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Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency

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Dear **Partners and Colleagues:**

Greetings from the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA)!

As the government agency mandated to promote volunteerism as a strategy for sustainable development, PNVSCA has been conducting advocacy activities that will create awareness and promote volunteerism among the different sectors of the society.

On August 27, PNVSCA launched the **2021 National Volunteer Month (NVM)** celebration with the theme "*Volunteer Now: Spark Hope, Create Solutions, and Respond to the Pandemic Challenges.*" The NVM celebration is held every December pursuant to Presidential Proclamation no. 55, series of 1998, with a series of different activities, such as fora, summits, contests, and recognition ceremonies.

This year, PNVSCA identified simple but meaningful activities to commemorate the NVM given our current situation, which include the following:

- a. **Search for Outstanding COVID-19 Volunteers (SOCV).** SOCV aims to recognize the contributions of individual volunteers and volunteer organizations in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- b. **Philippine Volunteers' March Translation Contest.** The Philippine Volunteers' March will be translated from English to any Philippine local language as a means to promote volunteerism. It also aims to heighten the significance of volunteerism among the various ethno-linguistic communities in the country by using their local language or dialect.
- c. **Spoken Word Poetry Contest.** This contest aims to promote volunteerism and encourage the participation of the public in volunteerism activities through performance arts.

Relative to these, may we earnestly request the assistance of your office in disseminating and promoting the abovementioned contests. Attached are the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the SOCV and the promo collaterals for your use. The detailed guidelines or mechanics can be downloaded from the PNVSCA website: <https://bit.ly/NVM2021Activities> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/PNVSCA>. We also hope that your office will participate in the various activities of the NVM celebration. Lastly, in posting the NVM activities on your social media accounts, kindly use the hashtag #NVM2021 and tag us on Twitter and Facebook.

Should you have further clarifications, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Tess Bahom through this email address: pcmed@pnvsca.gov.ph.

Thank you very much and please accept our best wishes.

Very truly yours,

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