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**BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS-DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (BSP-DEPED)  
FOURTH ORATORICAL CONTEST**

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

1. Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647, the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)* and the Department of Education (DepEd) will hold the **Fourth National Oratorical Contest** to highlight the celebration of the 26<sup>th</sup> National Statistics Month (NSM) with the theme *Pagyamanin at Gamitin ang Estatistika, Kalusugan para sa Lahat ay Abot-Kamay Na (Maximize Use of Statistics Towards Health Care Opportunities for All)* on the following dates with respective levels of competition:

Date	Level of Competition
On or before August 20, 2015	School Level Screening
On or before September 4, 2015	Division Level Screening
On or before September 18, 2015	Regional Level Screening
October 2, 2015	Island Cluster Level Screening
October 28, 2015	National Level Finals

2. The overall objective of the Competition is to promote and enhance awareness on the importance of statistics among the youth. Specifically, it aims to:

- a. promote and enhance nationwide awareness, appreciation, and value of statistics to the different sectors of the 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 of this activity are Grade 10 students from both public and private secondary schools nationwide.

4. Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes* policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

5. The deadline for submission of completely accomplished application form to the schools division superintendents is on or before **August 14, 2015**. Enclosed are the guidelines and mechanics of the contest.

6. For more information, all concerned officials and individuals may contact **Dr. Elsie C. Esmer**, Senior Education Program Specialist, Staff Development Division (SDD), Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE), Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, at telephone no.: (02) 632-7586.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



**BR. ARMIN A. LDISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 314, s. 2010

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

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## Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 88, s. 2015

### 20<sup>th</sup> BSP-DepEd ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST (4<sup>th</sup> National Oratorical Contest) Guidelines and Mechanics

#### I. Guidelines

##### A. Contestants

1. The oratorical contest is open to any interested Grade 10 student enrolled in any public or private secondary school nationwide.
2. The schools are encouraged to conduct their own screening of students who will be representing their school at the Division level.
3. There shall be only one (1) contestant/representative per school who shall be allowed to join the division level contest.

##### B. Topic

The topic shall be in line with objectives and broad theme of the National Statistics Month (NSM).

##### C. Competitions

###### 1. Timeline of Activities

Activities	Date
Start of information dissemination through DepEd Memorandum to Schools Division Superintendents	12 August 2015
Deadline of submission of application to join the contest to Schools Division Superintendents	20 August 2015
Submission of Island Cluster winners' documentation report requirements (soft copies in clear and readable scanned or photo images) to the BSP	on or before 09 October 2015
Dry-run and submission of hard copies of documentation report requirements to be hand-carried by the island cluster winners to the BSP	27 October 2015

Documentation report requirements for island cluster winners are as follows:

- winning students' profile form;
- accomplished questionnaire on finalists' personal insights;
- winning oratorical piece (in MS Word format);
- attendance sheet;
- score sheet; and
- pictures taken during the elimination.

## 2. Schedule of Competitions

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

- School Level Screening – on or before 20 August 2015
- Division Level Screening – on or before 04 September 2015
- Regional Level Screening – on or before 18 September 2015
- Island Cluster screening – 02 October 2015
- National Level Finals – 28 October 2015

### **School Level Competition**

- The school level competition shall be held within the school premises with as many contestants depending on the number of sections of Grade 10 in the school. Grade 10 students are encouraged to compete at this level, but only one contestant will emerge as winner to represent the school in the Division level.
- The elimination round at the school level shall be supervised by the Principal to be assisted by the English department head and English teachers.
- The Principal, in consultation with the subject teachers concerned, shall nominate a set of three (3) judges to officiate the school level contest.

### **Division Level Competition**

- The school level winners shall compete at the Division level. (In the event a school level winner cannot make it to the Division level competition due to meritorious reason, the second place will replace the said contestant.)
- The elimination round at the Division Level competition shall be conducted by the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS) in coordination with the education supervisors concerned (English and Math) and the three (3) judges to select the winners.
- Three (3) winners will be proclaimed but only the first place winner shall compete at the regional level competition.
- An endorsement from the SDS with the name and contest piece of the first place orator shall be submitted to the Regional Contest Committee.

### **Regional Level Competition**

- The Division level winners shall compete at the Regional level. (In the event a division level winner cannot make it to the Regional level competition due to meritorious reason, the second place will replace the said contestant.)

- Three (3) will be proclaimed but only the first place shall officially represent the region in the pre-finals competition at the Island Cluster Qualifying Round.
- The Regional Director (RD)/Assistant Regional Director (ARD) shall supervise/manage the conduct of the regional competition in coordination with the education supervisors concerned (English and Math) and the three (3) judges to select the winners.
- An endorsement from the RD with the name and contest piece of the 1st place orator and a report of the conduct of the regional level competition shall be submitted to the Island Cluster Contest Committee.

#### **Island Cluster Competition**

- The regional winner shall compete at the Island Cluster level competition to be held simultaneously in three different venues: Manila, Cebu City, and Davao City on October 2, 2015. (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 level winner.) There shall be ten (10) qualifiers for the finals distributed as follows:
  - 5 qualifiers for Luzon cluster
  - 2 qualifiers for Visayas cluster
  - 3 qualifiers for Mindanao cluster
- Transport, lodging expenses and insurance provisions for the winners and their trainers will be processed by the BSP only upon submission of required documents.
- The Island Cluster coordinator shall oversee/supervise the conduct of the Island Cluster level competition in the host region. The Bureau of Secondary Education (BSE) shall monitor the conduct of the competition.
- The Island Cluster focal person shall submit to the BSE a written report on the conduct of the competition. The Island Cluster focal person shall submit to the BSP, through the BSE, soft copies (clear and readable scanned or photo images) of the documentation report requirements.

#### **National Finals Competition**

- The ten (10) Island Cluster qualifiers shall compete in the National Finals to be held at the BSP Assembly Hall, BSP Complex, Mabini Street, Ermita, Manila on October 28, 2015.

- The national finals shall be coordinated/supervised and managed by the BSP. In the event an island cluster finalist cannot make it to the National Finals, the island cluster second placer can take his/her place in the finals, provided that the BSP is informed at least five (5) working days before the finals.
  
- The DepEd, through the 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 the applications. It shall likewise supervise and coordinate all 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 DepEd. The DepEd will provide the BSP with required soft copies of the Island Cluster winning students' documentation report.

**D. Prizes/Incentives**

1. The contestants and trainers shall receive the following:

	<b>First Prize</b>	<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>Third Prize</b>	<b>Consolation</b>
<b>Regional</b>				
Students	₱6,000	₱ 4,000	₱ 3,000	Certificates
	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	xxx
Trainers	₱ 2,000	₱ 1,500	₱ 1,000	xxx
	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate
School	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	xxx
<b>Island Cluster</b>				
Students	₱ 9,000 for 10 qualifiers (5 from Luzon, 2 from Visayas, 3 from Mindanao)			₱ 3,000
	Medal			xxx
	Certificate			Certificate
Trainers	₱ 2,700			Xxx
	Certificate			Certificate
School	Certificate			Xxx
<b>Finals</b>				
Students	₱ 50,000	₱ 40,000	₱ 30,000	₱ 7,500
	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Plaque
	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate
Trainers	₱ 15,000	₱ 12,000	₱ 9,000	₱ 4,500
	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate	Certificate
School	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Plaque

## 2. Subsidy

The BSP shall provide a modest amount of subsidy for the conduct of the Division, Regional and Island Cluster Level competitions.

For all competition levels, the DepEd shall submit to the BSP a summarized report on the expenses incurred together with the statement of accounting of expenses as supporting documents.

## II. Mechanics of the Contest (National Finals)

A. Any 10th Grade student officially endorsed by any Philippine high school, whether public or private, duly recognized by the DepEd may participate.

B. The topic, in line with the objectives and NSM theme, is to be delivered in English.

C. Each finalist 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.

D. The order of the contestant's presentation shall be electronically drawn (30) minutes before the official start of the contest.

E. The criteria for judging the contest will be based on the following:

– **Substance – 50%**

This includes relevance of topic to or focus on the theme, originality/creativity, rhetorical organization and grammar.

– **Delivery – 40%**

This includes quality of voice, diction, fluency/mastery of the speech and pronunciation.

– **Stage presence – 10%**

This includes stage poise, gestures and appropriate use of the stage.

F. Judges

For the Division, Regional and Island Cluster level competition, the Board of Judges shall be determined by the Division, Regional and Island Cluster Contest Committee, respectively.

For the National Finals level competition, the Board of Judges who are persons of known expertise in the academe, media, and representing a balance of pertinent disciplines (e.g.

speech, drama, statistics, mass communication, banking and finance), shall select the winners.

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

- G. The BSP reserves the right to use the name of the contestants and their entries for free in any broadcast, telecast or print medium. The contestant grants the organizers the right to circulate the contest piece as deemed fit.