

The following are the activities to be conducted which shall be based on this year's theme:

Date	Activity/ies	Partner/Agencies Organizations	Venue	Participants
February 15, 2016 (Monday)	Kick-off Photo Exhibit and Press Conference	All concerned agencies and organizations	Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Visayas Ave., QC	Adoptive Parents, Adopted Children, NOC Members, TWC Members, Invited Guests
February 19, 2016 (Friday)	Adoption Forum & Photo Exhibit	DSWD (Main) DSWD (NCR) ACCAP and other Agencies and organizations	Bulwagan Ng Karunungan DepEd CO	DepEd-Supervisors, Dept. Heads (IEKASI, Araling Panlipunan, MAPE, /MAPEH, Values Education), and Principals NCR -150 R - III - 60 R - IV-A -50 C.O. - -10 SEUcoord. or NCR Reg. SECoord. -2 NCR Div. SECoord. - 16 Total 288
Whole February-March 2016	Oratorical Contest School, Div. Regional (refer to enclosed mechanics)	DSWD (Main) Field Offices Other Agencies and Organizations	Schools Division And Regional Competition (TBA)	18 Regions (1 Regional Winner to represent the Region during the National Finals
March 5, 2016 (Sat.)	Adoption Consciousness Convention	DSWD (Main) DSWD (NCR) All concerned agencies and organizations	TBA	For DepEd: 5 TWG members
April 21, 2016	National Competition and Awarding Ceremonies	DSWD (Main) Field Offices Other Agencies and Organizations	Bulwagan Ng Karunungan (Tentative)	Reg. Winners, Coaches/Organizers, Parents & other Guests

This office encourages all public and private elementary and secondary schools to hold appropriate school activities in relation to the celebration in coordination with the DSWD field offices within the area of your jurisdiction.

Travel and other incidental expenses of the participants and participating officials, teachers and students during the Adoption Forum, Adoption Consciousness Convention and Oratorical Contest grand finals shall be charged to local funds while the travel expenses of the DepEd TWG shall be charged to OSEC funds both the Regional and National conduct/monitoring of the contest. Other expenses during the preparatory and actual conduct of the activities shall be charged to the downloaded funds of DSWD to DepEd CO for the said activity subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For further inquiries please contact the OUPEL- Special Events Unit (SEU) at telephone number (02) 637 5832 and mobile numbers, 0922 463 6626 and 0919 5164 759.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired. Thank you.

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ADOPTION CONSCIOUSNESS
"LEGAL NA AMPON AKO: ANAK NA TOTOO"
(A CHILD FINDS WORTH IN LEGAL ADOPTION)

ORATORICAL CONTEST MECHANICS
(February to March 2016)

General Rules: Subject to such changes as may be determined appropriate, the following general rules shall apply:

- The contest is open to all Grade 7-9 students enrolled during SY 2015-2016 from public and private secondary schools nationwide;
- The Oratorical piece must be in Filipino, original and never been published expounding on the theme: "LEGAL NA AMPON AKO: ANAK NA TOTOO ";
- The criteria for judging are as follows;

- Content		
o Sincerity, originality and relevance to the theme	50%	
- Delivery		
o Posture, gesture, eye contact, facial expression, pronunciation, volume and mastery	40%	
- Persuasion and Stage Presence		<u>10%</u>
	Total	100%
- o The Oration SHOULD NOT, in whole or in part, expressly and impliedly offend any race, religious freedom, against the laws of environment, honor and dignity, and against the moral standards of Filipinos;
- o The concerned agencies have the right to publish the selected contest pieces and the right to determine other matters not included under the contest rules;
- o The National Organizing Committee with the cooperating institutions and associations shall be responsible for the dissemination of the contest to all public and private secondary schools nationwide;
- o During the National Finals, all contestants must submit to the Special Events Unit. Six (6) copies of their Oratorical piece upon their arrival to the contest venue;

- o The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and non-appealable/irrevocable;
- o Proper replacement shall be applicable in case the representative could not attend the contest, but concerned parties shall notify the Organizing Committee/Secretariat at least a day before the contest proper;
- o The contest will be held such times, dates, and places as will be announced later; and
- o During the final competition, the contestants **shall wear the appropriate attire:**
 - **Boys - Barong Tagalog**
 - **Girls - Simple Filipiniana dress**

Regional/Division Level Competition:

- The General Rules stated in this mechanics shall apply.
- The regional/division rounds shall be conducted by the Regional/Division Special Events Office/ headed by its designated Special Events Coordinators in coordination with the Regional /Division officials, supervisors and DSWD field coordinators.
- There should only be one declared Regional winner who will advanced in the Grand National Finals.
- In case of a tie, the judges shall unanimously decide on who will be declared as the winner.
- There should be the presence of DSWD and DepEd members of the National Organizing Committee/Technical Working Committee during the regional level competition.
- The DepEd and DSWD Field Offices and the Local Social Welfare Offices may award cash (if available) and certificates of participation to all the participants and recognition to the winning participants, coaches and schools.
- The Regional Directors, (DepEd and/or DSWD) may award cash (if available) trophy and certificates of participation and recognition to the winning participants, coaches and schools.
- The Regional Offices through the Regional Directors (DepEd and DSWD) may allot funding for the conduct of the Regional finals subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- Travel and other incidental expenses and the Board and lodging of the participants, coaches and coordinators during the regional level competition shall be charged to local funds or maybe sourced from non-government organizations, municipal/city funds, and civic spirited clubs and organizations subject to the usual accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

Grand National Finals

- The General rules stated in this mechanics shall apply.
- The contestants who will get the highest points shall be considered as the National Champion and the third highest shall be declared as the Second runner-up. The contestant with the second highest points shall be declared as the first runner-up.
- The National Organizing Committee shall make the suitable arrangements to ensure the provisions of funds necessary to carry out and implement the competition.
- Travel expenses (transportation, per diem and other incidental expenses) of the contestants and coaches shall be charged to local funds or maybe sourced from NGO's, municipality/city funds and/or civic spirited clubs and organizations subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- Board and lodging of the participants and members of the National Technical Working Committee shall be charged to the DSWD downloaded funds to Deplid Central Office subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- The Organizing Committee shall make suitable arrangements to ensure the provisions of the prizes for the competition.