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To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
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Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

In compliance with Provincial Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2022, which designates the first week of September as English Proficiency Week across the Province of Bataan, the Provincial Government of Bataan will be conducting a series of activities. One of the key events is the "News Writing Contest for Campus Journalists," scheduled for September 6, 2024, at the 5th Floor Training Rooms 1 and 2, The Bunker, Balanga City.

The contest is open to both elementary and high school students, with one participant per level (1 elementary and 1 secondary) representing each municipality in the contest. Kindly ensure that the selected participants are prepared and briefed on the contest guidelines and mechanics, which are attached to this Advisory for your reference.

For further information, or clarification, you may contact Ms. Kyra Cruz at 09270419178 or via email at pio.kyra2022@bataan.gov.ph

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this endeavor.


CAROLINA S. VIOLETA, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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Dear **Dr. Violeta**:

Warm greetings!

Provincial Ordinance No. 19, Series of 2022, states that the first week of September each year is designated as English Competency Week throughout the entire province of Bataan.

In compliance to this Ordinance, the Provincial Government of Bataan will be conducting a series of activities, including a contest titled **"News Writing Contest for Campus Journalists" on September 6, 2024, at 5th Floor Training Rooms 1 and 2, The Bunker, Balanga City.**


The contest is open to both elementary and high school students, with twelve participants from each level representing the twelve municipalities and the city in the province. The contest aims to inspire young journalists to enhance their writing skills by crafting compelling news articles, with winners receiving recognition and cash prizes. This event not only underscores the importance of effective news writing but also aims to improve participants' English writing competence.

In this connection, may we request your good office to to send one (1) participant per category from each municipality to take part in the contest. Attached to this letter are the guidelines, mechanics, prize and other pertinent details for your perusal.

Ms. Kyra Jean Cruz will contact you regarding this request/invitation. Should you require further information or clarification, please feel free to reach her at 09270419178 or via email at pio.kyra2022@bataan.gov.ph.

Thank you, and we look forward to your positive response.

Very truly yours,


ANGELINE OL. LARA
Provincial Information Officer

Noted:


ALICIA D. PIZARRO

ENGLISH COMPETENCY WEEK

News Writing Competition

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. Participants are required to wear their respective school uniforms and display their school IDs, during the contest.
2. Requests for assistance and/or points of clarification should be directed to assigned proctors who will in turn, refer the matter to the contest organizers.
3. Contestants are not allowed to place any identifying marks on their entries. For identification purposes, only their assigned numbers should be written on the upper left-hand corner of their paper.
4. A place is designated for school advisors, coaches, and parents to stay during the contest proper. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
5. Certificates of participation will be given to contestants upon submission of their entries; after which they will be allowed to leave the contest venue.
6. Winners will be announced on Gov. Joet Garcia's Official Facebook Page.
7. Awards will be given on September 16, 2024. In case of any changes in the date, the PIO will send a notice regarding the new schedule for the awards.
8. The decision of the board of judges is final.

MECHANICS:

Eligibility: Each district in Bataan and Division of Balanga City may send one (1) representative for each category.

Categories: Elementary, Junior High School, and Senior High School

Registration: Participants must be officially endorsed by SDO Bataan and SDO City of Balanga. Participants may come from either public or private schools.

Criteria for Judging: Entries will be judged based on the following:

Technical (40%)

1. Writing is active, precise, and stylistically exact.
2. Paragraph transitions are smooth and logical.
3. Direct and indirect quotes are used effectively.
4. Correct usage of grammar, spelling, and overall neatness.

Content (50%)

1. The lead consists of the most timely and newsworthy information.
2. Facts are presented in descending order of importance.
3. All relevant news questions are answered.

Ethics (10%)

1. Editorialization is avoided.

Awards: Certificates of Recognition and prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each category, and certificates of participation will be given to all participants.

Prizes:

Champion - Php5,000

1st Runner-up - Php3,000

2nd Runner-up - Php2,000

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
2. Entries must adhere to ethical journalism standards.
3. Judges' decision is final.
4. Students have 1 hour to complete the contest; a time signal is given when 15 minutes remain. Submissions after one hour will not be considered.
5. Students are given a prompt and they are to respond with a news story. They are required to handwrite their news stories legibly.
6. All papers are read and critiqued, with the top three papers ranked. There are no ties.

PROGRAM

- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.: Registration of the participants
- 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.: Invocation and singing of National Anthem and Bataeño Hymn
- 8:45 - 8:50 a.m.: Welcome remarks
Ms. Angeline OL. Lara
Provincial Information Officer
- 8:50 - 8:55 a.m.: Words of Inspiration
Atty. Antonino Roman III
Board Member, 1st District of Bataan, Author of Provincial Ordinance
- 9:00 - 9:10 a.m.: Discussion of the General Guidelines and Mechanics
- 9:10 - 9:30 a.m.: Short lecture about News Writing
William Beltran
Regional Director
Philippine Information Agency III
- 9:30 - 9:45 a.m.: Break
- 9:45 - 10:00 a.m.: Distribution of news writing kits
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Contest proper

As the contestants submit their entries, certificates of participation will be given to them.

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