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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services
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PRESS RELEASE

Celebration of the 30th National Astronomy Week

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) is mandated to spearhead the annual celebration of the **National Astronomy Week (NAW)**, observed every 3rd week of February under the **Presidential Proclamation No. 130, s. 1993**. This year's celebration will be on 19 – 25 February 2023, with the theme **"Breaking Barriers in Philippine Astronomy: Overcoming Adversity for a Better and Sustainable Development"**.

The theme for the 30th National Astronomy Week (NAW) celebration is in line with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). It focuses on the 4th SDG which is Education. The celebration of NAW will focus on educating the youth of this generation through a series of lectures and activities with the following objectives:

1. Promote Philippine astronomy among youths;
2. Conduct free planetarium shows and telescoping and stargazing sessions;
3. Conduct free basic astronomy seminar and workshop for public school teachers of the Division of Bulacan;
4. Conduct an astro-camp for junior high school students

The free planetarium shows will be conducted daily from 08:00 A.M. to 04:00 PM at PAGASA Planetarium, Science Garden, BIR Road, Barangay Central, Quezon City. Meanwhile, the free telescope and stargazing sessions will be at the PAGASA Astronomical Observatory, Ma. Regidor St., U.P. Campus, Diliman, Quezon City starting at 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM nightly. Slots will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information about the celebration, kindly contact Engr. Ma. Rosario C. Ramos, Chief of Space Science and Astronomy Section (SSAS) at the telephone number (02) 8284-0800 loc 106 or send an email at astronomy@pagasa.dost.gov.ph

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