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TO : **All Regional Directors**
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SUBJECT : **122nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC SIEGE OF BALER**
AND 19TH PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY
CELEBRATION

DATE : June 14, 2021

1. Pursuant to Republic Act. No. 9187 (RA 9187) titled "An Act Declaring June 30 of the Year as Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day, Appropriating Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes," signed on 5 February 2003, June 30 of every year is declared as the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day. The 122nd Anniversary of the Historic Siege of Baler and 19th Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day shall be commemorated on **30 June 2021** in the **Municipality of Baler, Province of Aurora**.
2. All the concerned members of the Technical Working Committee (TWC), composed of the Office of the Senator Sonny Angara, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Embassy of Spain, Embassy of Mexico, Province of Aurora, Municipality of Baler, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Tourism (DOT), University of the Philippines-Department of History, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), National Museum, National Archives, and Instituto Cervantes, are enjoined to give full support, assistance and cooperation to the National Organizing Committee (NOC), chaired by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) in the exercise of its responsibilities and functions to achieve the objectives of the celebration.

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3. The celebration aims to:
 - a. recognize the role of Baler in Philippine history and national development;
 - b. promote the diverse manifestation of Baler's wealth of heritage, habitat, history, language, artistic expression and creative industry;
 - c. commemorate the cultural and historical ties, friendship and cooperation between the Philippines and Spain; and
 - d. conserve the sea of Baler and its sea creatures and promote the place as a tourist destination for surfing and scuba diving.
4. To highlight the Department's participation in this national commemoration, the following activities/contests shall be conducted:
 - a. A National Symposium which includes a round table discussion shall be hosted by the Schools Division of Aurora to raise awareness on the event and the values of nationalism, patriotism and love of the country that were exhibited by the Filipinos during the trying periods of this country.
 - b. A National Creative Painting Contest (Enclosure No. 4: Mechanics of the Contest);
 - c. Division Himig Pinoy/Online Music Video Competition/Online Spoken Words Poetry Competition among the ten (10) districts of Aurora on 28 June 2021 at Baler Municipal Plaza, Baler, Aurora (Enclosures No. 1-1a, 2-2a, and 3-3a: Mechanics of the Contests and Registration Forms);
 - d. Activities integrated into related subject areas via online, such as Sibika at Kultura, HEKASI, Araling Panlipunan, Values Education, Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH), Filipino and English, during classroom discussions highlighting the significant events during the Siege of Baler that led to the friendship of Filipino-Spanish soldiers as proclaimed by President Emilio Aguinaldo;
 - e. Simple online campus program spearheaded by the Social Studies Department to be participated by the learners;
 - f. Display of any informative materials online concerning the commemorative event;
 - g. Month-long sharing of insights on the same topic during the flag ceremony at the Regional Offices (RO) and Schools Division Offices (SDO).
5. All DepEd concerned officials, teachers, and learners at the national, regional, division and school levels are encouraged to actively participate in the scheduled activities.

6. For more information, you may contact the following:

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8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Encl/s: As stated

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9. Prizes

Winners for this year's competition will get cash prizes, subject to the approval of the management and to the usual DepEd accounting rules and regulations.

| Rank | Cash Prize |
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| 1st Place | Php 10,000.00 |
| 2nd Place | Php 8,000.00 |
| 3rd Place | Php 6,000.00 |
| 4th to 10th Place | Php 3,000.00 |

10. Copyright

The organizers, DepEd Central Office and Division of Aurora, have the right to publish the entries and own the painting.

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

Enclosure No. 4

**122nd ANNIVERSARY OF HISTORIC SIEGE OF BALER and
19th PHILIPPINE-SPANISH FRIENDSHIP DAY**

NATIONAL CREATIVE PAINTING CONTEST

1. Background and Objectives

In commemoration of the 122nd Anniversary of Historic Siege of Baler and the 19th Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day, the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Division of Aurora (Region III) will be sponsoring a National Creative Painting Contest.

The contest objectives are to increase awareness of historical places in the Philippines during World War II where Filipino people fought for the country and sacrificed lives, and to remember the reasons why we experience freedom up to this day.

2. Participants

The contest is open to all Grades 7, 8, 9 and 10 students enrolled in any public and private secondary schools nationwide. The school should be duly recognized by the Department of Education.

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: **"PAGKAKAIBIGAN SA PAGHUBOG NG MATATAG NA PAGKAKAKILANLAN SA PANAHON NG DIGMAAN AT PANDEMYA."**

4. Entry Specification

Only entries submitted in correct and complete specifications and formats will be considered official. Please take note of the following requirements to ensure that the entry satisfies the specifications of the contest:

- 4.1 The painting should be in a 15"x 20" illustration board.
- 4.2 Contestants may use any medium of their choice.
- 4.3 The painting 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 Address of Learner
 - 4.3.4 LRN Number
 - 4.3.5 Name of school
 - 4.3.6 School Address
 - 4.3.7 Division
 - 4.3.8 Region
- 4.4 The Philippine Flag should not be used as background of the painting. If used as part, it should be placed in a conspicuous place to show its importance to the artwork (please refer to Sec.

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39 – Prohibited Acts under Republic Act (RA) No. 8491 titled “An Act 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. Determination and Announcement of Winners

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

Winners for the National Creative Painting Contest will be posted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/190562522837842> a week after the last day of submission.

7. Submission of Entries

7.1 The deadline for the submission of entries will be on **July 9, 2021** at **5:00 p.m.**

7.2 Each entry must be accompanied by the following requirements:

7.2.1 A certification from the principal that the contestant is enrolled in the current School Year (2020-2021).

7.2.2 Scanned image of the student registration form or ID, Coach's ID, principal's ID, and accomplished entry form to be filled up at this link: <https://bit.ly/3z1rjQl>.

7.3 Hard Copy of Entries shall be submitted not later than **July 13, 2021** to:

Mr. Romeo B. Parayno
External Partnerships Service-Special Events Unit (SEU)
Room M-417 Mabini Bldg.
DepEd Central Office
Meralco Ave., Pasig City

8. Uploading on the Official Facebook Page

Once the painting is available, a clear picture of the entry shall be uploaded together with the contestant's name, school, division, and region on the official Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/190562522837842>

Only entries uploaded to FB page shall be considered official. All entries must not violate any of the criteria.