The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS), the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) and the Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology (PFST) are sponsoring the 1999 Young Scientists and Sci-Artists Program nationwide, with the theme "Batang Agham, Batang Bayani" with focus on Science for Everyday Life: Energy and Environment.

As part of the program’s celebration, a nationwide competition in science and art, which involves students in the grade school and out-of-school street children as participants, will be conducted. The Young Scientists is a challenging mental activity which serves as a forum for intellectual and social interactions among grade school children, while the Sci-Artists is designed to stimulate the creative awareness of children about science and technology through the visual arts.

One of its category, the Sci-Artists Competition, is open to street children, survivors of conflict and violence and children in difficult situations. Thus, all DSWD local and provincial officials/heads and its attached agencies are hereby enjoined to extend financial assistance and moral support to the 1999 Sci-Art Competition participants by sponsoring their art and painting materials as well as fees in mailing their entries to the program.

Considering that the above-mentioned activity is a desirable friendly contest to mobilize and harness the youth’s potential in pursuit of artistic quality in the fields of science and art, all concerned citizens are also encouraged to extend maximum support and cooperation to the program.

All DSWD Regional Directors are hereby likewise directed to lend support to the 1999 Young Scientists and Sci-Artists Program by coordinating with different agencies/departments within their respective jurisdictions with the view to generate greater interests and active multi-sectoral participation to the program.
For more details about the contests, interested parties may contact:

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For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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By:

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
    DSWD

SUBJECT : Amendment to Memorandum Circular No. 01

This has reference to the Department’s Memorandum Circular No. 01 regarding the 1999 Young Scientists and Sci-Artists Program dated May 13, 1999.

We received a letter from Director Leticia Moran-Zerda of the Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology that the theme has been revised from “Satang Agham, Batang Bayani” to “Batang Agham sa Bagong Milenyo” with focus on Science as a way of Life: Energy and Environment.

Please take note of this revision.

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Undersecretary