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DepEd begins nationwide public school teacher search for the 2023 Princess Maha Chakri Awards

June 13, 2022 – The Department of Education (DepEd) has started its search for an outstanding public school teacher to receive the prestigious Princess Maha Chakri Award (PMCA) for 2023.

The PMCA aims to honor and recognize the 11 Southeast Asian (ASEAN + Timor Leste) public teachers whose outstanding achievements benefit education and human development.

Qualified candidates for the Thai Princess Chakri's Education Award must follow the PMCA Screening Committee criteria where teacher applicants must have participated in community and civic movements, especially where education is least accessible; introduced innovation in teaching that has benefited communities where they have taught; and can inspire, promote, and sustain the development of students and fellow teachers.

Nominees will undergo screening at the School Division Office, Regional Office, and the Central Office through the International Cooperation Office with the Philippines' PMCA Selection Committee.

PMCA Committee recommends the chosen awardee for the approval of DepEd Secretary and endorses the Philippines' nominee to the PMCA Foundation for Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's endorsement.

In honor of HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, the award focuses on teachers who have made a considerable impact on the development and lives of the learners, particularly those from disadvantaged groups.

Established on Princess Sirindhorn's 60th birthday in 2015 through the PMCA Foundation, the Award looks for exceptional teachers in Southeast Asia whose achievements have resulted in a significant impact on the students' life and a better education system.

Since the first award in 2015, PMCA has recognized four recipients from the Philippines, namely Mr. William Moraca of General Santos City (2015), Mr. Jesus Insalada of Iloilo City (2017), Mr. Sadat Minandang of Cotabato City (2019), and Mr. Marcelo Otinguey (2021).

"We must strengthen the teaching profession, educational development, and international relations in the field of education by molding more teachers who will champion the disadvantaged youth," Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones emphasized.

For reference and guidance on the selection process, timeline, and required accomplishments relevant to the Award in the 2023 PMCA, please refer to DepEd Memorandum No. 052, Series of 2022.

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