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THE VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

To: Regional Directors
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. The Office of the Vice President, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepED), Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation and the Rotary Club of Makati West (District 3830), is once again organizing the Vice President Noli de Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards this School Year 2008-2009.
2. With the theme "Edukasyon Sagot sa Hamon ng Kahirapan", the Awards aim to achieve the following objectives:
 - a. recognize public secondary school students who have shown exemplary performance in academics and leadership;
 - b. encourage the Filipino youth to excel and to lead the way towards genuine public service; and
 - c. give recognition to public secondary school students who, despite challenging circumstances, have achieved success in academics, co-curricular activities or as student-leaders through hardwork and perseverance, thereby serving as inspiration to others.
3. The Awards, which consist of two categories, namely: Academic Excellence Award and Exemplary Leadership Award, are open to all presently enrolled Fourth Year public secondary school students nationwide.
4. The Awards Mechanics, Nomination Form and the Profile of the Vice President are contained in Enclosures 1, 2 and 3 respectively.
5. All Education Supervisors/Coordinators handling the Student Government Program and/or Araling Panlipunan in the regional and division offices shall be the coordinators for the Awards in their respective areas who shall be fully supported and assisted by their respective offices. The School Principal shall designate the Department Head or the Teacher handling the Student Government Program and/or Araling Panlipunan as the coordinator for the school.
7. All Regional Directors, Schools Division/City Superintendents and School Heads are encouraged to give generous support to the Awards. Expenses in this regard shall be charged against local funds subject to its availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. All Division Offices are required to submit a report on all the necessary information on the dissemination of this Memorandum and the actual conduct of the screening and selection in the Division Level on or before December 1, 2008 to the DepED Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA), Ground Floor, Mabini Building, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

9. For queries, please contact the Office of the Vice President c/o Chief of Staff Atty. Jesse H. T. Andres at tel. no. (02) 551-3897 and DepED-CSCA c/o Executive Director Joey G. Pelaez at tel. nos. (02) 631-8495 or (02) 636-3603.

10. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

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**THE VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

AWARDS MECHANICS

I. RATIONALE

The Vice President Noli de Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards were initiated by Honorable Noli "Kabayan" de Castro to recognize public secondary school students who have shown exemplary performance in academics and leadership. It also seeks to encourage the Filipino youth to excel and to lead the way towards genuine public service. Significantly, the awards likewise aim to give recognition to public secondary school students who, despite challenging circumstances, have achieved success in academics, co-curricular activities or as student-leaders through hardwork and perseverance, thereby serving as inspiration to others.

II. CATEGORIES

The Awards recognize outstanding performance in the following categories:

A. Academic Excellence

The Vice President Noli de Castro Academic Excellence Award shall be given to the student who has shown exemplary performance in academics, brought honor and prestige to the school through various academic-related competitions, contests and exposures, and by reason of which has received other awards recognizing his/her academic excellence.

There shall be four (4) winners in this category; one each from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and the National Capital Region.

B. Exemplary Leadership

The Vice President Noli de Castro Leadership Excellence Award shall be given to the student who has shown active involvement in school organizations as an officer, particularly in the Supreme Student Government and other DepED-recognized clubs or organizations. The student must have exhibited notable performance in implementing programs and projects and in delivering services that benefit not only his/her fellow students and the school but also the immediate community.

There shall be four (4) winners in this category; one each from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and the National Capital Region.

In both categories, the student must have shown in his/her own experience how he/she epitomizes the values of hardwork, determination, honesty, integrity and dedication to public service and how these values contributed in achieving academic excellence and exemplary leadership.

III. QUALIFICATIONS, REQUIREMENTS, SCREENING AND SELECTION PROCESS

A. Qualifications

The nominees must meet the following qualifications:

1. General Qualifications

- a. Must be a graduating high school student currently enrolled in any public secondary school;
- b. Must have at least one (1) year residency in the public school being represented;
- c. Must be a Filipino citizen;
- d. Must be nominated only once in any category consistent with the "one nominee per school per category rule";
- e. Must not have been subjected to school disciplinary action;
- f. Must not have been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude; and,
- g. Must have good moral standing.

2. Specific Qualifications

Academic Excellence

- a. Consistent honor student from First Year to Fourth Year (Up to Second Grading Period only);
- b. Must not have grades lower than 80% in any subject;
- c. Must have a general average of not lower than 85% considering all major subjects including MAKABAYAN; and,
- d. Must be active in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities.

Exemplary Leadership

- a. Must be an officer of a club or organization duly recognized by the school or the Department of Education or other socio-civic organizations;
- b. Must have implemented significant programs and projects that benefited his/her fellow students, the school and the immediate community; and,

- c. Must have no failing grades and with an average of at least 80% considering all major subjects including MAKABAYAN.

B. Requirements

The nominees must submit the following requirements:

1. Duly accomplished and signed Nomination Form;
2. Recent 2x2 colored photo;
3. Certification of Good Moral Standing from the School Principal;
4. Certification of Enrolment from the School Principal;
5. Certified True Copy of Form 137/Transcript of Grades from First Year to Fourth Year (Up to Second Grading Period Only);
6. Nomination Letter from the Section Adviser for the School Level Search, from the School Principal for the Division Level Search, from the Schools Division Superintendent for the National Level Search. (When submitting for the National Search, all nomination letters of the Section Adviser, School Principal and the Schools Division Superintendent must be submitted.); and,
7. Photocopy of pertinent certificates and awards received, including pictures if applicable.

C. Screening and Selection Process

The screening and selection process shall follow the following steps:

1. School Level Search
 - a. All public secondary schools shall have the free hand to organize their respective School Level Search Committee to determine their nominee for each of the category for the Division Level Search.
 - b. The School Level Search Committee shall be composed of not more than five (5) members as follows:

Chair	:	School Principal/Head
Vice Chair	:	Dep't Head/Teacher, Araling Panlipunan
Members	:	Dep't Head/Teacher, Values
		Dep't Head/Teacher, Any Subject
		President/Officer, PTCA
 - c. The School Level Search Committee shall certify as to the organization of a School Level Search Committee and as to the selection of the nominee for each of the category. Such certification shall be contained in the nomination form itself.

- d. The winner in each category shall represent the school in the Division Level Search.
- e. The nomination form, the requirements submitted and all documents which formed part of the selection process in the School Level Search shall all be forwarded to the DepED Division Office addressed to the Schools Division Superintendent c/o the Araling Panlipunan Supervisor/Coordinator or the Student Government Program Division Coordinator.

2. Division Level Search

- a. Each Division shall organize its own Division Level Search Committee to determine their own nominee for each of the category in the National Level Search composed of not more than five (5) members as follows:

Chair	:	Schools Division Superintendent
Vice Chair	:	Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Members	:	Araling Panlipunan Supervisor/Coordinator Values Supervisor/Coordinator Education Supervisor of Any Subject Area

- b. The Division Level Search Committee shall certify as to the organization of a Division Level Search Committee and as to the selection of the nominee for each of the category. Such certification shall be contained in the nomination form itself.
- c. To give equal opportunity for and achieve representation of all the cities and provinces of the country, the winner in each category shall represent the Division in the National Level Search.
- d. The nomination form, the requirements submitted and all documents which formed part of the selection process in the Division Level Search shall all be forwarded to Atty. Jesse H. T. Andres, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice President, 7th Floor, Philippine National Bank Financial Center Building, Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City.

3. National Level Search

- a. The National Level Selection Committee shall be chaired by Atty. Jesse H. T. Andres, Chief of Staff, Office of the Vice President. It will include representative/s from the Office of the Vice President (OVP), Department of Education (DepED), Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation and Rotary Club of Makati West (District 3830).

- b. Out of the nominations from the DepED Division Offices, the National Level Selection Committee shall select forty (40) finalists distributed as follows:

Area	Academic	Leadership
Luzon	5	5
Visayas	5	5
Mindanao	5	5
NCR	5	5

- c. The forty (40) finalists shall be officially notified by the Office of the Vice President and invited to a workshop per area where they shall be subjected to a personal interview session with the National Level Selection Committee and an essay-writing as part of the final screening and selection process.
- d. From the forty (40) finalists, the National Level Selection Committee shall select eight (8) winners, one from each category and area.

IV. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

The selection of the winners shall be based on the following criteria for judging:

A. Academic Excellence Award

1.	Academic Performance (First to Third Year up to the Second Grading Period of the Fourth Year)	-	30%
2.	Awards/Citations Received for Academic Achievements	-	20%
3.	Intellectual and Communication Skills	-	20%
4.	Involvement in Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities	-	10%
5.	Special circumstances which render the student's achievement more challenging (i.e. the Student should embody the values of Hardwork, Determination, Honesty, Integrity, and Dedication to Public Service)	-	20%
			100%

B. Leadership Excellence Award

1.	Leadership Performance	-	30%
2.	Involvement in Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Activities	-	20%
3.	Personal Qualities, Character and Communication Skills	-	20%
4.	Academic Performance (First to Third Year up to the Second Grading Period of the Fourth Year)	-	10%
5.	Special circumstances which render the student's achievement more challenging (i.e. the Student should embody the values of Hardwork, Determination, Honesty, Integrity, and Dedication to Public Service)	-	20%
			<hr/> 100%

V. TIMETABLE

2008

August	-	Issuance of DepED Memorandum
August-October	-	Dissemination of DepED Memorandum - Preparation of the Nomination Form and Other Documents by the Nominees
October 24	-	Deadline of Submission of Nominations for the School Level Search
October 27-31	-	School Level Search
November 7	-	Deadline of Submission of Winners in the School Level Search to the Schools Division Superintendent <i>(All documents and papers must be received by the Division Office on or before this date.)</i>
November 10-14	-	Division Level Search
December 1	-	Deadline of Submission of Winners in the Division Level Search to the National Level Search Committee through the Office of the Vice President <i>(All documents and papers must be received by the Office of the Vice President on or before this date.)</i>

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| December 8-19 | - | National Level Search Deliberations |
| December 22 | - | Notification of the 40 Finalists |
| 2009 | | |
| January 22-February 7 | - | Final Judging, Interview and Essay-Writing per Area |
| February 20 | - | Notification of Awardees |
| March 20 | - | Awarding Ceremony |
| March 21 | - | Post-Awarding Activities |

VI. PRIZES

All the awardees shall receive the Vice Presidential Medal and a PhP25,000.00 cash award.

VII. DISCLAIMER

- A. The Office of the Vice President (OVP) and the Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation, Inc. reserve the right to use the awardees' names, addresses, nomination forms, photographs and illustrations in published material and advertising connected with the awards at no cost beyond the award given.
- B. By affixing one's signature on the official nomination form, the nominees authorize Kabayan Noli de Castro Foundation and the Rotary Club of Makati West (District 3830) to copy, reproduce or publish their nomination form and related materials and any and all information obtained in the process of screening and evaluation for whatever legal purpose it may serve.
- C. Submitted material shall not be returned to the nominees.
- D. The organizers shall not be held liable for any inaccuracy, error or omission contained in any copy, reproduction or publication.
- E. The organizers' proceedings and deliberations during the screening and selection are confidential and shall not be disclosed.
- F. The organizers' decision is final and not subject to appeal or reconsideration.



THE VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

Print legibly. Mark appropriate boxes and use separate sheet if necessary.

Application No. _____

(Pls. choose only one) **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** **EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP**

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION			
SURNAME			
FIRST NAME			
MIDDLE NAME			
DATE OF BIRTH		RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	
PLACE OF BIRTH			
SEX	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		
CITIZENSHIP		ZIP CODE	
RELIGION		TELEPHONE NO.	
		CELL. NO.	
		E-MAIL ADDRESS	

II. FAMILY BACKGROUND			
FATHER'S SURNAME		POSITION	
FIRST NAME		OCCUPATION	
MIDDLE NAME		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
MOTHER'S SURNAME		OCCUPATION	
FIRST NAME		POSITION	
MIDDLE NAME		EMPLOYER'S NAME	
MONTHLY GROSS FAMILY INCOME			
NAME OF SIBLINGS		NAME OF SIBLINGS	

III. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND			
LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL (Write in full)	INCLUSIVE DATES OF ATTENDANCE	
		TO	FROM
SECONDARY *			
ELEMENTARY			
FOREIGN STUDY PROGRAM			
VOCATIONAL/TRADE COURSE			

* (Please Attach Certified True Copy of Grades for High School)

IV. ACADEMIC HONORS/ AWARDS RECEIVED AT SECONDARY LEVEL (Start from most recent)

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL / NATIONAL LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

REGIONAL LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

DIVISION/ DISTRICT LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

SCHOOL LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

(Continue on separate sheets if necessary)

V. NON-ACADEMIC HONORS/ AWARDS RECEIVED AT SECONDARY LEVEL (Start from most recent)

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL / NATIONAL LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

REGIONAL LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

DIVISION/ DISTRICT LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

SCHOOL LEVEL

NAME OF AWARD	AWARDING BODY	INCLUSIVE DATES

(Continue on separate sheets if necessary)

VI. EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Start from most recent)

INCLUSIVE DATES (mm/dd/yyyy)		POSITION / TITLE	ORGANIZATION'S NAME
From	To		
INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL LEVEL			
REGIONAL LEVEL			
DISTRICT/ DIVISION LEVEL			
SCHOOL LEVEL			

(Continue on separate sheets if necessary)

VII. TRAINING PROGRAMS ATTENDED (Start from most recent)

INCLUSIVE DATES (mm/dd/yyyy)		TITLE OF SEMINAR/ CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP/ SHORT COURSES	CONDUCTED/ SPONSORED BY:
From	To		
INTERNATIONAL LEVEL / NATIONAL LEVEL			
REGIONAL LEVEL			
DISTRICT/ DIVISION LEVEL			
SCHOOL LEVEL			

(Continue on separate sheets if necessary)

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION

A.) SPECIAL SKILLS / TALENTS _____

B.) FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Do you have any grade in any subject lower than 80%?

- YES
- NO

Is your average in all major subjects including MAKABAYAN not lower than 85%?

- YES
- NO

C.) FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Do you have any failing grades?

- YES
- NO

Is your average in all major subjects including MAKABAYAN not lower than 80%?

- YES
- NO

D.) HAVE YOU BEEN GRANTED A SCHOLARSHIP BY ANY ENTITY?

- YES
- NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE DETAILS _____

E.) DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS? IF YES, WHAT SCHOOL AND COURSE?

F.) HAVE YOU BEEN SUBJECTED TO ANY SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ACTION?

- YES
- NO

G.) HAVE YOU BEEN TRIED/ CONVICTED OF ANY VIOLATION OF ANY LAW/ DECREE/ ORDINANCE/ REGULATION BY ANY COURT/ TRIBUNAL?

- YES
- NO

IF YES, GIVE DETAILS _____

H.) ARE YOU VYING FOR VALEDECTORIAN?

I.) ARE YOU INTERESTED TO TAKE UP ANY TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL COURSES? IF YES PLEASE CHOOSE A COURSE BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CALL CENTER | <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES | <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL TOURISM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AVIATION | <input type="checkbox"/> ANIMATION | <input type="checkbox"/> HOTEL AND RESTAURANT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST | <input type="checkbox"/> LEGAL TRANSCRIPTION | <input type="checkbox"/> METAL SERVICES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOFTWARE DEVELOPER 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | |

IX. ESSAY ON ACADEMIC OR LEADERSHIP PERFORMANCE

A.) FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Please explain the highlights of your academic achievements as well as your significant participation in co-curricular activities.

B.) FOR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP AWARD NOMINEES ONLY

Please explain the highlights of your achievements as an exemplary student leader and your significant involvement in extra-curricular activities.

(Use separate sheet)

X. ESSAY ON THE STUDENT'S SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please explain your personal circumstances and how you deal with obstacles and challenges in a manner that your success and achievements can serve as an inspiration to others.

Please cite instances which show that you embody the values of honesty, integrity, determination, dedication to public service and hard-work.

(Use separate sheet)

ATTESTATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I attest to the truth of all the foregoing facts and the authenticity of the documents attached to this form. I authorize the organizers to copy, reproduce or publish my nomination form and all related materials submitted, including any and all information obtained in the process of screening and evaluation for whatever legal purposes it may serve without need for any compensation. I understand that if any of the above given information are proven to be false, I will automatically be disqualified from this contest.

Signature over Printed Name of Student

Date Signed

Signature over Printed Name of Parent/ Guardian

Colored ID picture taken
within the last 6 months
2 x 2

Name of Nominee

LETTER OF NOMINATION

I hereby nominate the above-mentioned student for the Vice President Noli De Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards for the reasons stated in the attached sheet.

Section Adviser

Date

LETTER OF NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby nominate the above-mentioned student for the Vice President Noli De Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards for the reasons stated in the attached sheet.

I further certify that our school organized a School Level Search Committee and that the above-named student after due deliberation was selected as Nominee for the Division Level Search.

Chairman, School Level Search Committee

Date

LETTER OF NOMINATION AND CERTIFICATION

I hereby nominate the above-mentioned student for the Vice President Noli De Castro Academic Excellence and Exemplary Leadership Awards for the reasons stated in the attached sheet.

I further certify that our division organized a Division Level Search Committee and that the above-named student after due deliberation was selected as Nominee for the National Level Search.

Chairman, Division Level Search Committee

Date

BIOGRAPHY OF VICE PRESIDENT NOLI "KABAYAN" DE CASTRO

Noli De Castro's ascendancy to the second highest post in the Republic could rightly be called, as one news report put it, "the Pinoy dream." He transcended his family's poverty and now holds the mandate of the Filipino people.

More popularly known as "Kabayan (Compatriot) Noli", the Vice President was born on July 6, 1949 in Pola, Oriental Mindoro. At the age of 10, he experienced a great loss with the passing of his father. To ease his mother's burden in raising all her six children, Kabayan learned early on to earn a living by raising pigs and while also serving as an altar boy in the local parish. All his struggles started to pay off when he eventually graduated from the University of the East in Manila in 1971, with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce, majoring in banking and finance.

The most successful broadcast journalist in the annals of local media started his career in 1976 as a field reporter for Mr. Johnny de Leon, a popular radio announcer of DWWW. He became a radio announcer for the same station in 1982 until February 1986. When television broadcaster ABS-CBN resumed operations following the EDSA Revolution of that year, Kabayan was established as a credible and marketable television personality as a host of the morning show, "Good Morning, Philippines." Later he hosted several other successful shows, "such as "Magandang Umaga" (Good Morning), "Overseas Unlimited", and the longest running magazine program, "Magandang Gabi... Bayan!" ("Good Evening...Nation!"). In 1987, he started as an executive anchor of "TV Patrol," a primetime news program which Kabayan steered to unprecedented success as overall head of production.

In the radio, he was the host of the popular daily morning program "Kabayan" on DZMM. His success in radio and television broadcasting and production management was eventually noticed, and in 1999, Kabayan was promoted to the position of Vice President of ABS-CBN DZMM. The radio station achieved top rating under his watch.

As a host, Noli de Castro acted as an effective link between poor Filipinos and government offices. Kabayan was instrumental in bringing home needy Overseas Filipino Workers, assisting indigent patients, helping locate missing persons and reuniting them with their families. On "Magandang Gabi... Bayan" and "TV Patrol," he exposed numerous scams, scandals and instances of corruption, as well as environmental issues and other social concerns that, by way of media focus and consequent public awareness, made those responsible or involved accountable for their actions.

Kabayan received many awards and citations from the media industry, government agencies and civil society, including the Catholic Mass Media Award, the 7th and 9th KBP Golden Dove Award, and others from the Dangerous Drugs Board, Crusade Against Violence, the Philippine National Police, the Boys Scout of the Philippines, and the Rotary Club of Manila, among others.

Despite being an independent candidate, Noli de Castro emerged number one in the 2001 Senatorial Elections with a record of more than 16.2 million votes. In the Philippine Senate, he was chairman of 3 important committees: Tourism, Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development; and Cultural Communities. He was principal author and sponsor of Republic Act No. 9257, or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act; Republic Act No. 9285, or the Alternative Dispute Resolution Act; Republic Act No. 9288 or the New Born Screening Act; and Republic Act No. 9271 or the Quarantine Act. In his three years as Senator, Kabayan filed more than 140 bills and resolutions, including resolution calling for an inquiry in aid of legislation into the causes of the mass evacuation of Filipino residents in Sabah, and 25 education bills that sought to uplift the quality of education, grant scholarships to deserving students, and upgrade the salaries of school teachers.

With his new role as the Vice-President of a country with 80 million in population and a nation struggling to get on its feet, Noli "Kabayan" de Castro has indeed come a long way and is pressed to live up to expectations. But with all the challenges he has faced and all the obstacles hurdled in life, Kabayan is primed to do whatever it takes to deliver as a true public servant.