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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

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: THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS, PROJECT MANAGER, UPRP; PROJECT MANAGER, AMIADP; PROJECT DIRECTOR, NIA-UNDP PROJECT; HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND STAFFS, REGIONAL PROVINCIAL AND PROJECT IRRIGATION ENGINEERS, IRRI-GATION SUPERINTENDENTS, CHIEFS OF DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED.

National Irrigation Administration

SUBJECT : <u>Participation</u> by Government Officials and Employees in the February 27, 1975 National Referendum

Quoted hereunder for your information and guidance are pertinent portions of Civil Service Memorandum Circular # 4 S. 1975 encouraging government officials and employees to participate in the February 27, 1975 National Referendum, to wit:

"The Secretary of Justice in Opinion No. 19, s. 1975 opined that active participation in a discussion on the questions to be submitted to the people in the forthcoming national referendum would not constitute partisan political activity within the contemplation of the provision of the Civil Servise Law.

The Opinion further stated that in the forthcoming national referendum, the people will be called upon not to elect a new set of local government officials, but to decide on issues affecting their form of local government.

In view of the above and as the Commission has a similar stand on the matter, it is hereby urged that officials and employees of your respective departments be encouraged to participate in public discussions on the questions submitted in the referendum.

As these questions vitally affect national life, the participation of all concerned would result in a more fruitful discussion of the issues and in a better enlightened citizenry.

> (SGD.)EPI REY PANGRAMUYEN Acting Commissioner of <sup>C</sup>ivil Service

January 31, 1975"

In order to afford NIA officials and employees the opportunity to be heard and to express their views on vital issues concerning the forthcoming referendum and the right of suffrage, it is directed that the contents of the abovequoted memorandum circular be disseminated to your respective personnel.

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(SGD.)ALFREDO L. JUINIO

February 18, 1975