination outlets (publications, website, social media accounts), and displaying the DPRM banner/streamer within its premises.

The DPRM banner is available in two versions: English and Filipino. Just choose the version that best suits your area's language preference.

1) The DPRM banners are sized 6ft x 4ft.

2) Open the JPEG file using Adobe Photoshop or any other image editing application. The image below shows the Filipino version.



3) Insert your agency/company's logo and name as shown in the example below (Example shows banner by Local Gov't of Quezon City. Please use your own logo and name in the space provided in the template.)



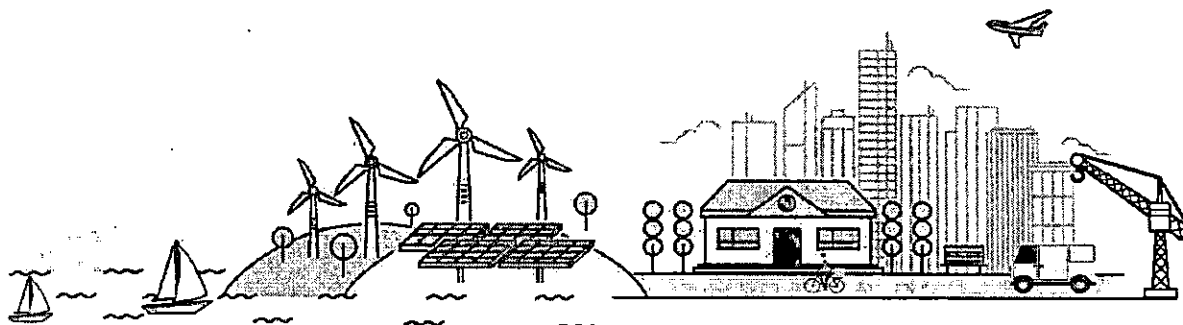
The Local Government of Quezon City

joins the nation in celebrating the



15th DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH MONTH

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**Pagpapatibay ng Desentralisasyon
Tungo sa Kaunlarang Panrehiyon**

For more details, you may reach us at Tel. No. (02) 8774016 c/o Gizelle or email gmanuel@mail.pids.gov.ph.

MALACAÑANG
Manila

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 247

DECLARING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
DEVELOPMENT POLICY RESEARCH MONTH.

WHEREAS, policy research is a critical component of policy formulation, planning and decision making in socio-economic development activities;

WHEREAS, policy research should be accorded its rightful place and given the official recognition it rightly deserves for its vital contribution to national development and nation-building;

WHEREAS, the observance of Policy Research Month will provide the means for promoting, enhancing, instilling and drawing nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and necessity of policy research as a tool for national socio-economic development and for insuring the support of the public at large for all activities aimed at advancing the quality and standard of policy research in the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the month of September of every year as Development Policy Research Month.


The Philippine Institute for Development Studies is hereby designated to coordinate all programmed activities lined up to mark and celebrate the Policy Research Month.

All departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, local government units, government owned or controlled corporations, the private sector, and the public at large are hereby enjoined to actively support the activities and programs for the Development Policy Research Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

Done in the City of Manila, this 2nd day of SEP ; in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and two.

By the President:


ALBERTO G. ROMULO
Executive Secretary

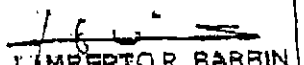


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LAMBERTO R. BARBIN
Officer-in-Charge
Malacañang Palace

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