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Region VII, Central Visayas

DIVISION OF CEBU PROVINCE

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**NEW GUIDELINES OF THE 2013 NATIONAL SEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE
AND ECO-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS**

TO: OIC, Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary Heads

1. This Office announces that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through the Environment Management Bureau (EMB), in cooperation with the Smart Communications, Inc. Nestle Philippines will conduct the 2013 National Search for Sustainable and Eco-Friendly schools with the following guidelines:

- The search is open to public and private schools nationwide with the following categories: elementary, high school and college. Entries should revolve around the theme "sustainable and Eco-Friendly Initiatives of (NAME OF SCHOOL)." Only one entry per school.
- School entries should be rated according to:
 - ⊕ Sustainability Aspects of the School's Policy = 10 points
 - ⊕ Environmental Dimensions of School Operations = 30 points
 - ⊕ Environment-related Features of the School Curriculum = 30 points
 - ⊕ Presence of Vibrant Eco organizations in campus = 10 points
 - ⊕ Presence of Environmental Partners and Linkages in Various Programs, Projects and Activities = 10 points
 - ⊕ Socio-Cultural Sustainability = 5 points
 - ⊕ Economic Sustainability – 5 points
- Special Category No. 1: the Nestle Water leadership Award aims to recognize and promote solutions, practices and initiatives of schools in water conservation and management.
 - Plan: Commitments on Water as part of the School's Policy = 7 points
 - Long-term and short term Objectives = 8 points

- Program: Resources, Roles, Responsibility and Leadership Committees, Organizations, Clubs of school administrators, teachers, students and support groups (parents, teachers and other non-student sector)= 5
 - Support by the school to the committees/organizations/clubs = 5 points
 - Competence, training and Awareness, Faculty training on Water Education = 10 points
 - Integration of Water Education into the curriculum = 10 points
 - Outreach initiatives of Water Awareness to local community and other stakeholders = 10 points
 - Initiatives of Water Efficiency and Conservation = 20 points
 - Waste water treatment initiatives =10 points
 - Monitoring and measurement = 8 points
 - Periodic Review of the Program/Initiatives = 7 points
- Special Category No. 2: Will recognize schools that promote and initiatives in electrical safety, energy efficiency and conservation
- The following areas can be considered for energy leadership:
- Electrical safety- programs implemented to ensure electrical safety by conducting electrical assessment and corrective measures.
 - Energy efficiency and conservation programs-such as energy-saving activities, energy-saving activities, energy awareness training and education, etc.
 - ✓ Brief description of the program =10 points
 - ✓ Need or opportunity addressed by the project/program = 10 points
 - ✓ Goals and objectives (objectives should be SMART: specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and tim-bound = 10 points
 - ✓ Stakeholders involved (who, how, what are their roles?) = 15 points
 - ✓ Implementations and challenges (and ways to overcome the challenges = 20 points
 - ✓ Results = 20 points
 - ✓ Sustainability and future plans =15 points
- Elementary and high school entries should be submitted directly to their respective DepEd Division Offices. Entries should be submitted in three (3) hard copies on March 15, 2013.

➤ Awards and Prizes:

- National = First/ Php50,000- Second/Php40,000- Third/Php30,000 and Certificate of Recognition
- Regional = First/Php10,000 and Certificate of Recognition

4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Dear Madame:

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, through the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), in cooperation with your Office, the Commission on Higher Education, Smart Communications, Inc., Nestle Philippines and Unilever Philippines will conduct the **2013 National Search for Sustainable and Eco-friendly Schools**.

The search which is open to elementary, secondary, and tertiary nationwide aims (1) to encourage schools/academic institutions to become more actively involved in environmental issues at a practical and local level; and (2) to develop skills and understanding among the students, faculty and school administrators in initiating active responses and increasing community awareness and participation on environmental concerns.

The promotion of this search for the establishment and/or strengthening of sustainable and eco-friendly schools in the country had been enshrined as a priority in the ASEAN Environment Year 2012 with the theme "Environmental Awareness through Eco-Schools", and likewise in the Road Map for the Implementation of Republic Act No. 9512 also known as the National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008 under the National Environmental Education Action Plan for Sustainable Development (2009-2014).

In relation to this, we would like to request the assistance of your Office in disseminating the attached guidelines to the various elementary and high schools in the region.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter. Should you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to contact Rizalina Saberon, Chief of the Regional Environmental Education and Information Section, EMB VII at telefax no. 346-1547 or e-mail at embr7@yahoo.com.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


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