



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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NATIONWIDE SEARCH FOR THE BEST SCHOOL FOREST PARK

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

1. The *Luntiang Pilipinas Foundation* (LPF), in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd) and in cooperation with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Plant and Industry (DA-BPI) announces the resumption of the **Nationwide Search for the Best School Forest Park** which was announced through DepEd Memorandum No. 416, s. 2008.

2. The Search aims to:

- a. promote environmental awareness and raise the level of consciousness among Filipino youth on the importance of preserving and protecting the environment for future generations;
- b. encourage the participants to actively participate in putting up Forest Parks inside school campuses as part of their development projects; and
- c. enjoin their active participation in the implementation of the various DepEd curricula that promote awareness and concern for the environment through tree-planting, tree-growing and tree-caring activities within their respective schools.

3. The upcoming activities of the Search are:

- a. Selection and Submission of one (1) Regional Winner;
- b. Selection of Five (5) Grand Finalists; and
- c. Evaluation, Monitoring and Validation of the Five (5) Finalists.

4. The regional evaluation team consists of regional representatives from DepEd, DENR, DA-BPI shall select the regional winner from among the entries submitted to the regions. The regional winner with its supporting documents, such as narrative report, still photos and CD presentation shall be submitted on or before **August 15, 2012**. The selection of the regional winner shall follow the criteria contained in Enclosure No. 1, Sec. VI and VII of DepEd Memorandum No. 416, s. 2008.

5. The sixteen (16) regional winners will be evaluated by the national team composed of representatives from the DepEd, DENR, DA-BPI and LFP.
6. After a thorough evaluation, the national team will conduct the on-site inspection to monitor, validate and finalize the schools chosen as finalists. However, the date, program and venue of the awarding ceremonies will be announced through a separate Memorandum.
7. The travel expenses of the DepEd regional team during the evaluation, monitoring and validation of regional winners shall be charged to local funds while the travel expenses (land/air fares) of the National Secretariat/Team, per diem, mobility and other miscellaneous expenses during the selection, evaluation, monitoring and validation of the finalists shall be charged to the transferred funds of DENR to DepEd for the above purpose, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. For more information, all concerned may contact the Special Programs and Projects Office (SPAPO) at Room 505 Bonifacio Bldg., DepEd Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, telephone nos.: (02) 637-5832; (02) 637-5834 or at mobile phone nos.: 0919-516-4759; 0929-598-9089; 0917-661-0780 or send a message through e-mail address: osec_seu@yahoo.com.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Secretary 

Reference: DepEd Memorandum: (No. 416, s. 2008)

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