

M E S S A G E

On the 34th celebration of the National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation Week, we are focusing on the sector's clamour for active participation in economic activities in their respective communities through this year's theme: ***MAINSTREAMING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.***

With the Department of Labor and Employment at the helm of planning for this year's celebration, we are assured that the message of persons with disabilities to be mainstreamed within the labor force will be heard to realize their aspirations and become active participants in nation building.

Let me extend my gratitude to the members of the National Technical Working Group, composed of government agencies, non-government organizations and disabled people's organizations, who diligently put together relevant activities for a week-long celebration for all stakeholders to participate in. It is our hope that in every year's celebration, we remind our duty bearers and claimholders to work together to achieve our goal for a rights based, inclusive and barrier free society for all.

In solidarity,



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