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**THE CITIGROUP SUCCESS FUND: AWARDS FOR INNOVATION IN READING
PROGRAMS TOWARDS NATION BUILDING**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units
Heads, Public Elementary Schools

1. The Citigroup Inc., the Department of Education (DepED) and Sa Aklat Sisikat (SAS) Foundation have launched the "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovation in Reading Programs Towards Nation Building", as per signed Memorandum of Agreement dated September 14, 2004 (copy enclosed).
2. This awards program will recognize and honor innovative reading programs for public elementary schools from Grades I-VI and supports the implementation of such programs that help build community pride and togetherness. This project is open to all SAS schools.
3. Each SAS school will receive a proposal kit which will enable it to participate in the program. Each SAS school will form a team of three (3) to six (6) teachers who will put together a proposed reading program that will be innovative in its approach in helping children to read. The proposals will be screened and judged by a panel from the various fields of education.
4. The top thirty (30) proposals will be awarded cash grants in February 2005. Of these 30 proposals, three (3) schools shall be selected for first place, another three (3) for second place and three (3) for third place. The remaining twenty-one (21) schools will receive cash grants as runners-up. The winners are expected to submit a completion or status report to SAS Foundation upon the implementation of their idea in their respective schools.
5. Winning entries shall become properties of the Citigroup Success Fund and shall be allowed to publish or write a story about it. SAS Foundation will be allowed by

Citigroup to include the 30 winning ideas in the SAS Teachers Training Manual under a chapter titled "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovation in Reading Programs Towards Nation Building". Active participation from the various Sa Aklat Sisikat Schools is encouraged.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

Encl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1- -(D.O. 50-97)

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement made and entered into by and among:

Department of Education of the Philippines, hereinafter referred to as "**Department of Education**," a government agency duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with offices on Meralco Avenue in Pasig City, represented herein by Secretary Florencio B. Abad;

Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "**Sa Aklat Sisikat**," a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal offices at Petron MegaPlaza, 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, 1200 Makati City, represented herein by its President, Margarita Delgado;

and

Citibank, N.A. (Philippine Branch), a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and duly licensed to do business in the Philippines, with offices at the Citibank Tower, 8741 Paseo de Roxas Street, Makati City, represented in this act by its Vice President and Corporate Affairs Head, Lilibeth V. Fajardo, herein referred to as "**Citibank, N.A.**".

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is a government organization committed to providing quality basic education that is equitably accessible to all and to laying the foundation for life-long learning and service for the common good;

WHEREAS, Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation is an organization engaged in a literacy campaign particularly that which is to develop an interest, a love and the habit of reading among students in the public elementary schools in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Citibank, N.A., through the Citigroup Foundation, Inc., is an active proponent of quality education, focusing mainly on helping improve the public education system by providing resources for better schools, equipment, materials and teaching techniques;

WHEREAS, the above organizations are united in initiating and supporting activities focused on children's education;

WHEREAS, there is a common desire to institutionalize the system of developing in children the reading habit and an awareness of values through books;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of these premises, the parties to this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) do hereby agree as follows:

PART A
Roles and Responsibilities

Each party shall assume the following roles and responsibilities:

A. The Department of Education agrees to:

Endorse the "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovation in Reading Programs towards Nation Building", to wit:

1. Ensure the active participation of the schools eligible to participate in the program;
2. Support the project management team of Sa Aklat Sisikat, in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the project; and
3. Have direct personal involvement in activities such as the project launch and awards presentation.

B. Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation agrees to:

Be the lead organization in the "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovativion in Reading Programs towards Nation Building" in the activities hereunder:

1. Be responsible for the implementation of the project;
2. Assume over-all management of the project;
3. Coordinate with Citibank, N.A. on the conduct of activities;
4. Monitor the project; and
5. Consolidate and submit a status report in December 2004 and a terminal report upon project completion to Citibank, N.A., Public Affairs Office, including financial reports.

C. Citibank, N.A. through the Citigroup Foundation, Inc. agrees to:

Provide financial assistance to and support the "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovation in Reading Programs towards Nation Building", viz:

1. Provide funding for the program through a donation enrolled with the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) on a restricted basis supporting the project operations and the implementation of the "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovation in Reading Programs towards Nation Building";
2. On best-efforts basis, solicit Citibank, N.A. volunteer/s to assist in the screening process; and
3. Include two Citigroup Senior Officers to be part of the panel of Judges that will select nine (9) of the thirty (30) most outstanding programs.

**PART B
General Agreements**

The parties agree:

1. That this MOA shall be based solely on the promotion/enhancement of literacy and values awareness in the public elementary schools that have incorporated the Sa Aklat Sisikat Reading Program into their curriculum;
2. To create a harmonious working relationship based on constant consultation, sharing of resources, and the quick and amicable settlement of disputes, should any arise in the interpretation or application of this MOA;
3. That this MOA covers the "Citigroup Success Fund: Awards for Innovation in Reading Programs towards Nation Building" to be conducted in the Philippines. Thereafter, the parties upon mutual agreement may expand the program in other activities through the execution of an addendum to this MOA.

**PART C
Effectivity and Termination**

This MOA shall be effective from September 2004 to February 2005.

Any party may terminate this MOA upon written notice to the other parties at least fifteen (15) days prior to the intended date of termination.

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PART D
Governing Law

The validity, construction and performance of this MOA shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

PART E
Severability

If any provision of the MOA shall be held invalid or contrary to law, the validity of the other terms and conditions thereof shall not be affected thereby and shall continue to be in full force and effect. However, should the severance alter the basic nature of the MOA or is contrary to public policy, the above provision shall not prevail.

PART F
AMENDMENTS

Any and all amendments and modifications to this MOA shall be in writing and signed by all the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signature this _____ day of _____, 2004 at Makati City, Philippines.


Department of Education
By:


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

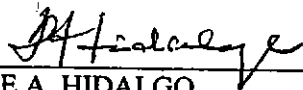
Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation, Inc.
By:


MARGARITA L. DELGADO
President


Citibank, N.A.
By:


LILLIBETH V. FAJARDO
Vice President

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:



FE A. HIDALGO
Undersecretary
Department of Education



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
_____)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in _____, Makati City, this
_____ day of _____, personally appeared the following:

Name	Community Tax Certificate No.	Place and Date Issued
Florencio B. Abad Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation, Inc.		
Margarita L. Delgado Lillibeth V. Fajardo Citibank, N.A.		

known to me to be the same persons who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed as well as that of the corporations herein represented.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL on the date and the first above written.

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