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FROM:   
**JESSEL R. MATEO**  
 Undersecretary

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SUBJECT: **2017 National Biotechnology Week Celebration**

DATE: 9 October 2017

By virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1414 s.2007, the annual celebration of the **National Biotechnology Week (NBW)** every last week of November is institutionalized. For the 2017 National Biotechnology Week celebration, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is again the Chair and host of the national celebration with the theme *Bioteknolohiya Para sa Kalikasan, Kalusugan, Kagandahan, Kahulayan, at Kaunlaran: Lamang ang Masa at Magsasaka sa Limang "K" ng Bioteknolohiya* on November 20-24, 2017. This year's celebration recognizes the beneficial impact of the safe and responsible use of biotechnology and its products towards achieving and sustaining food security, equitable access to health services, and a sustainable and safe environment.

In relation to this, teachers and students from public and private schools are invited to participate in the activities organized by different government agencies and partner institutions. Attached herewith is the of calendar of week-long activities, and related build-up activities for reference.

For more information, please contact Ms. Mars Ynalvez, National Biotechnology Week (NBW) Secretariat, DA- Biotech Program Office at telephone number (02) 922-0057, (02) 927-0426, or through e-mail address [nbwphilbiotech@gmail.com](mailto:nbwphilbiotech@gmail.com).

For dissemination and appropriate action.

TO: EAS, TVL / EPP  
 For info and dissemination  
 Thanks!

To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers in-Charge  
 (Elementary & Secondary)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

**FEDERICO P. MARTIN, Ed.D., CESO-VI**  
 Schools Division Superintendent



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**INDORSEMENT**

TO: **SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**ALL DIVISIONS**  
**ALL OTHER CONCERNED**

October 30, 2017

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### National Biotechnology Week Proper

November 20	November 21	November 22	November 23	November 24
<p><b>2:00 - 5:00 pm</b>  <b>Food safety seminar for consumer groups</b>                      Expo Hall 3, Fisher Mall                      Quezon Avenue, Quezon City                      Organized by DA Biotech Program in partnership with PCAF                      (Open to the public)</p>	<p><b>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</b>  <b>Film showing: Food Evolution (Los Banos)</b>                      DL Umali Auditorium (Tentative)                      Organized by SEARCA-BIC, UP LABS, UP GRAINS and CropLife Philippines                      (Open to the Public)</p>	<p><b>5:00 pm - 7:00 pm</b>  <b>J. Burgos Media Awards</b>                      Organized by J. Burgos Media Services                      (by invitation)</p>		
<p><b>1:00 - 4:00 pm</b>  <b>New Breeding Techniques</b>                      Organized by ILSI SEA Region &amp; ILSI SEAR Philippines Country Committee</p>	<p><b>9:00 am - 2:00 pm</b>  <b>Lab to Market Forum</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by DA in partnership with BOI, BAR, and DOST                      (by invitation)</p>	<p><b>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</b>  <b>NRCP Forum (Forum title for updating)</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by NRCP                      (by invitation)</p>		

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<p><b>8:00 am</b>  <b>Ribbon Cutting Technology Exhibit</b>                      DA Lobby, Dept of Agriculture OSEC Bldg.,                      Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City                      Led by the DA Biotech Program</p> <p><b>9:30 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Filmshowing: Food Evolution</b>                      GT Toyota                      Diliman, Quezon City                      Organized by BCP</p> <p><b>10:00 - 11:00 am</b>  <b>Registration</b>                      Expo Hall 1, Fisher Mall                      Quezon Avenue, Quezon City</p> <p><b>11:00 am - 12:30 pm</b>  <b>Opening Ceremonies</b>                      Expo Hall 1, Fisher Mall                      Quezon Avenue, Quezon City                      (Open to the Public)</p> <p>Possible Keynote Speaker: Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri*</p>	<p><b>10:00 am - 10:30 am</b>  <b>Opening and Ribbon-cutting of Exhibit at the House of Representatives</b>                      Organized by DA Biotech Program and House of Representatives                      (Open to the Public)</p> <p><b>11:00 am - 5:00 pm</b>  <b>Social, Economic, and Other Factors in the Adoption of Biotech Crops in the Philippines</b>                      Montilla Hall, Batasang Pambansa Complex                      Organized by DA Biotech Program                      (by invitation)</p> <p><b>2:00 pm - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Agriculture Forum (Forum title for updating)</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by DOST-PCAAARRD</p>	<p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 am</b>  <b>Biotech briefing for Senators</b>                      Organized by DA in partnership with the Office of Senator Pimentel                      (TBC)</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Career Talk &amp; Biotech Forum</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by Philippine Science High School</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Seminar Forum: Innovations Essential to Sustainable Agriculture</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by...</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Environmental Forum (Forum title for updating)</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by ERDB</p>	<p><b>8:00 am - 12:00 am</b>  <b>DOH-FDA Health Care Forum (Forum title for updating)</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by FDA in partnership with BAI, NAMIS, WHO, UPLB, RITM                      (by invitation)</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Aquatic Forum</b>                      Organized by DOST-PCAARRD</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</b>  <b>Farmer's Congress (Luzon Leg)</b>                      Science City of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija                      Organized by ASFARNET in collaboration with DA Biotech Program and PhilRICE                      (by invitation)</p> <p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Media Conference on Food Safety</b>                      DA Conference Rooms 1&amp;2, 4F DA New Bldg., Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City                      Organized by IRRRI                      (by invitation)</p>	<p><b>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</b>  <b>Health Forum (Forum title for updating)</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by DOST PCHRD and FNRI</p> <p><b>2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b>  <b>Closing Ceremonies</b>                      Expo Hall 1, Fisher Mall                      Quezon Avenue, Quezon</p>
<p><b>12:30 pm</b>  <b>Ribbon Cutting Technology Exhibit and Trade Fair</b>                      Expo Hall 1, Fisher Mall                      Quezon Avenue, Quezon City                      (Open to the Public)</p> <p><b>1:00 - 2:00 pm</b>  <b>Press Conference</b>                      Kingbee Restaurant, 3F Fisher Mall                      Quezon Avenue, Quezon City                      (Open to the Public)</p> <p>Lunch</p>	<p><b>1:30 pm - 4:00 pm</b>  <b>Biotechnology Applications Forum with HS students</b>                      (Venue)                      Organized by DOST-PCIEERD                      (Open to the Public)</p>	<p><b>9:00 am - 3:00 pm</b>  <b>Seminar for Environmental Lawyers</b>                      Bocobo Hall (TBC)                      Organized by UP RLS in partnership with DA</p>	<p><b>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</b>  <b>Filipino Faces of Biotechnology</b>                      Convention Hall, Bureau of Soils and Water Management                      Visayas Ave., Elliptical Rd., Diliman                      Quezon City                      Organized by the DA Biotech Program                      (RSVP)</p>	

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