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SUBJECT : GUIDELINES FOR CHED REPUBLICA AWARDS

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Pursuant to Section 8 Republic Act (R.A.) No. 7722, mandating the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to promote/enhance research in and on higher education, CHED hereby issues the attached **Implementing Guidelines for CHED REPUBLICA AWARDS** for immediate dissemination.

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Implementing Guidelines
CHED REPUBLICA AWARDS
(Outstanding Research and Publication Awards)

The CHED REPUBLICA AWARDS are offered annually to recognize and reward outstanding research outputs that contribute to the discovery, adaptation of new knowledge and innovative technology that lead to sustainable development or generation of concepts which propel significant advances in the CHED identified priority disciplines.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide impetus for enhancing research productivity in public and private HEIs
2. To promote greater appreciation of the importance of research in higher education and in national development
3. To recognize excellence in research

AWARD CATEGORIES

Twenty awards are given in the following categories:

Category	Prize
<i>Zonal REPUBLICA Awards (18)</i>	
9 Winners	- medal and cash prize of P50,000
9 Runners-up	- medal and cash prize of P25,000
(one pair each for the 9 zones covered by the CHED Zonal Research Centers)	
<i>National REPUBLICA Awards (2)</i>	
1 Winner	- medal; cash prize of P150,000.00; P150,000.00 research award for any or combination of the following: in-country lecture tour, presentation in a national conference or presentation in an international conference
1 Runner-up	- medal; cash prize of P100,000.00; P100,000.00 research award for any or combination of the following: in country lecture tour, presentation in a national

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Research output that has been published or has been accepted for publication in a refereed journals (local or foreign) within the last 3 years prior to the date of the award. Research as defined for purpose of the Award includes works of social and natural scientists using the scientific methodology and excludes works of creative writers.
- Research output with major part done in HEIs in the Philippines
- Produced by a Filipino-researcher or a research team with a Filipino as main researcher and member from faculty or research staff of the nominating HEI in the Philippines
- Members of the CAB are not qualified

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominees shall be evaluated and ranked on the basis of the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
I. General Criteria	70%
A. Originality of research (covering both theories/concepts and methodology) -	30%
B. Quality of Publication(s)	- 20%
Technical quality (conceptual framework, methodology, findings, conclusions)	
Clarity of presentation	
Thoroughness of documentation	
Quality of journal	
Citations	
C. Academic Significance (or impact)	- 20%
Contribution to knowledge	
Contribution to global concerns	
Contribution to policy development	
II. Specific Criteria	30%
Relevance/potential impact to the region and the country (contribution to community/national development)	
Total	100%

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

For the Zonal REPUBLICA Awards

Each HEI within the zone can nominate one (1) research output only
Nominations should be endorsed by the President of the HEI to the ZRC
Nominations should be submitted in four (4) packets consisting of:

- Completed nomination form
- Narrative summary of research (not more than 6 pages including tables and figures)
- Nomination letter showing how the publication meets the award criteria
- Good quality photocopies or reprints of nominated research publication(s)

A Zonal Awards Board (ZAB) composed of the ZRC Director and two (2) other experts identified by the ZRC Director shall evaluate the nominations using the above criteria and pick out the winner and runner-up to be endorsed to the Central Awards Board (CAB).

For the National REPUBLICA Awards

The CAB shall formulate the criteria for selection of national winners and identify the panel of judges composed of the CAB Chairman and Co-Chairman plus three (3) other external experts (two Filipinos and one international expert) to select the national winner and runner-up from among the Zonal Winners using the formulated criteria.

TIMETABLE

Deadline for submission of nominations to ZRCs:	2 nd Monday of January 2004
Deadline for submission to CAB	: 2 nd Monday of March 2004
Announcement of winners	: April 2004
Awarding ceremony	: May 2004 (to coincide with the 10 th Anniversary of CHED)