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SEARCH FOR THE 2016 GLOBAL TEACHER PRIZE AWARDEE

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Other Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) supports the **Search for the 2016 Global Teacher Prize Awardee**, a one million U.S. dollar prize to be awarded to one exceptional teacher who has deeply inspired learners and has made a positive impact in his/her community.
2. This Search aims to highlight the importance of the teaching profession and to recognize and celebrate teachers throughout the world.
3. The Global Teacher Prize is open to all teachers around the world who are currently:
 - a. teaching children or youth between five and 18 years old, enrolled in compulsory schooling;
 - b. teaching on a part-time basis; and
 - c. teaching online courses.
4. The application period will open by the **end of May** until **October 10, 2015**. Interested teachers may apply online by accomplishing an application form posted on www.globalteacherprize.org. The public may also nominate teachers by visiting the website to provide details about the teacher, a brief description of the teacher being nominated, and why he/she is qualified to be an Awardee. The nominated teacher will then be notified by the organizers through email, and he/she will be requested to apply online on the same website.
5. Applicants will have to provide three recommendations for character reference, at least one of which should come from their current supervisors. These recommendations may include video testimonials about their work inside and outside the classroom, and may come from pupils, colleagues, head teachers, or members of the applicant's wider community.
6. Enclosed are materials which provide details on the criteria for judging, prizes, and benefits for the winning applicant. Other application details will be released on www.globalteacherprize.org by the end of May 2015.
7. The winner of The Global Teacher Prize will be announced at the Global Education and Skills Forum in March 2016 in Dubai.

8. For more information and updates, all concerned may follow **The Global Prize** through their website: www.globalteacherprize.org, or facebook: www.facebook.com/TeacherPrize, or twitter: www.twitter.com/TeacherPrize.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

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under the following subjects:

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About The Global Teacher Prize

The Global Teacher Prize is an annual one million dollar award from the Varkey Foundation to be given to a super-special teacher. One innovative and caring teacher who has made an inspirational impact on their students and their community will receive the reward of a lifetime. Teachers currently teaching children in a compulsory setting or between the ages 5-18 are eligible.

The prize and benefits:

Potential for national and international recognition of your achievements — Special Commendation for outstanding applicants in each region

Potential to be invited to the Global Education and Skills Forum 2015 in Dubai as one of 10 Finalists

Potential to win the Global Teacher Prize and receive prize of US\$1 million

Potential to have the Varkey Foundation make introductions to organisations who may be able to support relevant projects submitted by applicants.

Application submissions are now closed. Due to the volume of applications we have received, unfortunately we are unable to contact you personally if you have not reached the Top 50.

CRITERIA

Applicants of the prestigious Global Teacher Prize will be judged based on a rigorous set of criteria aimed to identify an

extraordinary teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession. The Academy will look for evidence of:

Recognition of a teacher's achievements in the classroom and beyond from pupils, colleagues, head-teachers or members of the wider community.

Preparing children to be global citizens in a world where they will encounter people from many different religions, cultures and nationalities.

Employing innovative and effective instructional practices and achieving demonstrable student learning outcomes in the classroom.

Developing and sharing innovative thought leadership that has improved access to quality teaching and education for children of all backgrounds.

Contributing to public debates on raising the bar of the teaching profession, whether through writing articles, blogs, media participation, social media campaigns, events or conferences.

Accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide unique and distinguished models of excellence for the teaching profession.

Encouraging others to join the teaching profession.