



**Tanggapan ng Kalihim**  
*Office of the Secretary*

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DepED MEMORANDUM  
No. **35**, s. 2009

23<sup>rd</sup> COMMEMORATION OF THE EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services, Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
All Others Concerned


1. Presidential Proclamation No. 1224 mandates that February 22-25 of every year is a commemoration of the historic EDSA People Power Revolution. All government agencies, civil society organizations, professionals and religious organizations, media and citizenry are enjoined to actively participate in all the commemorative activities as a continuing and permanent source of inspiration for the future generations. The theme of this years' celebration is "Pag-asa ng Bayan: Sakripisyo at Pagbabago Para Sa Kaunlaran".

2. To highlight the celebration, public and private schools are encouraged to observe the following activities:

- a. conduct of Flag Raising Ceremony;
- b. conduct of meaningful activities through classroom discussions, essay-writing, debates, and other similar activities;
- c. students are allowed to watch the special documentary "**Kasaysayan ng Lahi**" on February 23, 2009 at the following cable/TV channels on the following schedules:

- TV Channels:
  1. 7:30 am – NBN 4, RPN 9, and IBC 13;
  2. 9:00 am – ABS-CBN 2, GMA 7, QTV 11, and ABC 5; and
  3. 7:00 pm – IBC 13.
- Knowledge Channel and/or local community channels for all time slots; and
- At the end of the documentary, students may reflect through the guidance of their teachers using the reflection questions. (Enclosure No. 1)

- d. Likewise, teachers and students are enjoined to recite the Ecumenical Prayer for the Anniversary of the 1986 People Power Revolution (Enclosure No. 2: Ecumenical Prayer); and
  - e. The EDSA Youth Day Committee in coordination with the DepED-Special Events Unit will conduct the National Oratorical Contest on February 23, 2009, 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. (Enclosure No. 3: National Oratorical Contest Guidelines).
3. The school heads/administrators are expected to take the lead in the conduct of activities for the said event. However, activities to be undertaken shall in no way disrupt regular classes.
  4. For more information, please contact the Special Events Unit at telefax nos. (02) 637-5832 and (02) 637-5834 or mobile nos. (0919) 516-4759, (0927) 220-4951, and (0928) 607-5533.
  5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Undersecretary  
Officer-in-Charge

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE 1986 PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION

After a preview of the film People Power by Knowledge Channel, here are reflection questions to ask the youth of our country.

The teacher can create small groups of eight people per group. Their task is to respond to the questions. After 30 minutes of reflection, the teacher can gather the class for additional 30 minutes of each group sharing highlights of their answers, and of additional from the teacher.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. In 1986, how was the Marcos regime seen by the Filipino people?
2. For you, how significant is the 1986 EDSA Revolution?
3. Why was People Power associated with Prayer Power? What message did our People Power bring to these countries?
4. How did 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution inspire change in other countries?
5. "Bayan Ko" was a People Power song that stirred our hearts, sang with deep love of country. In our everyday life, how do we show our love of country?
6. If we are to talk about "People Power", when does it become convoluted from its essence, from its '86 experience?
7. How do we desecrate the memory of EDSA 1986? How do we honor and continue to give meaning to our celebration of People Power '86?
8. Why were the succeeding leaders not able to maintain the burning spirit of EDSA?
9. How do you assess the present generations' perspective on 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution?
10. Being a Filipino, are you proud to tell the young generation about the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution? Why?

## **ECUMENICAL PRAYER**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the 1986 People Power Revolution**

Father of all the ages, you have given us the freedom to shape our destinies in unity and the virtues to surmount together the challenges that confront us in the quest for what is good.

Where there is uncertainty and despair. You have given us immense capacity to Hope so that we can see beyond the adversities of the present.

Where there is so much disagreement and tumult. You have given us the capacity to Love so that we can move in non-violent ways beyond the things that divide us and build peaceful strong communities that enable us to be the best we can be.

Where there is much doubt and distrust. You gave us the gift of Faith so that we may grasp what lies beyond that which is merely evident and act with courage to redeem our humanity.

In a sea of many voices and confusion. You have given us the gift of Conviction so that we may act with boldness and solidarity to ensure a better future for our children and for our nation.

Once before, we had to summon all these virtues to replace a regime of fear with one of freedom, an epoch of violence with one of peace, and seek a path towards unity and humane development for our people.

Father of all these ages, we are still treading that path, occasionally threatened by a flood of distrust or a tide of despair. There are points along that path where it seems that we can push no father and there are moments when we are gripped by doubt about the direction we take.

We ask you, Father, to strengthen the virtues you have given us so that we can build a society that is humane and peaceful and a community that does not war.

All we commit in return, father, is an undying thirst for what is peaceful, what is righteous, what is good.

Amen.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EDSA PEOPLE POWER

### ORATORICAL CONTEST CONTEST MECHANICS

- I. **GENERAL RULES** - Subject to such changes as may be determined appropriate, the following General Rules shall apply:
- A. The contest is open to all high school students enrolled during SY 2008-2009 from public and private secondary schools nationwide.
  - B. The oratorical piece must be original and never been published expounding on the theme of the celebration. It must be in Filipino and the delivery must be in a minimum of seven (7) minutes and maximum of ten (10) minutes.
  - C. The Criteria for Judging are as follows:
    - i. Content
      - 1. Sincerity, originality  
& relevance to the anniversary theme 50%
    - ii. Delivery
      - 1. Posture, gestures, eye contact  
Facial expression, pronunciation.  
Volume 35%
    - iii. Persuasion and Stage Presence 15%
    - Total of 100%
  - D. The oration SHOULD NOT, in whole or in part, expressly and impliedly offend any race, religious freedom, against the laws of environment, honor and dignity, and against the moral standards of the Filipinos.
  - E. The concerned agencies have the right to publish the selected contest pieces and the right to determine other matters not included under the contest rules.
  - F. The EDSA Youth Day Committee and the DepED-SEU with the cooperating institutions and associations shall be responsible for the dissemination of the contest to all public and private elementary schools nationwide.
  - G. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.
  - H. The contestants during the national competition **shall wear appropriate attire.** (Barong for male and Filipiniana for female) School uniforms shall not be allowed.
  - I. Previous winners (first to third prize) during the NCR competition are disqualified to join the contest.
  - J. Proper replacement shall be applicable in case the representatives could not attend the contest.
  - K. The contest will be held on February 23, 2009, 1:00 o'clock pm at the DepED Bulwagan Ng Karunungan, DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.

## **II. REGIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION**

- A. General rules shall apply.
- B. The regional elimination rounds shall be conducted by the Regional Committee chaired by the Regional Director and to be assisted by the Regional Special Events Coordinator and the Chief of the Secondary Education Division.
- C. The Regional Committee shall be responsible in selecting the board of judges for the regional competition.
- D. The highest pointer/rank in the regional competition shall be declared as the First Prize winner, the second highest pointer/rank will be declared as the Second Prize winner and the third highest pointer/rank shall be declared as the Third Prize winner. Only the First Prize winner shall represent the region in the National Finals. In case the First Prize winner could not attend the National Finals, the second best in the Region shall be its representative.
- E. The regional offices through Regional Directors may allot at least Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00) for the cash prizes and other expenses that maybe incurred during the conduct of the regional finals.
- F. Travel expenses (transportation, per diem and other incidental expenses) and the board and lodging of the participants, coaches and coordinators in the different divisions shall be charged to local funds or may be sourced from NGO's, municipal/city funds, and civic spirited clubs and organization subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

## **III. NATIONAL FINALS**

- A. General rules shall apply.
- B. Representative from each region shall compose the National Level competition. The contestants who will get the highest point/rank shall be considered the National Champion; the second highest will be declared the second prize winner; and the third highest will be declared the third prize winner, respectively.
- C. The National Organizing Committee shall make the suitable arrangements to ensure the provisions of the funds necessary to carry out and implement the national finals.
- D. Travel expenses (transportation, per diem and other incidental expenses) of the contestants and coaches shall be charged to local funds or maybe sourced from NGO's, municipal/ city funds, and civic spirited clubs and organizations subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- E. Board and lodging of the contestants (17), coaches (17), and TWC Chaperons (17) shall be charged to EDSA Committee funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing and regulations.