



Republic of the Philippines
Supreme Court
Office of the Court Administrator
Manila

OCA CIRCULAR NO. 172-2020

TO: ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS

SUBJECT: SIXTH NATIONWIDE JUDGMENT DAY PROGRAM ON 20 NOVEMBER 2020

On the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA), and to underscore the continuing efforts to decongest court dockets and jail facilities, the 6th Nationwide Judgment Day Program shall be conducted on **20 November 2020, Friday**, by all first and second level courts nationwide.

In line with this, you are **DIRECTED** to immediately conduct an inventory of civil and criminal cases, especially those involving persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), and set them for hearing on **20 November 2020, Friday**, with the objective of terminating these cases pursuant to existing laws, rules, and guidelines. This directive, however, should not prevent any court from promulgating judgments or releasing PDLs on an earlier date when warranted by circumstances.


For judges presiding over more than one court, or sharing prosecutors and public attorneys with other courts, appropriate coordination shall be undertaken and the proper notices timely sent to the parties and counsels, prosecutors, and Public Attorney's Office, and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology.

At the conclusion of the Nationwide Judgment Day Program, all courts shall **IMMEDIATELY ACCOMPLISH** the survey/report form to be posted at the Official Announcements and Issuances Teams Channel in the Philippine Judiciary Office 365 platform. For questions on the form, kindly contact the Court Management Office, Office of the Court Administrator, through its official email address (ocacmo.sc@judiciary.gov.ph) or its Judiciary 365 Teams account.

All Executive Judges are further instructed to ensure that all courts within their supervision comply with this directive.

For strict compliance.

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