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## DepEd supports Quiz Bee Foundation's 28<sup>th</sup> National Quiz Bee

Public and private school students gather for the two-part National Grand Finals of the 28<sup>th</sup> National Quiz Bee organized by the Quiz Bee Foundation. After a year-long elimination activity, the competition will culminate on December 30, 2007 (Part I) and January 6, 2007 (Part II).

"This is a perfect venue where our students can engage in healthy competition and productive interaction," DepEd Secretary Jesli Lapus said. "This is also an excellent way for our students to imbibe discipline and sportsmanship," he added.

A presidential trophy, gold medal, P100,000 worth of insurance, P70,000 worth of educational plan, 32 volume encyclopedia set, a multimedia computer system, mobile phone, and gift packages will be awarded to the winner of the National Grand Finals.

Categories include: Elementary Makabayan (Philippine History, Culture, and Values), Elementary Mathematics, Science and Technology for high school contestants, and General Information and International Affairs for college students.

"The department is grateful for such initiatives which provide venues to showcase the talents of our students," Lapus stressed. "This also proves that our students in public schools are very capable of competing with their private school counterparts in spite of resource shortages in public schools," he added.

The competition is part of the four-day *Summit of the Super Quiz Bee*. The 136 regional champions and teacher coaches from 17 regions will be congregate in a live-in camp with tours, seminars, and fellowships.

A young couple – Rasty and Gay Tayag – launched the Quiz Bee as far back as 1977. It developed from a small-scale tournament into a forum for outstanding Filipino schoolchildren. Private sector groups have been financing this yearly endeavor since.

Any enrolled student from the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Levels can join the quiz bee. At the Primary level, pupils 10 to 13 years old are qualified to join. Students from 14 to 17 years old are qualified in the Secondary level, and college students aged 18 to 22 years can join the Tertiary level.

Among the major sponsors of this year's Quiz Bee are Ovaltine, Cecon, Philam Plans, Time Life Books, JRS Express, Globe, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Goodwill Bookstore, and Intel. Aside from DepEd, government agencies such as the Office of the President, Commission on Higher Education, the Department of Interior and Local Government have been lending support to the National Quiz Bee.

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