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RIZAL MORAL LEADERSHIP AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

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

1. The Order of the Knights of Rizal (the Order) has been mandated by law through Republic Act No. 646, to promote the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal among Filipinos especially the youth.

2. In the observance of the Rizalian Year (2005-2006), the Order, the National Historical Institute (NHI), the Department of Education (DepED), the Philippine Historical Association (PHA), and other affiliate organizations have shared a common interest to launch the different programs as follows:

- a. Rizal is Alive Forum
 1. a half-day program to be conducted on September 19-23, 2005 at the National Capital Region in conjunction with the 114th Anniversary of the Publication of El Filibusterismo on September 18, 2005. However, this forum will be replicated in other parts of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao during the Rizalian Year.
 2. the Speakers to this forum are from the Order, NHI, Kapisanan ng mga Gurong Nagmamahal kay Rizal (KAGUNARI), Philippine Association of Teachers in History and Rizal (PATHRI), and the Philippine Historical Association (PHA).
 3. the forum will be participated in by 100 third year and fourth year high school students from various schools within the National Capital Region.
 4. the cooperating institutions will also discuss the possibility of donating a Rizal Bust to a lucky NCR school participant in the Rizal is Alive Forum.
- b. The National Rizal Quiz Contest is a nationwide contest among high school students (1st year to 4th year). The contest will be conducted on the following dates and venues:
 1. October 23-26, 2005 at DepED Regional Office, Lahug, Cebu City;
 2. November 3-6, 2005 at DepED Regional Office, Cagayan de Oro City;
 3. November 25-28, 2005 at DepED Division of Laguna, Sta. Cruz, Laguna; and
 4. December 18-22, 2005, the National Grand Finals will be held at Teachers Camp, Baguio City.

- c. The Paligsahan sa Makabayang Pag-awit, a songfest among quartets coming from different schools around the country, singing patriotic songs. The contest will be held simultaneously with the National Rizal Quiz Contest (same dates and venue).

3. Travel expenses of the contestants, teacher-coaches, and Special Events Coordinators (regional/national) shall be charged against local funds (PTCA, local school board funds, or from NGOs and civic spirited clubs and associations). Travel expenses of Central Office Technical Working Committee and all other preparatory/actual expenses such as accommodations, food and service transportation (from DepED CO to Baguio City and vice versa) of the winners, teacher-coaches (national finals) shall be charged to OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

4. Prizes of the Regional and National winners amounting to Four Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (PhP440,000.00) for the National Rizal Quiz Contest and Sixty Thousand Pesos (P60, 000.00) for the Paligsahan sa Makabayang Pag-awit, will be the responsibility of the Order of the Knights of Rizal and the National Historical Institute. These include non-cash prizes such as books on history and culture which shall be given to the contestants and teacher-coaches. The mechanics for the Rizal National Rizal Quiz Contest and the Paligsahan sa Makabayang Pag-awit, subject to proposed changes as agreed upon by the concerned parties, are enclosed.

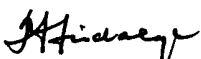
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6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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CONTESTS
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NATIONAL RIZAL QUIZ CONTEST

- Project** : The Order of the Knights of Rizal (ORDER),
Cooperating : Department of Education (DepED),
Institutions : National Historical Institute (NHI),
Philippine Historical Association (PHA)
Kapisanan ng mga Gurong Nagmamahal kay Rizal (KAGUNARI); and
Philippine Association of Teachers in History and Rizal (PATHRI)
- Nature** : The National Rizal Quiz Contest (the Contest) is a nationwide contest among high school students to test the breadth and depth of their knowledge of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, his teachings and his life.
- Purpose** : The Order of the Knights of Rizal (the Order) is mandated by Republic Act 646 to promote the teachings and example of Dr. Jose Rizal among Filipinos, particularly the youth. This activity is intended to help achieve that purpose.

CONTEST MECHANICS

A. National Level Competition:

1. The contest is open to Filipinos, First to Fourth year high school students from public and private schools, nationwide (SY 2005-2006).
2. The question will cover Philippine History with focus on Rizal (70%) and History and Culture (30%).
3. The media to be used will be Filipino and English. Each question shall be read twice. Once in Filipino and once in English.
4. There will be three (3) categories of questions consisting of ten (10) items each. The first category will be easy, to be followed by average, and difficult will be the last level. Each contestant shall be given fifteen (15) seconds to answer each question after the Quizmaster gives the signal to start (either using a buzzer or a bell). A signal will also be given to signify that the 15-second time limit has already lapsed. As soon as the signal to stop has been given, the participants shall raise their official flash sheets where their answers are written.
5. The questions shall be objective. The proper spelling and manner of writing the correct answer shall be strictly observed. All answers must be readable.
6. The contestants who will get the highest points shall be considered the National Champion; the second highest scorer will be declared the second prize winner; and the third highest will be declared the third prize winner, respectively. Should there be a tie, three (3) questions prepared for the purpose shall be given to break the said tie. The tie-breaker questions shall be treated as especially difficult questions.
7. Scoring shall be based on the following:

Category I	-	10 points each question
Category II	-	20 points each question
Category III	-	30 points each question
Tie-breaker	-	30 points each question
8. The contestant shall be provided by the sponsors with a white cardboard and a pentel pen during the contest.

10. Only first prize winners in the regional competition shall represent the region in the grand finals. However, should the regional first prize winner fail to attend the grand finals due to some unavoidable circumstances, the second prize winner shall automatically take his/her place in the grand finals.
11. The total budget for prizes (Regional/National) will be Four Hundred Forty Thousand Pesos (P440, 000.00). The concerned agencies will discuss the allotted prizes for the contest.
12. The National Grand Finalist, teacher-coaches, and coordinators (Regional/Division) will visit some historical/ cultural sites along the way to and around Baguio City.

B. National Level Competition:

1. The DepED Regional Offices, the Regional Historical Associations, and the Order of the Knights of Rizal Regional Chapters shall be responsible for the dissemination of the contest to all public and private secondary schools within their jurisdiction.
2. The regional elimination rounds shall be conducted by NHI, the Order, PHA, and DepED, in coordination with DepED Regional Director and his designated representative.
3. The regional level competition shall be composed of division winners (1 per division) who have been recommended by the Schools Division/City Superintendents.
4. Contest rules shall be drawn from the national level competition (nos. 4-10).
5. Prizes for the regional level competition winners will be funded by the Order and NHI. Aside from cash prize, other non-cash items such as books on history and culture shall be awarded by the sponsoring agencies (e.g. NHI and the Order) to all winners and their teacher-coaches during the regional competitions.
6. The DepED Regional Offices are enjoined to submit the names of their national contestants. The second best in the regional finals will take the place of the champion who can not make it to the grand finals. Both names shall be submitted two weeks before the scheduled contest to the Historical Education Division (HED) of the National Historical Institute (NHI) copy furnished DepED-Special Events Unit, and the Order of the Knights of Rizal. The names and addresses of the schools they represent, ages year-levels, two (2) pieces colored photographs (size 2" x 2") and name/s of their coaches shall also be included and transmitted to the HED-NHI for record purposes.
7. The DepED Regional Offices are enjoined to organize regional committees which shall be chaired by the DepED – ES II Social Studies in consultation with the Secondary Education Division chiefs serving as the Contest project chairman and with the Regional Special Events Coordinators as co-chairman. The names of the CONTEST Regional chairman and members must be submitted to the NHI on or before September 20, 2005.
8. The DepED ES II for Social Studies must prepare their own sets of questions during the division contest. Mechanics must be in conformity with the National level.
9. The transportation and the board-and-lodging of the contestants and his/her teacher-coaches during the conduct of the CONTEST regional elimination rounds shall be charged to local funds (PTCA, local school board funds, or from NGO's and civic spirited clubs and associations) subject to its availability, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

10. The DepED Regional Offices shall be responsible in providing the most appropriate contest venue and for other requirements of this project such as the physical arrangement, chairs, tables, rostrum, stage backdrop, sound system, simple snacks, and other necessary facilities which are needed to ensure the success of this contest.
11. Unless there are earlier reservations, the contestants and their coaches as well as the members of the National Technical Working Group must be given preference for the use of the DepED RELC during the conduct of the scheduled regional elimination rounds. In case of conflicts, the Regional Office shall house all the participants in any school nearest the contest venue.
12. The DepED Regional Directors shall ensure the active participation of all the public and private high schools under his/her administrative supervision and fill in the slots corresponding to the number of divisions competing for the regional elimination rounds.

C. Division Level

1. Each school is entitled to send only one (1) representative in the division elimination rounds. However, the Paligsahan sa Kasaysayan at Kultura ng Pilipinas regional champions in 2002, 2003, and the regional champions of the CONTEST 2003-2004 are disqualified to join the contest.
2. The elimination rounds in the various DepED Divisions shall be supervised by the DepED Regional Offices. The DepED Regional Coordinators (ES II-Social Studies and Division Special Events Coordinator) shall give the names of the top division winners with corresponding scores from the Division Coordinators (ES II-Social Studies and Division Special Events Coordinator). The information will be the basis in determining the top contestants who may qualify the regional elimination rounds.
3. It is suggested that the contest rules be based on the National Level Contest Mechanics so that there will be uniformity in the number of test items and scoring to be given nationwide.
4. Uniform set of questions shall be prepared by the Division Coordinators (ES I-Social Studies and Division Special Events Coordinator) to be given to all secondary schools in the division who will participate in the National Rizal Quiz Contest 2005-2006. Mechanics shall be based on the National Level.

D. Miscellaneous:

1. The DepED Regional Offices, Project Chairmen/co-chairmen, the national finalists, and their teacher-coaches shall be notified accordingly by the NHI in advance should there be any change in the schedules.
2. The DepED through the Special Events Unit (SEU) shall designate representatives for the National Rizal Quiz Contest and the Paligsahan sa Makabayang Pag-awit, as member of the Technical Working Committee. They shall be allowed to monitor the conduct of the regional and national level contests. Travel and other miscellaneous expenses to be incurred by the SEU Technical Working Committee members shall be charged against OSEC funds subject to the availability, usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
3. Education Supervisor II for Social Studies and or the Regional Special Events Coordinator shall be authorized to attend on-official-business the launching of the National Rizal Quiz Contest and the Paligsahan sa Makabayang Pag-awit during the History Week Celebration. (Date and venue to be announced later)

PALIGSAHAN SA MAKABAYANG PAG-AWIT

CONTEST MECHANICS*

PARTICIPANTS : Selected Quartet Singing Groups, represented by High School students in 14 Divisions of DepED NCR, DepED Divisions of Cebu City and Cagayan de Oro City

1. The contest is limited to the sixteen selected quartet singing groups represented by the different high school student, both from private and public schools, in the concerned above-mentioned area.
2. The quartet members must be duly enrolled during the school year 2005-2006 in any private or public secondary schools.
3. The coordinator of the quartet singing group must secure the necessary application from the contest administrators, the Order of the Knights of Rizal (3rd International Headquarters, Knights of Rizal Building, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila) or the Historical Education Division (HED) of the National Historical Institute (3rd floor, NHI Building, TM Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila).
4. The application forms must be duly accomplished with attached certification from the Schools Division/City Superintendent certifying that the quartet singing group has been officially selected by the concerned DepED Division office to join the contest.
5. Application forms will be available from September 1-30, 2005 during office hours. Submission of the duly accomplished form shall end at the close of office hours on September 30, 2005.
6. The contest is interpretative: Patriotic songs to be interpreted by the quartet singing group shall be their own free choice. However, new songs or primarily be old Filipino songs (e.g. kundiman). New songs or compositions with classical or *kundiman* like characteristic/style may be interpreted.
7. Contestants shall provide their own musical instruments (preferably guitar), costumes and "props".
8. The contest will be held at such times, dates and places as will be announced later. All contestants must be present at the above-mentioned places an hour before the concerned contest start for the briefing on the rules and procedure.
9. The Order of the Knights of Rizal and the National Historical Institute have the sole right to designate the persons who shall compose the Board of Judges.
10. The Board of Judges' decision shall be final and non-appealable.
11. The prizes for the winners shall be discussed among DepED, the Order and NHI.

* Subject to such changes as are appropriate and necessary.