

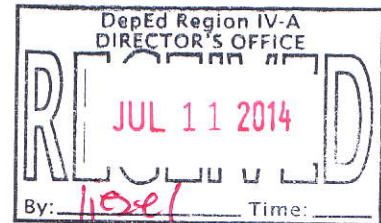


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Regional Director
DepEd – Region IV-A (CALABARZON)
Karangalan ES, Karangalan Village
Cainta, Rizal



Attention: To All Schools Division Superintendents

Dear *Dr. San Antonio*,

Pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 6759, declaring August 1 of every year as *White Cane Safety Day*, and DepEd Memorandum No. 57 s. 2014, the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Inter-Agency Committee comprising partner agencies and non-government organizations (NGOs) will celebrate the **2014 White Cane Safety Day**. The celebration aims to support the effort of the present administration in promoting good governance through respect and realization of Human Rights. This year's theme is *Putting Baston: Tungo sa Katuparan ng Karapatan ng Mamamayang May Kapansanan sa Panangin*.

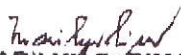
The White Cane Inter-Agency Committee with the DepEd as lead agency prepared the following activities in commemoration of this event:

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| July 31 | - Academic Contest |
| | Venue: Philippine National School for the Blind
Galvez Avenue, Pasay City |
| | Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| | Highlight: Braille Reading & Writing Contest, Quiz VI,
Declamation Contest and Computer Contest |
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| August 1 | - Actual Celebration |
| | Venue: SM Marikina, Marikina City |
| | Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM |
| | Highlight: Distribution of white canes and talking watches |

In this connection, the Committee would like to invite you, your SPED teachers, and blind students in all Divisions having SPED programs for visually impaired to join/attend the said activities. Travel expenses of participants will be charged to local funds/SPED Downloaded Funds subject to the availability and usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures. Attached are the Guidelines for the academic contests.

Thank you for your usual cooperation and support to the said activities.

Very truly yours,


MARILYN D. DIMAANO
Director IV

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e. **Extemporaneous Speech Contest**

1. Currently enrolled as College students or Out-of School students.

2014 WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY
ACADEMIC CONTEST FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED
July 30, 2014

CONTESTANT CONFIRMATION SLIP

FULL NAME _____
HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER _____
CELLULAR PHONE NUMBER, IF ANY _____
SCHOOL _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER _____
SCHOOL FAX NUMBER _____
GRADE/YEAR LEVEL _____

TO THE CONTEST SECRETARIAT

I am pleased to endorse the participation of the above-cited student to the **ACADEMIC CONTEST FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED**.

Signature over Printed Name
School Principal or SPED Teacher

Please send this form to

The SECRETARIAT
ACADEMIC CONTEST FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED
Special Education Division
Bureau of Elementary Education
2nd Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City
Telefax No. 02 631-9993
E-mail address: sped_bee.deped@yahoo.com

GUIDELINES FOR THE ACADEMIC CONTEST

MECHANICS:

1. The Academic Contests consists of the following:
 - a. Braille Reading and Writing Contest
 - b. Quiz VI Contest
 - c. Computer Literacy Contest
 - d. Declamation Contest
 - e. Extemporaneous Speech Contest
2. The contests are open to all children with visual impairment in the Elementary and Secondary Schools with SPED programs in the National Capital Region (NCR) and nearby provinces (Regions III and IV-A)
3. Qualification of each contestant:
 - a. **Braille Reading and Writing Contest**
 1. Currently enrolled in the secondary level.
 2. Must be fast Braille reader with good diction and expression
 3. Can read and write fully contracted Braille.
 - b. **QUIZ VI**
 1. Currently enrolled in the public or private institutions.
 2. Can read and write fully contracted Braille.
 3. Must be in the intermediate level (Grade IV-VI) elementary level and First Year to Fourth Year in the secondary level
 - c. **Computer Contest**
 1. Currently enrolled as High School student.
 2. Can manipulate the computer independently.
 3. Knowledgeable in Microsoft Word, Excel, and Internet Explorer.
 4. Knowledgeable in using screen reader specifically Job Access With Speech (JAWS).
 5. Can follow written and verbal instructions
 - d. **Declamation Contest**
 1. Currently enrolled in the primary level (Grade I to Grade III).
 2. Open to ages 7-12 years old only
 - e. **Extemporaneous Speech Contest**
 1. Currently enrolled as College students or Out-of School students.

4. Contestants must be duly endorsed by the school's principal or SPED teacher.
5. The contests are scheduled on July 30, 2014 at the Philippine National School for the Blind, Galvez Avenue, Pasay City.
6. The prizes will be:
 - First Prize - Gold Medal + cash prize
 - Second Prize - Silver Medal + cash prize
 - Third Prize - Bronze Medal + cash prize
7. Winners will be announced and awarded during the White Cane Celebration (August 1) at the SM Marikina.
8. Interested participants must fill up two copies of the **Contestant Confirmation Slip**. Completed forms must be submitted, alongside a valid ID with photograph on July 25, 2014. Send the accomplished forms to Mr. Lauro Purcil, Education Program Specialist, Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education, DepED, Pasig City, Telefax No. (02) 631-99-93.