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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 374, s. 2000

BSP-DECS 1st NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents

1. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) are jointly sponsoring a national oratorical contest to highlight the 11th National Statistics Month (NSM) this year, with the theme: "Empowering Filipino Women Through Gender Statistics" or "Pagbibigay Kapangyarihan sa Kababaihang Pilipino sa Pamamagitan ng Estadistikang Kasarian."
2. The contest aims to:
 - a. promote, enhance and instill awareness and appreciation on the importance and value of statistics among the different sectors of the society; and
 - b. elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standard of statistics in the country.
3. The participants to this contest are fourth year high school students of any public/private school as well as from the laboratory schools of state colleges and universities nationwide.
4. Consistent with DECS Memorandum No. 306, s. 2000, DECS Regions I, V, VI, VIII, IX, XI, XII and CAR are requested to coordinate with the Regional Statistical Coordination Committees (RSCCs) thru the NSCB Regional Units (RUs) while the other DECS regions are requested to coordinate with RSCCs headed by either the NEDA Regional Director (RSCC Chairperson) or the National Statistics Office (NSO) Regional Administrator (RSCC Co-Chairperson) for said oratorical contest.
5. Attached are the guidelines and the details of the oratorical contest.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is earnestly enjoined.

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Secretary

Encl.: As stated

Reference: DECS Memorandum: No. 366, s. 2000

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under the following subjects:

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BSP – DECS 1st NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

This pertains to the conduct of the 1st BSP-DECS National Oratorical Contest and other related matters

THEME: “EMPOWERING THE FILIPINO WOMEN THROUGH GENDER STATISTICS” or

“PAGBIBIGAY KAPANGYARIHAN SA KABABAIHANG PILIPINA SA PAMAMAGITAN NG ESTADISTIKANG KASARIAN”

BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) SLOGANS:

- a) “Mag-impok sa Bangko”
- b) Stability through Timely Information
- c) Enhanced Economic Growth through Sound and Efficient Banking

The oratorical piece is on any topic on current issues/ and/or visions for the new millennium, in English or Filipino, to be delivered in six (6) –nine (9) minutes.

The topic must be in line with the objectives of the National Statistics Month and its theme for this year concerning gender statistics, and must be inspired by BPS concerns in banking and/or price stability.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To promote, enhance and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation on the importance and value of statistics among the different sectors of society, and
2. To elicit cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standard of statistics in the country.

ORGANIZERS: BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP)
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CULTURE & SPORTS
(DECS)

GUIDELINES:

I. CONTESTANTS:

1. The oratorical contest is open to interested fourth year high school students enrolled in any public/private high schools as well as laboratory schools of state colleges and universities nationwide.

2. Only one contestant/representative per school shall be selected and allowed to join the division level contest. The contestant must be nominated by the school principal.

II. COMPETITIONS:

The contest proper will start on the fourth week of August 2000. There shall be five levels of competitions, namely: 1. School Level Competition; 2. Division Level Competition; 3. Regional Level Competition, 4. Island-Cluster Level Competition; and 5. Final Competition.

The oratorical contest shall strictly follow this schedule:

August 18	-	Deadline for filling the application at the Division Office
August 25	-	School Level contest
September 8	-	Divisional Level contest
September 22	-	Regional Level contest
October 6	-	Island Clusters Level contest for Luzon, Visayas & Mindanao
October 26	-	National Finals to be hosted by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

1. School Level Competition

One participant from each section or class in the fourth year is encouraged to compete at the school level.

The elimination round shall be conducted at the school. The Department Heads, the subject coordinators and the principal shall render technical supervision and conduct the elimination round in the school level competition on the fourth week of August.

The principal in consultation with the section advisers and subject teachers concerned shall approve the set of at least three (3) judges for the school level contest.

2. Division Level Competition

The school level winners shall compete at the Division Level scheduled on the second week of September. The winners shall compete at the regional level competition.

The Assistant Division Superintendent of Schools together with the ES II for Mathematics shall invite three (3) judges of note and take charge of the Division level competitions.

Three winners will be proclaimed *but only the first place winner shall compete at the regional level competition.*

3. Regional Competition-

The Divisional winners shall compete at the regional competitions. The regional competition shall be held on the third week of September. The 16 winners from the 16 regions shall compete among themselves for the pre-finals.

The Assistant Regional Director (ARD) shall act as chair with the ESII (Mathematics and English) as members who shall supervise/manage the Regional competitions.

4. Island-cluster Qualifying Round- PRE-FINALS COMPETITION

The 16 regional winners shall be grouped into 3 clusters and compete at the 3 Island-Cluster competitions held simultaneously in Manila, Cebu and Davao on the first week of October 2000. As a result of the cluster competitions, there shall be 9 qualifiers for the finals - 4 from the Luzon cluster competition, 2 from Visayas and 3 from Mindanao. They shall compete among themselves for the finals.

The island-clusters are grouped as follows:

Luzon Island-clusters: Regions 1, II, III, IV, V, CAR and NCR.
Visayas Island-clusters: Regions: VI, VII, VIII and Mindanao Island-Cluster groups of Regions: IX, X, XI, XII, CARAGA, ARMM

The host region shall conduct the island-cluster level competitions. The Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) shall monitor the conduct of the competitions.

5. Grand finals

The nine (9) island cluster finalists from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao shall compete in the Grand National Finals to be held in Manila on the last week of October 2000.

The Grand Finals shall be coordinated and supervised/managed by the BSP.

Winners shall receive the following prizes:

National Finals

Contestant School

First Prize	P 30,000 + trophy; trophy
Second Prize	P 20,000 + trophy; trophy
Third Prize	P 10,000 + trophy; trophy
Consolation Prize	P1, 000 + certificate
(For other contestants)	

Island Cluster Qualifying Round

Qualifier (4 for Luzon, 2 for Visayas, P 3,000+ plaque for school
3 for Mindanao)

Consolation Prize (other contestants) P1,000 + certificate

Regional Meets

First Prize	P3,000+medal ; certificate for school
Second Prize	P2,000+ medal ; certificate for school
Third Prize	P1,000+ medal ; certificate for school
Other contestants	Certificate

Trainers of 1st to 3rd placers in national finals, the cluster qualifying rounds and regional meets will receive cash prizes equivalent to (one fourth) $\frac{1}{4}$ of the prizes of the winners. All contestants and trainers for the regional, cluster and national finals will be given certificates of participation.

6. SUBSIDY:

Transportation expenses (actual airfare, ferry or land fare), board and lodging and food allowances shall be subsidized by BSP for each regional, cluster or national contestant and his/her coach. The BSP subsidy also covers other items including prizes, food and/or allowances for the judges, the disbursements of which shall follow the usual legal and auditing procedures of the COA.

III. COMPETITION MECHANICS:

1. The order of the contestant's presentation shall be determined by drawing of lot thirty minutes before the contest starts. A latecomer may be asked by the board of judges to deliver his/her piece at any time (as penalty for coming late)
2. Each contestant shall be given a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of nine (9) minutes to deliver his/her oratorical piece. A bell shall be rung once the contestant consumes eight (8) minutes of the allotted time. This indicates that s/he has one minute left to finish delivering his/her piece. After a minute, a buzzer will sound to signal the end of the allotted time. There shall be a 5.0 percent deduction from the total score for every minute of extension thereafter. Delivery done before the sixth minute shall likewise received 5.0 percent deduction.
3. Host schools that shall organize the regional competitions shall be provided with banners bearing the logo of BSP, contest themes, schedule and venues.

IV. CRITERIA (FOR SCHOOL, REGIONAL, ISLAND CLUSTER COMPETITIONS)

The contestants will be judged as follows:

1. Content - 50% (Relevance of topic to or focus on the theme, originality/creativity, rhetorical organization, grammar)
2. Delivery - 40% (Refers to quality of voice, diction, fluency/mastery of the speech, pronunciation)
3. Stage Presence - 10% (Stage poise and appropriate use of the stage and gestures)

V. JUDGING:

A panel of judges for the school, divisional, regional and island clusters competitions, except for the finals shall be a person with known expertise in the fields of speech, drama, statistics, education, mass communication and/or related disciplines.

Judges may reserve not to award prizes if they deem the contestants do not meet the competition requirements.

The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the competition shall be final.

VI. OTHERS:

1. First degree relatives by consanguinity or affinity of employees and directors/trustees of the BSP are disqualified from joining the competition.
2. BSP reserves the right to use the names of the contestants and their entries for free in any broadcast, telecast or print medium. The contestants also grant the organizers the right to circulate the piece as deemed fit.