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BSP-DEPED 2<sup>ND</sup> NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

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

1. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepED), will hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Oratorical Contest to highlight the 16<sup>th</sup> National Statistics Month (NSM) with the theme "Modernizing Agriculture and Fishery Through Quality Statistics".

2. The contest aims to:

- a. promote, enhance and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics; and
- b. elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading quality and standards of statistics in the country.

3. The five (5) levels of competitions will be conducted on the following dates:

School Level	: August 8, 2005
Division Level	: September 2, 2005
Regional Level	: September 16, 2005
Island Cluster Level	: October 7, 2005
Finals/National Competition Level	: October 28

4. The participants in this contest are Fourth Year high school students from any public/private schools nationwide. Please see enclosure for more information on the guidelines and mechanics on this contest.

5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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BSP-DepED 2<sup>nd</sup> National Oratorical Contest  
Guidelines and Mechanics

**A. Guidelines**

I. Contestants:

1. The oratorical contest is open to any interested fourth year high school student enrolled in any public/private high schools nationwide.
2. There shall only be one (1) contestant/representative per school who shall be selected/allowed to join the division level. At the first level of competition, the contestant must be nominated by the school principal.

II. Competitions:

There shall be five levels of competitions on the following dates:

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| 1. School Level                       | - Aug. 8 (Monday)   |
| 2. Division Level                     | - Sept. 2 (Friday)  |
| 3. Regional Level                     | - Sept. 16 (Friday) |
| 4. Island Cluster Level               | - Oct. 7 (Friday)   |
| 5. Finals/ National Competition Level | - Oct. 28 (Friday)  |

1. School Level Competition:

- 1.1 There shall be as many contestants depending on the number of sections of the fourth year class in the school. Fourth year students are encouraged to compete at this level; but only one contestant will emerge winner to represent the school. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.
- 1.2 The elimination round at the school level shall be supervised by the principal/ asst. principal to be assisted by the department head and the English teachers.
- 1.3 The principal, in consultation with the subject teachers concerned shall nominate a set of at least three (3) judges for the school level contest.

2. Division Level Competition:

- 2.1 The school level winner/representative shall compete at the Division Level scheduled on September 2.
- 2.2 The elimination round at the Division Level competition shall be conducted by the Asst. Division Superintendent of Schools in coordination with the education supervisors concerned (TLE, English, Math) and the three (3) judges of note invited to judge the competition.
- 2.3 Three (3) winners will be proclaimed but only the first place winner shall compete at the regional level competition.
- 2.4 A certification from the Superintendent with the name and contest piece of the first place orator shall be submitted to the Regional Committee.

3. Regional Competition:

- 3.1 The Divisional winners shall compete at the Regional Level competitions on Sept. 16.
- 3.2 Three winners (3) shall be proclaimed but only the first placer shall officially represent the region in the pre-finals competition for the Island Cluster Qualifying Round.
- 3.3 The Regional Director/Asst. Director shall supervise/manage the conduct of the regional competitions with the coordination of the concerned coordinators (TLE, Mathematics, English).
- 3.4 A Certification from the Regional Director with the name and contest piece of the 1<sup>st</sup> place orator shall be submitted to the Island Cluster Committee.
- 3.5 A report of the conduct of the regional competition shall be submitted to the Island Cluster focal person.

4. Island-Cluster Qualifying Round/Pre finals Competition:

- 4.1 The Island Cluster competition shall be held in the three different venues - Manila, Cebu and Davao simultaneously on Oct. 7. There shall be ten (10) qualifiers for the finals distributed as follows:

- 5 qualifiers for Luzon cluster
- 2 qualifiers for Visayas cluster
- 3 qualifiers for Mindanao cluster

- 4.2 The host region shall conduct/supervise the Island Cluster level competitions. The Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) shall monitor the conduct of the competition.
- 4.3 The Island Cluster focal person shall submit to the Bureau a written report on the conduct of the competition.

5. The National Finals Competition:

- 5.1 The ten (10) Island Cluster qualifiers are the finalists for the national finals competition level. They shall compete in the National Finals to be held in Manila at the BSP Assembly Hall, BSP, Manila on October 28, 2005.
- 5.2 The national finals shall be coordinated/supervised and managed by the BSP

III. Prizes/Incentives:

1. Winners shall receive the following prizes:

1.1 National Finals

First Prize	P30,000+trophy; trophy for school
Second Prize	P20,000+trophy; trophy for school
Third Prize	P10,000+trophy; trophy for school
Consolation Prize for the other contestants	P3,000+ certificate

### 1.2 Island Cluster qualifying Round

Qualifiers (5 for Luzon, 2 for Visayas and 3 for Mindanao)	P5,000+plaque, plaque for school
Consolation Prize for the other contestants)	P1,000 + certificate

### 1.3 Regional Meets

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

### 2. Other incentives:

Trainers of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placers in the National finals, the Island Cluster per-finals and the regional competitions will receive cash prizes equivalent to ¼ of the prizes of the winners. All contestants and trainers for the regional, Island Cluster and the National finals will be given certificates of participation.

### 3. Subsidy:

- 3.1 Transportation expenses (actual airfare, ferry or land fare), board, lodging and food allowances shall be subsidized by the BSP for each qualified regional, Island Cluster and National Finals contestants and his/her coach.
- 3.2 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 prescribed by the COA.
- 3.3 The BSP shall provide the finalists and their respective trainers travel insurance from their place of origin to Manila.

## **B. Mechanics of the Contest**

1. Any 4<sup>th</sup> year high school student officially endorsed by any Philippine high school, whether private or public, duly recognized by the Department of Education (DepED) may participate.
2. The topic, in line with the objectives and broad theme is to be delivered in 8 – 9 minutes, in English.
3. The order of the contestant's presentation shall be determined by drawing of lot thirty minutes before the contest proper starts. A latecomer may be allowed by the Chair of the Board of Judges in consultation with the other judges, to deliver his/her piece at any time (as penalty for coming late).
4. Each contestant shall be given a strict time to deliver his/her piece of 9 minutes. There shall be a 5 percent deduction from the total number of points in excess of the 9 minutes. Likewise delivery done before 8 minutes shall similarly receive a 5 percent deduction.

5. Criteria (for all levels of competitions)

- Substance - 50% (relevance of topic to or focus on the theme, originality/creativity, rhetorical organization, grammar)
- Delivery - 40% (quality of voice, diction, fluency/mastery of the speech, pronunciation)
- Stage presence - 10% (stage poise, gestures, and appropriate use of stage)

6. Judges

6.1 A panel of judges for all levels (school, divisional, regional, island clusters and the finals competitions) shall be persons of known expertise composed of the academics, media practitioners and representing a balance of pertinent disciplines e.g. speech, drama, statistics, mass communication, agriculture, banking and finance to select the winners in all levels of the competitions.

6.2 The Board of Judges may reserve not to award prizes if they deem the contestants do not meet the competition standards.

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

- 7. BSP reserves the right to use the name 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 contest piece as deemed fit.
- 8. In the event the official candidate cannot make it to the national finals, the second placer can take his/her place during the finals.