



Office of the Secretary

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DepED MEMORANDUM
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HOLDING IN ABEYANCE THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL
LITERACY AWARDS

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

1. The Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC), in a special meeting held on January 30, 2006, reviewed its on-going programs and projects pursuant to its given mandate as well as utilization of its resources in the light of the cost-cutting measures imposed by the Government.
2. The Council agreed to give equal attention to policy formulation, capability building, research, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation efforts as mandated by law. Likewise, focus shall be given to advocacy/social mobilization efforts for its target clientele at the local levels – local chief executives, government and nongovernment organizations engaged in literacy work, and the media.
3. In view of the above, the 2006 National Literacy Awards shall be held in abeyance after more than a decade of implementation with almost 50% of the Council's annual budget utilized. An evaluation of the Award's impact and processes shall be conducted to determine how it has contributed to the country's efforts in reducing illiteracy and promotion of lifelong learning at the national and community level.
4. The evaluation also aims to arrive at a profile of the emerging efforts in various literacy initiatives and to generate insights on how these can be further enriched as a mechanism for advancing the cause of Education for All (EFA).
5. It is expected that the evaluation results which will be available by the third quarter of 2006, shall provide inputs for improving the strategy for literacy universalization and the future Awards programs.
6. In the light of the above cited changes and to avoid disruption of similar activities, DepED Regional Directors, Regional Chiefs-ALS Division, Schools Division Superintendents, ALS Supervisors and District Coordinators are encouraged to continuously monitor literacy development efforts. They are likewise requested to submit a list and profile of existing literacy practices worthy of recognition by the national LCC, utilizing the enclosed form, not later than June 30, 2006.

7. Literacy partners in the field are requested to extend their usual support to the conduct of the NLA impact evaluation and other LCC undertakings.
8. For further inquiries, please contact Dr. Norma L. Salcedo, Head of the Literacy Coordinating Council Secretariat, Rm. 414, 4th Floor, Mabini Building, Department of Education, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City with tel. nos. 631-0567/635-9996, telefax nos. 631-0590 and 631-0579.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Encl.: As stated

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Sally/Nat'l Literacy Awards
March 29, 2006

5. Brief description of the program:

6. Project Cost:

7. Actual output/impact on individual/community:

8. Contact person:

Name _____

Designation _____

Address _____

Tel. Nos./Mobile _____

Submitted by:

Date: _____

(Signature over printed name)

Designation: _____

Region: _____

Division: _____

City/Municipality: _____