

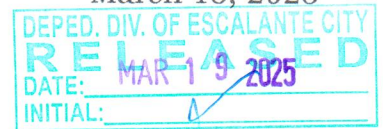


Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
DIVISION OF ESCALANTE CITY

March 18, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 181, s. 2025



CONDUCT OF DIVISION POSTER MAKING, ESSAY WRITING, AND ORATORICAL CONTEST IN LINE WITH THE 83rd COMMEMORATION OF THE ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND 2025 PHILIPPINE VETERANS' WEEK

To: OIC- Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public/Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to RM No. 230, s.2025, titled **“Conduct of National Poster Making, Essay Writing, and Oratorical Contest in Line with the 83rd Commemoration of the Araw ng Kagitingan and 2025 Philippine Veterans' Week”**, the celebration will be on **April 5 to 11, 2025** highlighting the commemoration of the heroism of Filipino and American soldiers during the fall of Bataan in 1942 as well as paying tribute to all veterans who served the nation and fought bravely during World War II. With this, the Schools Division of Escalante City through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) will conduct the **Poster Making contest on March 18, 2025** and the **Essay Writing and Oratorical Contest on March 20, 2025, 2:00 p.m. at Escalante National High School.**
2. The said contests aim to:
 - a. honor and commemorate the heroism and sacrifices of Filipino and American soldiers during the fall of Bataan in 1942;
 - b. enhance learners' critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills through poster making, essay writing, and oratorical competitions that promote awareness of the significance of Araw ng Kagitingan and the contributions of war veterans;
 - c. provide students with a platform to express their gratitude and respect for Filipino veterans by showcasing their artistic talents, writing skills, and public speaking abilities in a meaningful and historically significant event;
 - d. instill in the youth a deeper appreciation for the values of courage, resilience, and nationalism by encouraging them to reflect on historical events; and
 - e. identify excelling learners in the contests to represent the SDO to Regional level competition.
3. Participants in the contests are learner-contestants, coaches, judges, facilitators, TWGs, Education Program Supervisor in Araling Panlipunan, and members of the Execom.
4. Enclosed is the list of judges and TWGs, RM No. 230, s. 2025 and Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025 for reference.
5. Participation in the activity is voluntary and shall not, in any way, affect the time-on-task of teachers as this activity's target learning standards and competencies are already embedded in teachers' actual classroom teaching and assessment process.
6. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, there shall be no discrimination on account of age, school, gender, civil status, disability, religion, or any other similar factor/circumstances that ruin the principles of equal opportunity.




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7. All expenses incurred in the conduct of the activity shall be chargeable against Division/School MOOE and/or Local Funds or any other available funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.


PETER J. GALIMBA

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent 

Reference: None

Enclosure: As stated.

Allotment: 1-2-3-4- 8-9

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

CONTESTS

ARAW NG KAGITINGAN VETERANS' WEK

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ENCLOSURE NO. 1 to Division Memorandum No. 181 s. 2025

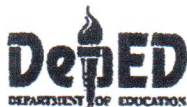
| Contest Category | Judges | Technical Working Group |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| POSTER MAKING | Antonio O. Rebutada Natalie A. Fernandez Prilyn S. Albarico Alma C. Sinining | Mariel C. Villarin Lourdes M. Carbonilla Jivel B. Betic Hilario B. Belonio Jr. |
| ESSAY WRITING | Mae Joy M. Tan Annie R. Tuto Anjeanette A. Calumpita | Jenzen May L. Lopez Ann Marie V. Cagalgal Ravenchy A. Sabordo Joe-M D. Mahilum |
| ORATION | Mae Joy M. Tan Annie R. Tuto Anjeanette A. Calumpita | |



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4. The celebration aims to instill in the minds and hearts of the Filipino people, especially the youth, the understanding that the freedom they enjoy today was made possible through the blood and sacrifices of their veteran forefathers.
5. In support of said commemorations, the Department of Education (DepEd), through its External Partnerships Service (EPS), in cooperation with the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) shall conduct a Poster Making Contest, Essay Writing, and Oratorical Contest as part of said celebration. The contests mechanics are provided in the attached Enclosure 1, 2 and 3, respectively.
6. To make this commemoration more meaningful, all public and private schools are encouraged to join/participate in local activities/celebrations.
7. Travel and other incidental expenses incurred by the participants, coaches, and contestants during the activities/competition shall be charged against local funds, regional/division MOOE, PTA/PTCA funds, local school board funds, and other sources as available, while the travel expenses of the DepEd Central Office Technical Working Committee, shall be charged against BPLP Fund, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. For any concern, you may contact, Office of the External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit (EPS-SEU), through email at external.partnerships@deped.gov.ph or at telephone number (02) 8638-8639, 0905 345 7489.
9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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**83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK
CONTEST MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES**

NATIONAL POSTER MAKING CONTEST

1. Background and Objectives

In celebration of the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) are sponsoring a National Poster-Making Contest.

These contest aim to showcase the historical sites across the country from the Second World War II era, where significant landmarks and memorials now stand. This initiative seeks to cultivate a sense of pride and reverence among Filipinos for the sacrifices made by our veterans, serving as a poignant reminder of the valuable legacy that has granted us the freedom we cherish today.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 11 & 12, learners enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. Private school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all DepEd-Special Events Unit- organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

3. Scope/Theme

The entries should depict the life, works, and heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country and should be in line with this year's theme, "**KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS**"

4. Entry Specification

Only submitted entries that satisfy the requirements and specifications of the contest will be considered official.

- 4.1 The poster should be on a 15"x 20" illustration board.
- 4.2 Contestants may use any medium of his/her choice, (e.g. oil paste, crayon, and watercolor)
- 4.3 The poster must be described in one or two sentences. The description must be typewritten and printed on a ½ A4 bond paper and posted at the back of the entry together with the following information:
 - 4.3.1 Name of Learner
 - 4.3.2 Contact Number
 - 4.3.3 School
 - 4.3.4 Division
 - 4.3.5 Region
- 4.4 The Philippine Flag should not be used as the background of the poster. If used as part, it should be placed in a conspicuous place to show its importance to the artwork (please refer to Sec. 39 – Prohibited Acts under Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 titled "An Act



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Prescribing the Code of the National Flag, Anthem, Motto, Coat-of-Arms and Other Heraldic Items and Devices of the Philippines.”).

5. **Criteria**

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|-----|--|-------------|
| 5.1 | Adherence to the Scope and Objective ----- | 25% |
| 5.2 | Creativity and Originality ----- | 30% |
| 5.3 | Composition ----- | 25% |
| 5.4 | Visual Impact ----- | 20% |
| | Total ----- | 100% |

6. **Registration of Entries/Uploading of requirements**

Please upload your entries and requirements through this link bit.ly/83rdKagitingan. Ensure that the files are in the PDF format, all files must be clearly labeled. Your submission will be securely stored and reviewed upon submission. If you encounter any issues during the upload process, please contact External Partnerships Service through the Events and Special Projects.

7. **Determination and Announcement of Winners**

The contestant who achieves the highest score shall be considered the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest score shall be declared the first runner-up, and the contestant with the third highest shall be declared the second runner-up, and so forth.

Winners will be announced after the final judging on March 28, 2025. The names of the winners, along with other details, and the process for claiming their prizes will be announced in a separate memo.

8. **Submission of Entries**

- 8.1. The deadline for the submission of entries in the Regional office, will be on **March 18, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.**, and shall be submitted to the External Partnerships Service at DepEd Central Office on or before 5:00 p.m on **March 25, 2025**.

Attention: Anna Liza Awa-Jorduella
External Partnerships Service
Department of Education, DepEd Central Office
Ground Floor, Mabini Bldg., DepEd Complex, Meralco
Avenue Pasig City
Tel. No.: (02) 8638-8639), 0905 345 7489

- 8.2. Only two (2) entries **PER REGION** are allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:
- 8.2.1. Endorsement from the Regional Director
 - 8.2.2. A certification from the school principal that the contestant enrolled in the current School Year (2024-2025).
 - 8.2.3. Scanned images of the student ID, Principal’s ID, and accomplished registration form to the **given link**.



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8.3. Privacy Notice

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8.3.2. The collected personal data shall be used solely by the Central Office and should not be forwarded to external parties, unless in case of an emergency. The records shall be maintained and disposed of in accordance with established procedures of the Department in records handling.

9. Prizes

Winners for this year's competition will receive cash prizes subject to the approval of management and compliance with the DepEd accounting and auditing rules and regulation.

| Rank | Prizes |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1st Place | PhP 10,000.00 |
| 2nd Place | PhP 8,000.00 |
| 3rd Place | PhP 6,000.00 |
| 4th to 13th Place | PhP 3,000.00 |

10. Copyright

The organizers DepEd, and VFP) have the right to publish and own the entries.

11. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.



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CONTEST MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES**

NATIONAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

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

1. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 learners enrolled in any public and private elementary schools nationwide. Private school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all DepEd-Special Events Unit-organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

2. Theme and Content

The oratorical piece must be in Filipino, original, never been published, and expounding on the theme: **"KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS"**.

The piece must be delivered for a **minimum of five (5) minutes** and a **maximum of seven (7) minutes**.

The oration **MUST NOT**, in whole or in part, whether express or implied, offend any race or religious freedom, nor should it be against the environmental laws, honor, dignity, or the moral standards of Filipinos.

3. Criteria

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| 3.1. Content ----- | 50% |
| Sincerity, originality and relevance to the theme | |
| 3.2. Delivery ----- | 40% |
| Posture, gesture, eye contact, facial expressio pronunciation, volume and mastery | |
| 3.3. Persuasion and Stage Presence ----- | 10% |
| TOTAL ----- | 100% |

4. Regional Qualifier

Each Region should have one contestant in the Oratorical Contest to represent the region in the National Level. Regions may conduct a Regional Level Competition or select a regional representative to compete in the National Level.

5. Attire

During the final competition, the contestants shall wear the appropriate attire

- o Boys – Barong
- o Girls – Simple *Filipiniana* Dress



6. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant who achieves the highest score shall be considered the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest score shall be declared the first runner-up, and the contestant with the third highest shall be declared the second runner-up, and so forth. Winners will be announced after the final competition on April 2, 2025, venue to be announce.

7. Submission of Entries /Registration and other requirements

7.1. All regional representatives to the National Level Contest shall submit four (4) copies of their oratorical piece to the External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit secretariat upon their arrival at the contest venue.

7.2. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:

- 7.2.1. Endorsement from the Regional Director.
- 7.2.2. A certification from the school principal that the contestant is enrolled in the current School Year (2024-2025).
- 7.2.3. Scanned images of the student ID, Principal's ID, and accomplished entry form to the given link

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Enclosure 3

**83RD ARAW NG KAGITINGAN AND PHILIPPINE VETERANS WEEK
CONTEST MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES**

NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

1. Background and Objectives

In celebration of the 83rd *Araw ng Kagitingan* and Philippine Veterans Week, the Department of Education and the Veterans Federation of the Philippines (VFP) are sponsoring an Essay Writing Contest. These initiative aim to raise awareness among the learners about the significance of honoring the *Araw ng Kagitingan* as a remarkable testament to the courage and unwavering commitment to freedom demonstrated by our World War II veterans.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 7, 8, and 9 students enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. Private school should be duly recognized by DepEd. Previous winners of all DepEd-Special Events Unit- organized contests are ineligible to join to give others a chance.

3. Scope/Theme

The entries should depict the life, works, and, heroism of our Filipino heroes who fought for our country, and should be in line with this year's theme, **"KABAYANIHAN NG BETERANO: SANDIGAN NG KAUNLARAN AT KASAGANAAN NG BAGONG PILIPINAS"**.

4. Entry Specification

The essay must be crafted from this year's theme. It should:

- 4.1. be written in Filipino
- 4.2. be typewritten on an A-4 bond paper
- 4.3. have single-line spacing
- 4.4. have one (1) inch margin on both sides
- 4.5. use Times New Roman, font size 12
- 4.6. have a minimum of three (3) pages and a maximum of four (4) pages.

5. Criteria

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 5.1. Substance and originality----- | 50% |
| 5.2. Style and language ----- | 30% |
| 5.3. Organization ----- | 20% |
| TOTAL ----- | 100% |

6. Determination and Announcement of Winners

The contestant who will get the highest score shall be considered the National Champion, the contestant with the second highest score shall be declared as the first runner-up, and the third highest shall be declared as the second runner-up, and so on and so forth.



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7. Submission of Entries and Registration form

7.1 The deadline for submitting entries/contest pieces, along with all requirements, is March 25, 2024, via email to specialevents@deped.gov.ph

7.2 Only two (2) entries **PER REGION** is allowed. Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:

- 7.2.1 Endorsement from the Region or Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) or the Chief of the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD).
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