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*For your appropriate action, please.*  
*Thanks. God Bless!*

**MEMORANDUM**

**To :** All Regional Directors  
 All Schools Division Superintendents  
 All Regional and Division Special Events Coordinators  
 All Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
 All Others Concerned

**Date :** May 12, 2016

**Subject :** NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST AND AWARDING CEREMONY

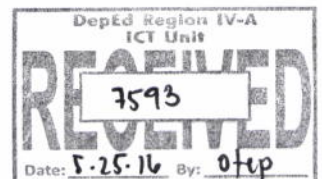
Pursuant to the signed and notarized Memorandum of Agreement by the Department of Education (DepEd) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) last May 29, 2015 and addendum last March 04, 2016 on Adoption Campaign on Legal Adoption, DepEd is assigned to conduct a National Oratorical Contest and Awarding Ceremony with the theme, "Legal na Ampon Ako, Anak na Totoo: A Child Finds Worth in Legal Adoption". The activity will be held on July 14, 2016. The time and venue will be announced later.

**Oratorical Contest Mechanics:**

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, never been published, and expounding on the theme: "LEGAL NA AMPON AKO: ANAK NA TOTOO".
- The piece must be delivered for a minimum of seven (7) minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.
- The criteria for judging are as follows:
  - Content
    - Sincerity, originality and relevance to the theme 50%
  - Delivery
    - Posture, gesture, eye contact, facial expression, pronunciation, volume and mastery 40%
  - Persuasion and Stage Presence 10%

100%



- The oration SHOULD NOT, in whole or in part, expressly or impliedly offend any race, religious freedom, nor should it be against the laws of environment, honor and dignity, or the moral standards of Filipinos.
- The concerned agencies have the right to publish the selected contest pieces and the right to determine other matters not included under the rules.
- During the National Finals, all contestants must submit six (6) copies of their oratorical piece to the Special Events Unit upon their arrival to the contest venue.
- The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and non-appealable/irrevocable.
- 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.
- During the final competition, the contestants shall wear the appropriate attire:
  - Boys - Barong Tagalog
  - Girls - Simple Filipiniana dress
- The contestant who will get the highest points shall be considered as the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest points shall be declared as the first runner-up, and the third highest shall be declared as the second runner-up.
- Travel expenses (transportation, per diem, and other incidental expenses) of the contestants/coaches and regional coordinator shall be charged to local funds or sourced from NGOs, municipality/city funds and/or civic spirited clubs and organizations subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
- Board and lodging of the participants (1 contestant, 1 coach, 1 Regional Coordinator) shall be charged to the DSWD downloaded funds to DepEd 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.

For further inquiries please contact the OUPEL- Special Events Unit (SEU) at telephone no.: (02) 637 5832 or at mobile nos.: 0922 463 6626, 0929 196 5567, 0929 598 9089.

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

  
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