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WINNERS OF THE 5TH PAMBANSANG GAWAD SA ULIRANG KABATAAN

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepED) through the Office of Assistant Secretary Jonathan E. Malaya and the Special Events Unit (SEU) with the Kalayaan 2009 National Organizing and National Technical Working Committees announces the winners of the 5th Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan held in connection with the 111th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence with the theme “Kagitingan, Kagalingan at Kasipagan Tungo sa Ganap na Kalayaan”.

2. The Secretary of Education Jesli A. Lapus conferred the Fifth Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan to five (5) students from public and private high schools during the awarding ceremonies at the Provincial Gymnasium, Malolos, Bulacan last June 12, 2009. The Five (5) Grand Winners who underwent a rigid screening and selection process are the following:

- a. Zarah Donna S. Domingo
Agusan National High School
DepED Caraga Region – Division of Butuan City
- b. Lorenz Ray B. Payonga
Marcial O. Rañola Memorial School
DepED Region V – Division of Albay
- c. Alyssa Tricia Eloise L. Vintola
Ramon Teves Pastor Memorial Dumaguete Science HS
DepED Region VII – Division of Dumaguete City
- d. Kevin C. Catapusan
Agusan National High School
DepED Caraga Region – Division of Butuan City

e. Isabella E. Supnet
Muntinlupa Science High School
DepED National Capital Region – Division of Muntinlupa City

3. The 5th Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan are all achievers, leaders, and active community workers. They have been selected from among the 6.5 million secondary students nationwide. Secretary Lapus called them the “Youth Heroes of the Land” because despite their financial difficulties, the National Ulirang Kabataan awardees have the burning desire to finish their studies, serve their community and country and to excel against all odds. Quoting the Secretary and the Project Chairman, Assistant Secretary Jonathan E. Malaya:

“These are the students who have shown academic, leadership and determination to face the future with courage despite their difficult circumstances”.

– Sec. Jesli A. Lapus

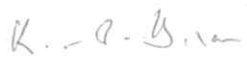
“Our young people are looking for role models and these awardees are here for all the Filipino youth to emulate”.

– Asec. Jonathan E. Malaya

4. The judges during the final interview were Assistant Secretary Raul Dominic I. Badilla, Commissioner of the National Youth Commission (NYC), Atty. Josefina DV. Saliva of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) and Mr. Eugenio “Boy” Abunda, Talk Show Host of ABS-CBN.

5. The prizes of the finalists and national winners include medals, plaque of recognition, and cash prizes from the Department.

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


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Undersecretary

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