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NSCB Resolution No. 006
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ENJOINING SUPPORT TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF WORLD STATISTICS DAY

WHEREAS, the Philippines has been observing the National Statistics Month (NSM) since 1990 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, "Declaring the Month of October of Every Year as the National Statistics Month;"

WHEREAS, the UN Statistics Division (UNSD) reports that, along with the Philippines, 101 other countries and areas have been celebrating a statistics day, week or month to raise the profile of official statistics;

WHEREAS, in September 2008, the UNSD consulted countries and regional and international agencies on the proposal of observing World Statistics Day on 20 October 2010;

WHEREAS, an overwhelming support was solicited from around 75 countries and international organizations towards this initiative, confirming that the time had come to declare such a special day to celebrate all the achievements of official statistics and to enhance its visibility at the national, regional and global levels;

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of the service provided by the global statistical system at the national and international level, and of the need to help strengthen the awareness and trust of the public in official statistics, the United Nations Statistical Commission, in its 41st session held on 23-26 February 2010, endorsed 20 October 2010 as the date of the first World Statistics Day (WSD), to be observed by national, subregional, regional, and international statistical offices or entities;

WHEREAS, the overarching theme for the first WSD will be "Celebrating the Many Achievements of Official Statistics" with emphasis on the core values of service, integrity and professionalism;

WHEREAS, the WSD will serve as an advocacy tool to further support the work of statisticians across different settings, cultures and domains;

WHEREAS, during this worldwide celebration, activities at the national level will highlight the role of official statistics and the many achievements of the national statistical system, and international, regional and subregional organizations will complement national activities with additional events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board: (1) enjoin the support and participation of the members of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS) to the nationwide observance of World Statistics Day on 20 October 2010; and (2) endorse to the Office of the President the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation on the nationwide observance of World Statistics Day on 20 October 2010;

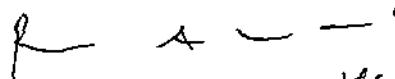
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BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER that the:

- (a) PSS agencies submit listing of activities for the WSD to the NSCB Technical Staff for approval of the NCS/NSM/WSD Steering Committee;
- (b) NSCB Technical Staff serve as overall WSD coordinator in the PSS to:
 - (1) facilitate sharing of information regarding the activities being planned to celebrate WSD in the Philippines, particularly thru the NSCB and the UNSD/WSD websites; and
 - (2) ensure the success of the various programs/activities to be undertaken during the WSD celebration.

Approved this 12th day of May 2010, in Pasig City.

Attested by:


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THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

14 July 2010

Excellency,

I have the honour to bring to your attention General Assembly resolution 64/267 in which the Assembly decided to designate 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day under the general theme of "Celebrating the many achievements of official statistics" and the core values of service, integrity and professionalism. The General Assembly further invites Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, to observe World Statistics Day.

Statistics are critical in evidence-based decision-making across all cultural and historical backgrounds of countries and irrespective of their level of development. In adopting resolution 64/267, the General Assembly acknowledged the fundamental importance of sustainable national statistical capacity to produce reliable and timely statistics and indicators. Solid data are an indispensable basis for informed policy formulation and for monitoring the Millennium Development Goals at the national, regional and international levels.

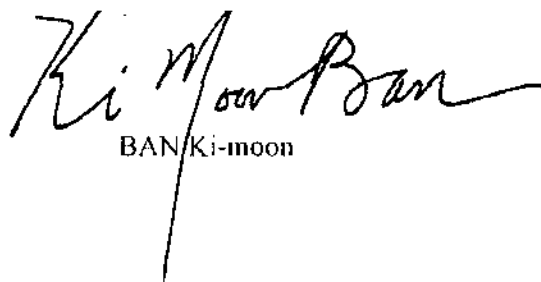
I am heartened by the sincere efforts made in many countries in recent years to strengthen their statistical capacity, under the leadership of the national statistical office, in areas such as the population and housing censuses and the monitoring of MDG progress. I am also encouraged by the announcements of many national statistical systems to celebrate the first World Statistics Day. I invite your Government, as the primary producer, user and beneficiary of official statistics, to lend your full and timely support to these efforts.

His Excellency
Mr. Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III
President of the Republic of the Philippines
Manila

The Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs has created a website to share information on the various forms in which this World Statistics Day is being celebrated around the world (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/wsd/Default.aspx>). I would like to encourage your Government to inform us about your plans, so that your information can be made visible for all.

Let us make this historic World Statistics Day a success by acknowledging and celebrating the role of statistics in the social and economic development of our societies and by dedicating further efforts and resources to strengthening national statistical capacity.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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