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**NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST ON TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET)**

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools

1. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd), shall hold a national oratorical contest as one of the highlights of the TESDA's 9th anniversary celebration in August 2003. The theme of the celebration is "Technical and Vocational Education and Training: The Choice for a Bright Future".
2. The contest is designed to generate greater public interest in the wide opportunities for graduates of para-professional courses, and to foster a general interest in the role of TESDA as the manager of the TVET sector and its functional linkages with industrial partners and end-users. Specifically it aims to:
 - a. build-up awareness of the corporate identity of TESDA as the authority in technical and vocational education and training;
 - b. widely disseminate information on TVET programs and TESDA's products and services;
 - c. lessen the social and cultural bias against TVET; and
 - d. create greater interest in para-professions as the choice for a more productive tomorrow.
3. The contest is open to all first, second, and third year secondary students in both public and private institutions nationwide.
4. The Regional and Division Offices are requested to coordinate with TESDA's Regional/Division Offices for the implementation of the program. Enclosed are the guidelines and the details of the contest.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.


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Secretary

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under the following subjects:

CONTESTS
STUDENTS
TECHNICAL EDUCATION
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

GUIDELINES OF THE ORATORICAL CONTEST ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

I. CONTESTANTS

1. The oratorical contest is open to all first, second and third year secondary students from both public and private institutions nationwide.
2. Only one contestant/representative per school shall be selected and allowed to join the division level contest. The contestant must be the winner in the school level competition and he/she must be nominated by the principal.
3. Division winners will vie for the regional award. Regional winners will vie for the national award.

II. COMPETITIONS

2.1 Time Frame:

The oratorical contest shall strictly follow this schedule:

- January 2003 – Launching of the contest
- March 2003 onwards – elimination at the Provincial/
Regional levels
- August 2003 (TESDA Anniversary Week) – National Competition)

III. COMPETITION MECHANICS:

The order of the contestants' presentation shall be determined by drawing of lots 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.)

Each contestant shall be given ten (10) to twelve (12) minutes to deliver his/her oratorical piece. A bell shall be rung once the contestant consumes eleven (11) minutes of the allotted time. This indicates that he/she has one minute 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 ten (10) minutes shall likewise receive 5.0 percent deduction.

Host schools that shall organize the regional competitions shall be provided with banners bearing the logo of DepEd and TESDA, contest themes, schedule and venues.

IV. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

The contestants will be judged as follows:

1. For the Oratorical Piece

- Originality
- Cohesiveness/coherence
- Clarity of message
- Syntax

2. For the Orator

- Rapport with audience
- Diction
- Vocal projection
- Stage presence

The weight for each criterion for judging shall be decided upon by the board of judges.

2.2 Contest Management at the Regional Level:

- The TESDA Committees all over the Philippines shall be tapped to manage the competition in cooperation with the Regional, Provincial/District Offices.
- At the National level, a Committee has been created to coordinate the implementation of the contest.
- In preparation for and during the actual conduct of the national competition, different committees will be organized to ensure the successful implementation of the contest.

2.3 School Level Competition:

One participant from each section by level (1st, 2nd, and 3rd year) is encouraged to compete at the school level.

The elimination round shall be conducted at the school. TESDA's provincial officials, the school principal and

The elimination round shall be conducted at the school. TESDA's provincial officials, the school principal and department heads shall render technical supervision on the conduct of the elimination round in the school level competition.

The TESDA's Provincial Directors and the School Principal together with the concerned section advisers shall approve the set of at least five (5) judges for the school level competition.

2.4 Division Level Competition

The school level winners shall compete at the division level. The winners shall compete at the regional level competition.

The TESDA Provincial Directors and the Schools Division/City Superintendents shall approve the set of at least five (5) judges for the division level competition.

2.5 Regional Competition

The winners at the division level shall compete at the regional competition. The 16 winners from the 16 regions shall compete among themselves for the national competition.

The TESDA Regional Directors and the DepEd Regional Directors shall approve the set of at least five (5) judges for the regional level competition.

V. CONTEST LANGUAGE

The contestants shall deliver their piece in English.

VI. BOARD OF JUDGES

The Committee recommends the composition of the Board of Judges for the national award, as follows:

- Department of Education
- Industry
- N G O
- Academe
- Anchor persons of radio and TV programs

The panel of judges for the provincial, regional level competitions, except for the finals, shall be those 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.

VII. PRIZES

↓ Cash prizes shall be awarded for the following winners:

1. Division level:

- Best Orator
- Best Coach
- Best Piece

The institution which garners the first prize shall automatically receive a trophy.

2. Regional level

- Best Orator
- Best Coach
- Best Piece

The institution which garners the first prize shall automatically receive a trophy.

3. National level:

- Best Orator
- Best Coach
- Best Piece

Non-monetary awards in the form of all-expenses-paid-trips to any region/school of choice shall be given.

- The institution which garners the first prize will automatically receive a trophy.
- All winning pieces from the Provincial, Regional and national levels will become properties of TESDA to be used in its

VIII. THEME

The contest will have for its theme, ***“Technical Education and Training, the Choice for a Bright Future”*** with focus on the following: global competitiveness, quality-assured Technical Education and Training (TET), and other TET-related topics.

IX. PROMOTION FOR THE CONTEST

The contest shall have a complete media coverage at the provincial, regional and national levels.

It is encouraged that actual competitions be held in public places such as plaza, auditoriums, or all-purpose halls and shall coincide with big events or celebrations.

X. RESTRICTION

Officials, personnel from the Central, Regional, and Provincial Offices of both DepEd and TESDA and their family members cannot participate in the oratorical contest. Likewise, family members of the board of judges are also disqualified from the competition.

XI. SECRETARIAT

The TESDA's Provincial and Regional Offices, together with designated representative from DepEd's Division/Regional Offices shall serve as the Secretariat at the provincial/regional level. The Office of the Non-formal TVET at the Central Office shall serve as the National Secretariat for the program. It shall oversee the implementation of the program and shall provide coordinative and administrative support to the National Board of Judges.

XII. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

As a national project, financial assistance shall be downloaded to the Provincial and Regional Offices from the Social Marketing and Advocacy (SMA) budget of TESDA.