



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
National Capital Region
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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MEMORANDUM TO:

Asst. Schools Division Superintendents
Division/District Supervisors
Elementary/Secondary School Principals,
Head Teachers and Officer In-Charge

Subject: **White Cane Safety Day Activities**

For the information and guidance of all concerned, attached is letter from Ms. Marilyn D. Dimaano, Schools Division Superintendent, OIC-Office of the Director IV, Bureau of Elementary Education, DepEd Central Office, dated July 17, 2012, re: The White Cane Safety Day Activities, the contents of which is self-explanatory.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Attention: **Ms. Serafia Vargas**
Division SPED Supervisor

Dear **Dr. Rubio**,

Pursuant to Republic Act 6759 known as the **White Cane Safety Day**, and DepED Memorandum No. 108 s. 2012, the 23rd Annual Celebration will be observed on July 30 to August 4, 2012. Aimed to highlight the rights and capabilities of the Filipino blind, this year's theme is **"Making the Rights Real Now! For the Visually Impaired."** This supports the efforts of President Benigno C. Aquino III on good governance through respect and realization of Human Rights.

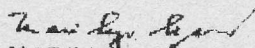
The White Cane Inter-Agency Committee with the DepED as lead agency prepared the following activities in commemoration of this event:

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| July 30 | - | Opening Program
Venue: Skydome, SM North EDSA
Highlight: Distribution of white canes and talking watches; |
| July 31 | - | Quiz VI, Braille Reading, Braille Easy Writing, and
Extemporaneous Speech Contest
Venue: Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DEPED, Pasig City |
| August 1 | - | Sports for the Blind
Venue: Polytechnic University of the Philippine Gym |
| August 2 | - | Computer Literacy & Accessibility
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, National Vocational & Rehabilitation
Center (NVR) J.P. Burgos, Project 4, Quezon City |
| August 3 | - | Low Vision Fest
Venue: Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED, Pasig City |
| August 4 | - | Closing Program
Activity Area 4 th Floor, SM Annex, SM North EDSA, Quezon City |

In this connection, the Committee would like to invite you, your SPED teachers, and blind students in that Division having SPED programs for visually impaired to join/attend the activities on the said dates.

Thank you for your usual cooperation and support to the said activities.

Very truly yours,


MARILYN D. DIMAANO
Schools Division Superintendent
Officer-In-Charge
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MECHANICS & CRITERIA

A. QUIZ VI - Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED, July 31, 2012, 8:00 - 10:00 A.M

I. Description:

The Quiz VI shall provide the venue where Visually Impaired pupils in the elementary (Grade IV-VI) level to demonstrate their academic skills.

II. Mechanics

1. The questionnaire will be prepared by DepED Central Office.
2. One set of questionnaires will be formulated and designed for elementary level pupils (Grade IV-VI). The questionnaires will be divided into three (3) parts: Easy, Average and Difficult.
3. Each part will have ten (10) items.
4. Each correct answer will have equivalent points: Easy - 1 point, Average - 2 points, and Difficult - 3 points.
5. Questions will be read twice. The contestants will be given ten seconds to write their answers in Braille.
6. The garnered points of each contestants will be computed and to be announced after each part.
7. The contestant who shall acquire the first three highest points shall be the First, Second and Third Prize Winners.
8. In case of tie, a set of tie breaking questions will be prepared.
9. All winners will be announced after the computations of scores have been accomplished.
10. Awarding of Prizes will be done after the computations.

III. Criteria:

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in Grade IV - VI in any schools/SPED Center.
2. He/she must be certified by his/her SPED teacher
3. Contestant must have knowledge and skills in Braille reading & writing.
4. Registration of participants should not be later than July 30, 2012

IV. Prizes:

- 1st Prize - Gold medal plus cash prize
- 2nd Prize - Silver medal plus cash prize
- 3rd Prize - Bronze medal plus cash prize

B. BRAILLE READING CONTEST - Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED, July 31, 2012, 11:00 -12: AM

I. Description:

This contest is intended for the visually impaired students in the Secondary Level. Participants are currently enrolled or out-of-school students. They should be fast Braille readers and have good diction and expression in reading.

II. Mechanics:

1. Participants must be currently enrolled in the secondary schools or out-of-school students.
2. She must be certified by his/her SPED Center
3. Participants must be fast Braille readers with good diction and expression
4. Registration of participants should not be later than July 30, 2012.

III. Criteria

1. Speed in reading 50%
2. Diction and expression in reading

IV. Prizes

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| 1 st Prize | - | Gold Medal plus a cash prize |
| 2 nd Prize | - | Silver Medal plus a cash prize |
| 3 rd Prize | - | Bronze Medal plus a cash prize |

C. EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH CONTEST (Bulwagan ng Karunungan, DepED)**I. Description:**

Topics will be given by the committee hosting this contest. A number of topics shall be prepared and each participant will pick out one which he/she is going to talk about. They will be given ample time to study the topic. When the allotted time given to them is finished, participants will draw lots for their respective number in delivering their speech. An ample time will be set by the committee for each participant to deliver their topic.

II. Mechanics:

1. Participants must be currently enrolled or out-of-school students in the college level.
2. Judges of this contest shall come from other agencies other than the DepED, RBI and PAVIC.
3. Registration of participants should not be later than July 30, 2012.

III. Criteria:

1. Relevance of the speech according to the given topic - 50%
2. Volume of voice and expression of the speaker while delivering his/her speech - 30%
3. Audience impact - 20%

IV. Prizes

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| 1 st Prize | - | Gold Medal plus cash prize |
| 2 nd Prize | - | Silver Medal plus cash prize |
| 3 rd Prize | - | Bronze Medal plus a cash prize |

D. BRAILLE EASSY WRITING CONTEST**I. Description:**

This contest is intended for all persons with visual impairment who are capable of composing and writing an essay in Braille. Participants from all schools/SPED Centers are welcome to join this contest. SPED teachers should endorse the registration and entries of their participants from their respective schools.

II. Mechanics:

1. Title of the essay is **MAKING THE RIGHTS REAL RIGHT NOW!** For Persons with Visual Impairment.
2. Participants must be knowledgeable of fully contracted Braille.
3. Entries must be written in fully Braille contractions.
4. Entries must be composed of not more than 300 words.
5. Submission of entries should not be later than July 30, 2012.
6. Complete data information of each participant should be included with their entries.

III. Criteria:

1. Contents of entries must be based on the topic given - 40%
2. Compliance to instruction - 30%
3. Correct spelling and utilization of punctuation marks - 20 %
4. Neatness of work - 10%

IV. Prizes:

- 1st Prize - Gold Medal plus cash prize
- 2nd Prize - Silver Medal plus cash prize
- 3rd Prize - Bronze Medal plus cash prize