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T O: VSU Faculty, Staff and Students

R E: 2023 National Women's Month Celebration (NWM)

The Philippines celebrates National Women's Month every March. The 2023 celebration marks a juncture in the advancement of women's rights as it launches a new recurring theme from this year to 2028: **WE for gender equality and inclusive society**. It sparks a renewed commitment to the advocacy and banks on the gains achieved during the 2016-2022 theme, WE Make CHANGE Work for Women, which emphasized the need for compassionate and harmonized networks towards gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE).

The recurring theme also aligns with the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, which aims for "deep economic and **social transformation** to reinvigorate job creation and accelerate poverty reduction by steering the economy back on a high-growth path." The plan also highlights that growth must be **inclusive**, building an environment that **provides equal opportunities** to all Filipinos and **equipping them with skills** to participate fully in an innovative and globally competitive economy.

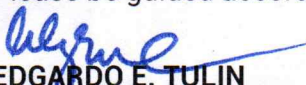
We begin this new era of the National Women's Month Celebration with the hope and ambition that **WE are all for Gender Equality, WE are all for an inclusive society** (<https://pcw.gov.ph/national-womens-month/>)

The Gender Resource Center and GAD Focal Point System will organize the activities for the NWM celebration. There will be a Flag Raising Ceremony 06 March 2023. Other key activities include a 1) Webinar Layo na, pero layo pa: Conversations on creating a gender-equal and socially inclusive university on March 8, 9 AM - 12 NN. and 2) Forum on Climate Justice for Gender-responsive and Resilient Communities on March 17, 9:00 AM - 12:00 NN at the RDE Hall. A separate program will be issued for these events.

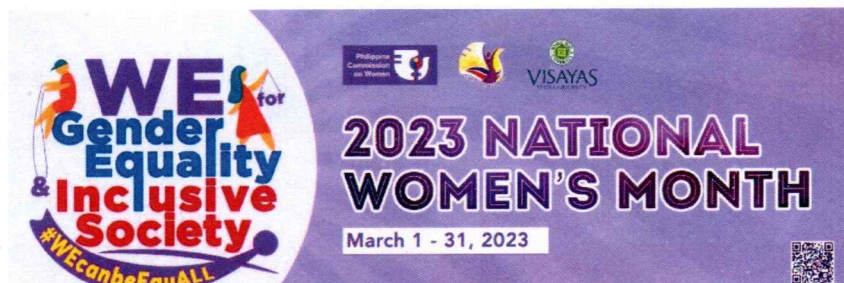
All College Deans, Directors, Center/Department/Office Heads and College GAD Coordinators in the main and component colleges are requested to include in your monthly staff meeting for March an input on the NWM and to encourage the participation of your faculty, staff, and students in all the activities. Likewise, the GAD Coordinators are required to submit the documentation report on the NWM activities organized/implemented in their respective colleges and offices to the University Gender Resource Center by April 15, 2023.

A calendar of activities is attached to this memo. Everyone is enjoined to participate in this celebration towards a more gender-equal and socially inclusive VSU.

Please be guided accordingly.


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President

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Purple Wednesday Gender Sensitivity and ASH Orientation for DOH Students going on OJT	2	3 Musika ng Kababaihan Friday	4
5	6 VSU Admin Flag Raising Ceremony	7	8 Purple Wednesday Webinar: Layo na, pero layo pa: Conversations on creating a gender-equal and socially inclusive university	9	10 Musika ng Kababaihan Friday	11
12	13 GRC Flag Ceremony	14	15 Purple Wednesday	16	17 Forum on Climate Justice for Gender-responsive and Resilient Communities Musika ng Kababaihan Friday	18
19	20	21	22 Purple Wednesday	23	24 Musika ng Kababaihan Friday	25
26	27	28	29 Purple Wednesday	30	31 Closing Program for the NWM	

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