




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
Region V (Bicol)  
**DIVISION OF CATANDUANES**  
Virac, Catanduanes



MEMORANDUM TO : Education Program Supervisors  
: Public Schools District Supervisors  
: Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
: Private School Heads (Secondary)

FROM :   
: **JOSE L. DONCILLO, CESO VI**  
: *for* OIC-Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT : 2<sup>nd</sup> BICOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON ACHIEVING  
SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS  
OF BICOL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

DATE : November 26, 2013

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Please be informed that the Bicol Harvest Magazine, Kaya Natin Movement and LGU Daet, in partnership with the League of Municipalities (LMP) and League of Cities, DILG V, CHED, DepEd V, DA V, NEDA V, and ABS-CBN will sponsor the 2<sup>nd</sup> BICOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON ACHIEVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS OF BICOL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES. The Essay Writing Competition is open to all 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year High School and College Students from Private and Public Schools.

A provincial elimination will be held simultaneously on December 5, 2013 for Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon. The Regional finals will be on December 14, 2013 in Daet, Camarines Norte. The venue for the provincial elimination will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

Attached is the Regional Memorandum Circular No. 2013-048 and a copy of the mechanics/guidelines for the Essay Competition. Entry forms are available at the DILG provincial office, Philippine Information Agency (PIA), CHED and DepEd.

For information and immediate dissemination.



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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
 No. 2013-048

**T O :** ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG PROVINCIAL DIRECTORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS OFFICERS

**SUBJECT :** 2<sup>ND</sup> BICOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON ACHIEVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS OF BICOL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES

**DATE :** NOVEMBER 15, 2013

The National Competitiveness Council (NCC) recently released its 1<sup>st</sup> Cities and Municipalities Competitiveness Index for 2013, using economic development and competitive indicators at the local government levels. Specifically, the Index made use of 30 weighted indicators measuring economic dynamism, government efficiency and infrastructure. In Bicol, LGU Daet in Camarines Norte was adjudged as the most competitive in the region and first in infrastructure development among 1<sup>st</sup> class municipalities together with the City of Naga.


To sustain the gains of Bicol cities and towns and encourage more local government units to become more competitive, the Bicol Harvest Magazine, Kaya Natin Movement and LGU Daet, in partnership with the League of Municipalities (LMP) and League of Cities, DILG V, CHED, DepEd V, DA V, NEDA V and ABS-CBN will sponsor the 2<sup>ND</sup> BICOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON ACHIEVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS OF BICOL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES. The Essay Writing Competition is open to all 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year High School students and College students from private and public school.

Towards this end, local government units are hereby encouraged to support this worthy endeavour by disseminating this RMC and inviting schools in your respective area of jurisdiction to participate. A provincial elimination will be held simultaneously on December 5, 2013 for Catanduanes, Masbate and Sorsogon and December 9, 2013 for Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte. The regional finals will be on December 14, 2013 in Daet, Camarines Norte. The venue for the provincial elimination will be announced as soon as it is finalized.

For complete details, attached is a copy of the mechanics/guidelines for the Essay Competition. Entry forms are available at the DILG regional and provincial offices, Philippine Information Agency (PIA) regional and provincial offices, CHED and Department of Education.

All Provincial Directors, City and Municipal Local Government Officers are hereby directed to cause immediate dissemination of this Circular in their respective areas of coverage.

For information and guidance of all concerned.

  
**BLANDINO M. MACEDA, CESO III**  
 Regional Director

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**2<sup>ND</sup> BICOL ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON ACHIEVING SOCIO-ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVENESS OF BICOL CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

**MECHANICS OF THE CONTEST:**

1. The contest is an on-the-spot essay writing in English with the theme **“Towards Achieving Socio-economic Development: The Competitiveness of Bicol Cities and Municipalities”**.
2. There will be two (2) categories: CATEGORY I – Secondary (3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> year High School) and CATEGORY II – Tertiary (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> year) for both private and public schools.
3. A school or College/University can only send one official participant per category duly endorsed by the Head of the educational institution.
4. The endorsement/certification of the participant must be presented during the elimination round together with the entry forms on the following schedules:

**DECEMBER 5, 2013 - Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon**

**DECEMBER 9, 2013 - Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur**

The venue for the elimination round per province will be announced as soon as it is identified.

5. Entry forms are available at any of the following provincial/regional offices of participating agencies: PIA, CHED, DepEd, DILG, DA and other local partner organizations/establishments.
6. All contestants must wear their respective school uniform and ID during the elimination and final rounds.
7. The provincial elimination will be handled by a Committee composed of representatives from the provincial offices of the PIA, CHED, DepEd, DILG, Kaya Natin Movement, League of Cities and/or League of Municipalities and LGU concerned. The Committee will be chaired by the PIA provincial officer while the DepEd, CHED and DILG representatives will serve as word counters in both categories.
8. The provincial heads of the participating agencies will compose the Board of Judges during the provincial elimination.

9. All entries in the provincial screening and regional finals will be judged based on the following criteria:
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| a. Substance, Content, Originality, Analysis & Adherence to theme | - | 40% |
| b. Logic, Organization and Coherence                              | - | 20% |
| c. Style and Presentation   | - | 20% |
10. The essay must be written legibly in cursive and in English.
11. The contestants must provide their own title to the essay.
12. The essay must contain a minimum of 800 words and a maximum of 1000 word for Category I and a minimum of 1000 words and a maximum of 1500 words for the Category II.
13. The words used in the contest paper will be counted and will be the basis for elimination.
14. The essay must only be written on the front page of each page of paper. No stray or identifying marks must be written on the contest paper. The official contest paper to be used will be provided by the organizers.
15. The essay contest will be good for three (3) hours.
16. Top three winners in both categories will be selected in the provincial elimination.
17. Only the first place winners in Category I and Category II in the provincial screening will be eligible to participate in the regional finals to be held in Central Plaza Mall, Daet, CamarinesNorte on December 14, 2013. Awarding of winners will be held on the same day.
18. Winners in the provincial elimination will be notified through mail (school) and individual email address of the contestant, if any.
19. Winners will receive the following prizes:

**PROVINCIAL ELIMINATION (Category I and Category II)**

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| <b>FIRST PRIZE</b>  | - | <b>P5,000.00 + Certificate</b> |
| <b>SECOND PRIZE</b> | - | <b>P3,000.00 + Certificate</b> |
| <b>THIRD PRIZE</b>  | - | <b>P2,000.00 + Certificate</b> |

**REGIONAL FINALS**

**FIRST PRIZE - P5,000.00 + Certificate**  
**SECOND PRIZE - P3,000.00 + Certificate**  
**THIRD PRIZE - P2,000.00 + Certificate**

**Three Consolation Prizes @ P1,000 each.**

**Plus Tai Chi give away products**

20. Coaches of the winning participants will receive Certificate of Recognition. All participants and coaches will receive Certificate of Participation.
21. Judges at the provincial and regional level will receive Certificate of Recognition and tokens.
22. The decision of the organizers and judges related to the contest, selection process and selection of winners will be final and unappealable.