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**BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS-DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (BSP-DEPED)  
3<sup>RD</sup> NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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

1. The *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)*, in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd), will hold the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Oratorical Contest in English to highlight the 21<sup>st</sup> National Statistics Month (NSM) with the theme "*Towards a Philippine Statistics System Responsive to Emerging National and Global Challenges*". Please see table below for the following levels of competition and dates:

<b>Level of Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>
School Level Screening	on or before August 20, 2010
Division Level Screening	on or before September 3, 2010
Regional Level Screening	on or before September 17, 2010
Island Cluster Level Screening	October 1, 2010
▪ Submission of winning students' profile forms and winning pieces to the BSP	October 8, 2010
National Level Finals at the BSP	October 29, 2010

2. The contest aims to: a) promote and enhance nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society; and b) elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

3. The participants to this contest are fourth year high school students from public and private schools nationwide. The DepEd policy on no teachers and students shall be pulled-out during school days shall be observed.

4. Deadline of application to join the contest submitted to Division Superintendents is on **July 26, 2010**. Enclosed are the guidelines and mechanics of the contest.

5. For more information, please contact Ms. Elizabeth G. Catao, Senior Education Program Specialist (SEPS) and Officer-in-Charge (OIC), Curriculum Development Division-Bureau of Secondary Education (CDD-BSE), DepEd Central Office at telefax no.: (02) 632-7746.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary



Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepED Memorandum: No. 239, s. 2005

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CONTESTS  
STATISTICS  
STUDENTS

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July 6, 2010

(Enclosure to DepED Memorandum No. 314, s. 2010)

**BSP-DEPED 3<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST**  
Guidelines and Mechanics

A. Guidelines

I. Contestants

1. The oratorical contest (in English) is open to any interested fourth year high school student enrolled in any public/private high schools including Alternative Learning System (ALS) in 17 regions nationwide.
2. There shall be only one (1) contestant/representative per school who shall be selected/allowed to join the division level. At the first level of competition, the contestant must be nominated by the school principal.

II. Topic

The topic shall be in line with the objectives and broad theme of NSM. The oratorical piece shall be delivered in English for a time limit of 8 to 10 minutes.

III. Competitions:

There shall only be five levels of competitions to be held on the following dates:

Information dissemination through DepED Memo to Schools Division Superintendents - July 12, 2010 (Monday)

Deadline of application to join the contest submitted to Schools Division Superintendents – July 26, 2010 (Monday)

1. School Level Screening - on or before August 20, 2010 (Friday)
2. Division Level Screening - on or before September 3, 2010 (Friday)
3. Regional Level Screening – on or before September 17, 2010 (Friday)
4. Island Cluster Level Screening – October 1, 2010 (Friday)
5. Finals/National Competition Level - October 29, 2010 (Friday)

Submission of winning students' profile forms and winning pieces to the BSP – October 8, 2010 (Friday)

1. School Level Competition:

- 1.1 The school level competition shall be held on or before August 20, 2010. There shall be as many contestants depending on the number of sections of the fourth year class in the school. Fourth year students are encouraged to compete at this level; but only one contestant will emerge winner to represent the school. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.

- 1.2 The elimination round at the school level shall be supervised by the principal/assistant principal to be assisted by the department head and the English teachers.
  - 1.3 The principal, in consultation with the subject teachers concerned shall nominate a set of at least three (3) judges for the school level contest.
2. Division Level Competition:
    - 2.1 The school level winners/representatives shall compete at the Division Level scheduled on or before September 3, 2010.
    - 2.2 The elimination round at the Division Level competition shall be conducted by the Assistant Division Superintendent of Schools in coordination with the education supervisors concerned (English, Math, TLE) and the three (3) judges of invited to select the winners.
    - 2.3 Three (3) winners will be proclaimed but only the first place winner shall compete at the regional level competition.
    - 2.4 A certification from the Superintendent with the name and contest piece of the first place orator shall be submitted to the Regional Contest Committee.
3. Regional Competition:
    - 3.1 The Division level winners shall compete at the Regional Level competition on or before September 17, 2010. In the event a Division level winner cannot make it to the Regional competition due to meritorious reason, the second placer will replace the said Division winner.
    - 3.2 Three (3) winners shall be proclaimed but only the first placer shall officially represent the region in the pre-finals competition for the Island Cluster Qualifying Round.
    - 3.3 The Regional Director/Assistant Regional Director shall supervise/manage the conduct of the regional competitions with the coordination of the concerned coordinators (English, Math, TLE).
    - 3.4 A certification from the Regional Director with the name and contest piece of the 1<sup>st</sup> place orator shall be submitted to the Island Cluster Contest Committee.
    - 3.5 A report of the conduct of the regional competition shall be submitted to the Island Cluster focal person.

4. Island Cluster Qualifying Round/Pre-Finals Competition:
  - 4.1 The Regional winners shall compete at the Island Cluster level competition to be held simultaneously in the three different venues – Manila, Cebu City, and Davao City on October 1, 2010. In the event a Regional level winner cannot make it to the Island Cluster level competition due to meritorious reason, the second placer will replace the said Regional winner. There shall be ten (10) qualifiers for the finals distributed as follows:
    - 4.1.1 5 qualifiers for Luzon cluster
    - 4.1.2 2 qualifiers for Visayas cluster
    - 4.1.3 3 qualifiers for Mindanao cluster
  - 4.2 The host region shall conduct/supervise the Island Cluster level competitions. The Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) shall monitor the conduct of the competition.
  - 4.3 The Island Cluster focal person shall submit to BSE a written report on the conduct of the competition.
5. The National Finals Competition:
  - 5.1 The ten (10) Island Cluster qualifiers are the finalists for the national finals competition level. They shall compete in the National Finals to be held in Manila at the BSP Assembly hall, BSP Complex, Mabini Street, Ermita, Manila on October 29, 2010.
  - 5.2 The national finals shall be coordinated/supervised and managed by the BSP. In the event the official candidate cannot make it to the national finals, the Island cluster second placer can take his/her place during the finals provided that the BSP is informed at least three days before the finals.
  - 5.3 Division of Responsibility  
The DepED, through the Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), shall disseminate the invitation and contest information to all secondary schools across the country, including the Alternative Learning System (ALS), at least two (2) weeks prior to the deadline for the submission of applications. It shall likewise supervise and coordinate all the related activities in various schools including the selection and distribution of prizes. To ensure a uniform system for choosing the finalists, a DepED representative will attend and monitor the selection process at the regional and island cluster levels. The selection of orators from the division to the island cluster levels will be under the general responsibility of the Department of Education (DepED). The DepED will provide the BSP with soft and hard copies of the island cluster winning pieces. The BSP shall coordinate, supervise and manage the National finals.

II. Prizes/Incentives:

1. The winners shall receive the following prizes:

- 1.1 National Finals at the BSP  
First Prize \_\_\_\_\_ P50, 000 + trophy; trophy for the school  
Second Prize \_\_\_\_\_ P40, 000 + trophy; trophy for the school  
Third Prize \_\_\_\_\_ P30, 000 + trophy; trophy for the school  
Consolation Prize for the Other Contestants (7) P7, 000 + plaque
- 1.2 Island Cluster Qualifying Round  
Qualifiers (5 for Luzon; 2 for Visayas; and 3 for Mindanao) P7, 000 + plaque; plaque for the school  
Consolation Prize for the other Contestants P2, 500 + certificate cash
- 1.3 Regional Meets  
First Prize \_\_\_\_\_ P5, 000 + medal; certificate for the school  
Second Prize \_\_\_\_\_ P3, 000 + medal; certificate for the school  
Third Prize \_\_\_\_\_ P2, 000 + medal; certificate for the school  
Consolation Prize for the Other Contestants Certificate

2. Other Incentives:

For the National Finals and the Regional competitions, trainers of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> placers as well as trainers of Island Cluster qualifiers will receive cash prizes equivalent to 25 percent of the prizes of the winners.

Trainers of finalists with consolation prizes in the National Finals will receive P4, 000 each.

All contestants and trainers for the Regional, Island Cluster and the National Finals will be given certificates of participation.

3. Subsidy:

2.1 Transportation expenses (most economical actual airfare, ferry, or land fare), board and lodging and food allowances shall be subsidized by the BSP for each qualified Regional, Island Cluster, and National Finals contestants and his/her coach.

2.2 The BSP subsidy also covers other items including prizes, food and/or allowances for the judges, in accordance with the agreed rates. The disbursements of which shall follow the usual legal, accounting and auditing procedures prescribed by the COA.

2.3 The BSP shall provide the finalists and their respective trainers travel insurance from their place of origin to Manila and from Manila back to their place of origin.

B. Mechanics of the Contest:

1. Any 4<sup>th</sup> year high school student officially endorsed by any Philippine high school, whether public or private, duly recognized by the Department of Education (DepED) may participate.
2. The topic, in line with the objectives and broad theme is to be delivered in 8-9 minutes, in English.
3. The order of the contestant's presentation shall be determined by drawing of lot thirty minutes before the contest proper starts. A late comer may be allowed by the Chair of the Board of Judges in consultation with the other judges, to deliver his/her piece at any time (as penalty for coming late).
4. Each contestant shall be given a strict time to deliver his/her piece of 9 minutes. There shall be a 5 percent deduction from the total number of points in excess of the 9 minutes. Likewise delivery done before 8 minutes shall similarly receive a 5 percent deduction.
5. The Criteria for judging the contest will be based on substance or content of the piece, delivery, and stage presence. Contestants must strictly observe the time limit of 8 to 10 minutes to avoid penalty deductions from their overall scores.
  - 5.1 Substance – 50% (This includes relevance of topic to or focus on the theme, originality/creativity, rhetorical organization, grammar)
  - 5.2 Delivery – 40% (This includes quality of voice, diction, fluency/mastery of the speech, pronunciation)
  - 5.3 Stage presence – 10% (This includes stage poise, gestures, and appropriate use of the stage)
  - 5.4 Time Limit: 8 to 10 minutes.

Each contestant will be given 8-10 minutes to speak. Time starts from the moment the contestant speaks and ends at the time the contestant takes a bow. A contestant whose speech is shorter than the minimum requirement of 8 minutes as well as those who exceeded the maximum of 10 minutes will get a deduction of one (1) point from his/her total score for every minute or a fraction thereof in excess/deficit of the allotted time.
6. Judges:
  - 6.1 A Board of Judges for all levels (school, division, regional, island clusters, and the finals competitions) who shall be persons of known expertise in the academe, media, and representing a balance of pertinent disciplines (e.g., speech, drama, statistics, mass communication, agriculture, banking and finance), shall select the winners.
  - 6.2 The Board of Judges may reserve the right not to award prizes if they deem the contestants do not meet the competition

standards. The decision of the Board of Judges in all aspects of the competitions shall be final.

7. BSP reserves the right to use the name of the contestants and their entries for free in any broadcast, telecast or print medium. The contestants also grant the organizers the right to circulate the contest piece as deemed fit.
8. In the event the official candidate cannot make it to the national finals, the second placer can take his/her place during the finals.