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REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**CALL FOR NOMINATION FOR THE YEAR-END AWARDS FOR HONESTY,
INTEGRITY, AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY (HIP AWARDS)**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Regional Office Division Chiefs
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a communication from Ms. Janice G. Gabrito, Acting Director, Ombudsman Field Office VIII, dated October 18, 2024, regarding the call for nomination for the Year-End Awards for Honesty, Integrity, and Public Accountability (HIP Awards).
2. The HIP Awards is a bi-annual initiative of the Office of the Ombudsman to recognize random but exemplary acts of ordinary citizen in the society.
3. Nominations may be submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas, Field Office VIII, 3/F LY Building, Fatima Village, Barangay 77, Marasbaras, Tacloban City or via electronic mail to ombudsmanro8@ombudsman.gov.ph until October 31, 2024.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO III
Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

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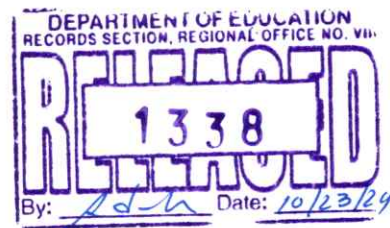
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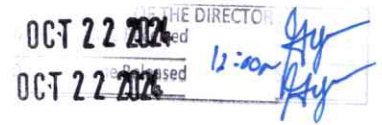
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Dear Director Fetalvero:

Greetings!

The Office of the Ombudsman will hold again the **Year-End Awards for Honesty, Integrity and Public Accountability (HIP Awards)** in December 2024.

The HIP Awards is a bi-annual initiative of the Office of the Ombudsman to recognize random but exemplary acts of ordinary citizen in our society. It is envisioned as an enabling tool in transforming ordinary citizens, through their seeds of exemplary acts, into champions of cornerstone Filipino values that is – Honesty, Integrity and Public Accountability or “*Katapatan, Karangalan, at Kahusayan sa Pananagutan.*”

Any person or organization may nominate for the HIP Awards. Individuals who were recipients of commendations from other award-giving bodies for their random but exemplary acts may also be nominated for the HIP Awards, provided that all the requirements for nominations are complied with.

The nominees and their random but exemplary HIP acts will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Ingenuity.** The random but exemplary act of the nominee must be relevant to the anti-corruption sector or with perceived ingenuity to reinforce public trust and promote cornerstone Filipino values of honesty, integrity and public accountability as an enabling tool to fight corruption.
2. **Citizen-Centric.** The same act by the nominee may be equated with the nominee’s innate propensity to conduct their business consistent with the common good as can be expressed from any upstanding citizen.
3. **Ethical Conduct.** The nominee must be vouched by their peers, clients, superiors, or by any reputable or competent individual/s for their ethical conduct. In their capacity as a Filipino citizen, the nominee’s consistent pattern of ethical behavior can already inspire to promote public service as a visible way of life.

The nominee will be rated based on their personal ethical conduct and the criteria for their random but exemplary HIP act/s as follows:

A. Ethical Conduct (50%)

<p>Admirable personal ethical conduct to promote public service as a visible way of life.</p> <p>Even in modest capacity as an ordinary citizen, their ethical conduct may already inspire their peers or clients alike to promote public service as a viable way of life</p>	<p>100%</p>
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B. Criteria for the HIP Act (50%)

<p>Citizen-centric</p> <p>The random but exemplary act of the nominee must be considered citizen-centric. It may be considered part of their ordinary routine but can also be perceived with the nominee’s innate propensity to conduct their business consistent with public service or common good which can also meet or exceed public expectations for anyone as a citizen.</p>	<p>50%</p>
<p>Ingenuity</p> <p>The random but exemplary act of the nominee must be relevant to the anti-corruption sector or with perceived ingenuity to reinforce public trust and promote cornerstone Filipino values of honesty, integrity and public accountability as an enabling tool to fight corruption. In this regard, the nominee can already be considered as a champion or role model in community regardless of their station in life</p>	<p>50%</p>

The following completed documents shall be submitted as part of the requirements for the nominees:

1. Completely filled-out Nomination Form (see attached Form)
2. At least two Letters of Endorsement containing a maximum of 500 words per letter, highlighting and vouching for the nominees random but exemplary act of honesty, integrity, and public accountability. It may be written in English or Filipino.
3. Copy of government-issued I.D. or barangay certification if the nominee has no official identification document.

4. Photo of the nominee taken using a DSLR or smart phone (scanned photo from a printout is not recommended). Formal close-up half-body portrait shot in JPEG or PNG format not exceeding 5 MB.
5. If available, please provide the links or news clippings if the Nominee's random but exemplary HIP acts was also reported or recognized in the media.

In view of this, the Office of the Ombudsman is currently *seeking nominations* for HIP Awards. Nominations may be submitted at the Office of the Ombudsman-Visayas, Field Office VIII, 3/F LY Building, Fatima Village, Barangay 77, Marasbaras, Tacloban City or via electronic mail to ombudsmanro8@ombudsman.gov.ph until **31 October 2024**.

We will greatly appreciate the dissemination of information about the HIP Awards in your department and attached bureaus.

Should there be queries, please contact us at (053) 523-4010.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

By authority of the Ombudsman


JANICE G. GABRITO
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NOMINATION FORM FOR THE HIP AWARDS

Personal Information of the Nominee

Name:					
Birthdate:		Civil Status:		Sex:	
Residential Address:					
Contact Details:	(mobile number)	(email)			

Employment/School-Related Information *(if applicable)*

Name of the School/ Agency/ Business				
Address:				
Contact Details:	(Office number)	(Email)		
Position Description:		Employment Status		

Past Awards or Recognition Received *(if applicable)*

Award/Recognition	Description or reason for the award/recognition

1st Reference of the Nominee

Name:				
Position:		Agency :		
Address:				
Contact Details:	(mobile number)	(email)		

2nd Reference of the Nominee

Name:				
Position:		Agency :		
Address:				
Contact Details:	(mobile number)	(email)		