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**2017 METROBANK FOUNDATION OUTSTANDING FILIPINOS-SEARCH  
FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS**

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

1. The Metrobank Foundation Inc. (MBFI), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd), announces the launching of the **2017 Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipino-Search for Outstanding Teachers (SOT) Category**. Now on its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, the Search has awarded a total of 356 outstanding teachers from public and private schools all over the country.
2. The Search bestows honor upon the teaching profession by according special recognition to teachers who manifest profound commitment to the development of the youth through exemplary competence, remarkable dedication to their work, and effective education leadership.
3. The Search is open to teachers who are Filipino citizens teaching in the elementary, secondary or tertiary level, including graduate schools, alternative learning system, with full-time or permanent appointment, and with full teaching load.
4. Elementary school heads are entitled to nominate two individuals – one each from the primary (Kinder to Grade 3) and intermediate (Grades 4 to 6) levels, while high schools and other higher institutions are entitled to nominate one teacher only.
5. Nominees must have been actively teaching in the Philippines for the last ten years (inclusive of leaves not exceeding three years, provided the nominee is not on leave, i.e., actually teaching at the time of nomination). Moreover, the nominee must not be on leave for more than two years prior to the nomination and must still have at least three remaining years of service before retirement.
6. Nominees must have a valid Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) license for the elementary and secondary competitions.
7. Nominees must have attained performance ratings of at least *Very Satisfactory* for the last ten years, with no rating below *Satisfactory*. For those who have been on official or study leave or on secondment, performance ratings for ten years closest to the period of nomination should be provided.
8. Nominees must at least have completed the academic requirements for Master's degree for both elementary and secondary competitions.

9. Candidates must accomplish the **Online Nomination Form** and submit the hard copy and annexes on or before **April 7, 2017** to Metrobank Foundation Inc., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Executive Offices, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City or to the nearest Metrobank branch.

10. Hard copy of the nomination form, is available at the Office of Metrobank Foundation Inc., at the schools division/regional offices of DepEd, and at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). This can also be accessed through or downloaded from the MBFI SOT facebook page: [www.facebook.com/mbfi.sot](http://www.facebook.com/mbfi.sot). Online submissions are strongly encouraged for faster assessment and feedback.

11. As this is a new Search for **Metrobank Foundation Outstanding Filipinos**, all past regional and national SOT finalists may now join, subject to the eligibility requirements.

12. Nominees must be officially endorsed by school principals or teachers-in-charge (TICs). Upon invitation from the Search Secretariat, elected individuals and reputable organizations may nominate a candidate of their choice. Official nominees in the elementary and secondary competitions of satellite campuses of private colleges and universities, and state universities and colleges which are not autonomous, may be endorsed by the Campus Directors or Executive Directors, but the Presidents are still the official nominators. For DepEd schools without principals, the TIC can nominate, but the principal must endorse the nomination. If the nominee is the TIC himself/herself, the principal who is officially designated for the school shall endorse the nomination to the Search Secretariat.

13. Each of the four awardees will receive **One Million Pesos (P 1,000,000.00)**, part of which will be allocated to faculty development project, subject to the approved proposal of the endorsing school. Each of the national finalists will receive **Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 50,000.00)**.

14. Other details of the Search are in the 2017 SOT Primer posted on <http://www.mbfoundation.org.ph> and facebook page: <https://www/facebook.com/mbfi.sot>.

15. For more information, all concerned may contact either:

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16. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
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Secretary

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