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2007 METROBANK FOUNDATION SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS

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

1. The Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepED), announces the launching of the 2007 Search for Outstanding Teachers. Now on its 23rd year, the Search has awarded a total of 256 outstanding teachers from public and private schools all over the country.

2. The Search bestows honor upon the teaching profession by according special recognition to teachers who manifest profound commitment to the development of the youth through exemplary competence, remarkable dedication to their work and effective educational leadership. It singles out teachers who have made a significant contribution to national development by raising the quality of outcomes of education through their effective, innovative and creative teaching strategies, materials and devices and their admirable efforts to bring the school closer to the community and consequently, the community to the school, thereby providing models of excellence in the teaching profession.

3. The Search is open to all teachers who are Filipino citizens with full load in the elementary and secondary schools, and colleges/universities or higher education institutions, who have been actively teaching in the Philippines for the last 10 years (inclusive of leaves not exceeding three years, provided the nominee is not on leave, i.e., actually teaching at the time of nomination). However, the nominee must not be on leave for more than two years immediately prior to nomination. For both elementary and secondary categories, the basic educational requirement is bachelor's degree. Performance ratings should at least be "Very Satisfactory" for the last five (5) years. For those who have been on official/study leave or on secondment, performance ratings for five years closest to the period of nomination should be provided.


4. Each school is entitled to one nominee for each category and nominees must be officially endorsed by principals, head teachers or school heads, who are the only authorized to nominate teachers to the Search. For DepED schools without principals, the Teachers-in-Charge (TIC) can nominate, but the Schools Division/City Superintendent (SDS) must endorse the nomination. Head Teachers (HTs), TICs and Assistant Principals are eligible to join the Search, provided they carry a teaching load of at least 50% of the total load required by the nominating school for full-time faculty. However, they should be endorsed by any of the Division Supervisors, and the Schools Division Superintendents concerned as the official nominators.

5. The nominators are required to accomplish and sign the nomination forms with the complete required attachments (one original copy and three (3) photocopies with attached original 2x2 colored photos) and submit them directly or send them by registered mail to Metrobank Foundation, 15th Floor, Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, or to any Metrobank Branch nearest to the nominee's School. "Please do not send the supporting documents yet". The deadline for submission of the nomination forms shall be on or before February 5, 2007. Nominations sent by mail should be postmarked on or before the same date.

6. Starting 2007, winners of other searches conducted by reputable organizations for outstanding teachers at the regional/national/international levels are deemed automatic second-round qualifiers, provided they meet the basic eligibility requirements of tenure, performance and teaching load and passed levels of screening. They must also go through the usual nomination process and submit the duly-accomplished nomination forms and required attachments on or before the deadline. The school should nominate only one teacher in a given year even if there are several awardees from the same school.

7. For more information, please address your concerns, questions and suggestions and requests for additional forms to MBFI through tel. nos. 898-8898, 898-8855, 750-0837; telefax no. 818-5656 or e-mail at idlabitad@metrobank.com.ph. Other details are contained in the search guidelines together with official search nomination forms, brochures and primers, which can be obtained from the Metrobank Foundation Office, any Metrobank branch, DepED regional and division offices nationwide starting December 2006.

8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary

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