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**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL

**Office of the Schools  
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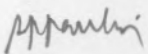
DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 507, s. 2021

**WRITING CONTEST FOR THE FINALISTS OF THE SEARCH FOR  
WRITERS/CORRESPONDENTS OF THE REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS TEAM AND  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALISTS**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents  
Chief, CID and SGOD  
Senior Education Program Specialists/ Education Program Specialists II  
Public Schools District Supervisors/Districts-In-Charge  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 585, s. 2021 announcing the Writing Contest for the Finalists of the Search for Writers/Correspondents of the Regional Publications Team and Announcement of Finalists.
2. This Office expresses gratitude for the laudable efforts of the teachers/writers who have joined the first round of the search. Warmest congratulations also to the following finalists:  
**KENNETH B. PAEL** – Negros Oriental High School  
**TEOFAN C. GALLOSA** – Maria Macahig National High School
3. The finalists qualify for the **On-the-Spot Writing Contest on July 19, 2021** at **2:00 PM** via **MS Teams**.
4. Further, the finalists are expected to be present at the SGOD Conference Room on the day of the contest and to bring their own laptops/gadgets.
5. For details, please refer to the attached Memorandum.
6. Travelling and other expenses shall be charged against School MOOE/ other funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. For information and dissemination.

  
**SENEN PRISCILLO P. PAULIN, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent





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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 0585, s. 2021

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WRITERS/CORRESPONDENTS OF THE REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS TEAM AND  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FINALISTS**

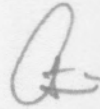
To: Schools Division Superintendents/OICs  
All Division Information Officers  
All Others Concerned

1. With reference to **Regional Memorandum No. 0522, s. 2021** titled *Search for Writers/Correspondents of the Regional Publications Team*, the Department of Education Regional Office VII (DepEd RO VII) is now announcing further instructions for the Final Round of the said Search and the finalists per schools division office who have qualified for the 'On-the-Spot' Writing Contest on **July 19, 2021 at 2:00PM**, via **MS Teams**.
2. The 'on-the-spot' writing contest shall be participated by the two finalists from each schools division office, who have been selected by the Regional Selection Committee during the Elimination Round. The said contest shall take place virtually via Microsoft Teams, but the contestants shall be requested to participate physically in their respective schools division offices and shall be accompanied by their Division Information Officers (DIOs) or any assigned personnel in their schools division office. This is so the organizers can efficiently monitor the conduct of the competition while the DIOs or the assigned personnel from the division office can assist in the monitoring since no coaches or any form of coaching shall be allowed in the contest.
3. The Selection Committee from the Regional Office will finally choose one (1) writer/correspondent from each schools division office, judging from the best written articles (per SDO) during the contest. There will be a total of 19 writers/correspondents who will be selected and be part of the Regional Publications Team. All finalists will be given certificates of recognition and the winners of the contest will receive tokens and certificates.
5. Kindly see Enclosures 1&2 of this Memorandum for the announcement of the finalists and the rubrics of the contest. A copy of RM No. 0522, s. 2021 is also attached for further details.



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6. Expenses relative to the conduct of the said activity shall be charged against Regional Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is enjoined.



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STJ/CAE/PAU/ARV

Enclosure 1

**FINALISTS FOR THE SEARCH FOR WRITERS/CORRESPONDENTS OF THE  
REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS TEAM**

**BAIS CITY**

1. Franco R. Gablines
2. Sheryll Orac

**BAYAWAN CITY**

1. Christine Quezon
2. Wicko Santiago

**BOGO CITY**

1. Arnien P. Arminion
2. Catherine Gubatana

**BOHOL PROVINCE**

1. Ed Vincent Cahulugan
2. Giselo B. Cajés

**CARCAR CITY**

1. Margaux Valerie Penaflor
2. Ana Mae V. Almento

**CEBU PROVINCE**

1. Blessilda Pitogo
2. Carmecille Tamayo-Valiente

**CEBU CITY**

1. Rex Ebarle
2. Mae Angelie Hubahib

**DANAO CITY**

1. Joan Almagro
2. Ramcis Cabano

**DUMAGUETE CITY**

1. German Rhon T. Dibdib
2. Jessa Christine E. Umbac

**GUIHULNGAN CITY**

1. Glory Mei Cerna

2. Patrick Jubert Bayato

**LAPULAPU CITY**

1. Cherry Claire Medalle
2. Ma Theresa Zapanta

**MANDAUE CITY**

1. Catherine Tonacao
2. Frethsie R. Fabroa

**NAGA CITY**

1. Lorie Lee Paypa Aliganga
2. Roehl Joseph A. Dazo

**NEGROS ORIENTAL PROVINCE**

1. Kenneth B. Pael
2. Teofan C. Gallosa

**SIQULJOR PROVINCE**

1. Hyacinth Nae C. Salindo
2. Nancy Mae Omandam

**TAGBILARAN CITY**

1. Daphne O. Pineda
2. Glaiza T. Jala

**TALISAY CITY**

1. Bernard Evangelicom V. Jamon
2. Lorraine R. Dacanay

**TANJAY CITY**

1. Jared Tirambulo
2. Kien B. Mayorga

**TOLEDO CITY**

1. Gerardo V Cortes Jr
2. Warren Canonigo

**RUBRICS:**

**Feature Article**

**Organization - 50%**

(Feature story elements [Introduction: Lead, Nut Graph, Background; Body; and Conclusion] are well illustrated, explained and developed.)

**Use of Language - 10%**

(Word choice is appropriate for each phrase and/or sentence. Words used in each phrase/sentence effectively convey the intent of the writer.)

**Grammar - 10%**

(Sentences/phrases are free from grammatical errors---correct usage of grammatical features such as, Subject-Verb Agreement, Verb Tenses, Pronouns, Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement, Punctuations, Modifiers and etc.)

**Creativity - 30%**

(Ideas of the writer expresses absolute artistry and innovation.)

**News Article**

**Organization - 60%**

(News story elements are well developed. Lead/Intro provides the most newsworthy information with five Ws and one H; the Body gives the important details; and the Tail talks about other general and background information.)

**Use of Language - 20%**

(Word choice is appropriate for each phrase and/or sentence. Words used in each phrase/sentence effectively convey the intent of the writer.)

**Grammar - 20%**

(Sentences/phrases are free from grammatical errors---correct usage of grammatical features such as, Subject-Verb Agreement, Verb Tenses, Pronouns, Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement, Punctuations, Modifiers and etc.)



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**Department of Education**  
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS

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Office of the Regional Director

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 0522 , s. 2021

June 28, 2021

**SEARCH FOR WRITERS/CORRESPONDENTS OF THE REGIONAL PUBLICATIONS  
TEAM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents/OICs  
All Division Information Officers  
All Others Concerned

1. To further uphold reformed communication initiatives and activities for the Department of Education Regional Office VII (DepEd RO VII) public affairs, upgrade its communication procedures and strategies, and strengthen public information convergence, this Office, through its Public Affairs Unit (PAU), announces its search for Writers/ Correspondents of the Regional Publications Team.
2. The search covers all of the 19 Schools Division Offices (SDO) in DepEd RO VII. Each SDO, facilitated by its Division Information Officer and approved by its Schools Division Superintendent, selects five (5) nominees for the said search. An elimination round will be conducted by choosing the best four sample articles (2 articles for each writer/nominee) per SDO submitted by the nominees to PAU. The two writers of these articles will then have to join the 'on-the-spot' writing competition/final round organized by PAU on a separate schedule. A selection committee from the regional office will choose the two finalists per SDO who will qualify for the writing competition and will finally choose one (1) writer/correspondent from each schools division office, judging from the best written articles (per SDO) during the final round. There will be a total of 19 writers/correspondents who will finally be chosen to be part of the Regional Publications Team. Certificate/Plaque of Recognition and other prizes will be given to the chosen writers.
3. The selected writers of the Regional Publications Team will closely work with the Public Affairs Unit, especially in the production of the monthly issuance of DepEd Region VII's newsletter and the annual Gasa Magazine of the region. Each newsletter will be based on themes relevant to Basic Education (as scheduled in the activities/celebrations/observances mandated by law) in which a number of writers in the publications team be assigned with a corresponding theme and month to contribute their entries for the said monthly newsletter. Their entries for Gasa Magazine will be collected in November of this year.



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4. The nominees shall have the following:

**Qualifications:**

- a. hold a permanent teaching position in any public elementary or secondary school;
- b. be familiar with the operations of their respective schools (must be working in DepEd for not less than three years);
- c. be able to quickly get and research new information and write stories which are interesting to the readers;
- d. be able to have access with different channels of communication;
- e. be fluent and/or have adequate knowledge on the English Language;
- f. have excellent written communication skills;
- g. have knowledge on journalism and media production, especially in print publications.

**Functions:**

- a. closely work and collaborate with the Public Affairs Unit of DepEd Regional Office VII for its monthly newsletter production and coordinate with their respective Division Information Officer for updates;
  - b. produce entries (write news reports or feature articles or editorials) based on the monthly theme assigned of them for the newsletter of the region;
  - c. provide entries (write feature stories on best practices, news stories on events/activities, and editorials, create infographics of their programs and projects) for the annual Gasa Magazine production;
  - d. participate in publications/journalism trainings/seminar-workshops on creative writing organized by the Regional Publications Team of DepEd RO VII; and
  - e. participate in other activities/events involving the Regional Publications Team.
5. Each nominee is requested to submit a sample of his/her written articles on or before **July 2, 2021**. The Division Information Officer will collect the sample articles and send these to: [pau.ro7@deped.gov.ph](mailto:pau.ro7@deped.gov.ph) on or before **July 3, 2021**. A separate regional memorandum for the conduct of the 'on-the-spot' writing competition shall be provided upon the finalization of its schedule. (See Enclosures 1 & 2 for the mechanics.)
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is enjoined.

  
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Enclosure 1

**Mechanics:**

**Elimination Round:**

1. Each nominee shall submit his/her sample written feature and news article (1 feature and 1 news article) on or before July 2, 2021 to his/her respective Division Information Officer. The two articles for each nominee must be saved in one PDF file only.
2. The Division Information Officer shall collect the sample articles and submit them in a zip folder to Public Affairs Unit on or before July 3, 2021.
3. The Regional Selection Committee shall gather and select the best four articles (2 articles per writer: Feature and News article) whose writers shall represent their Schools Division Office to join the 'on-the-spot' writing competition organized by PAU on a separate date.
4. The following articles will be assessed according to the following rubrics:

Feature Article:

Organization	50%
Use of Language	10%
Grammar	10%
Creativity	30%

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100%

News Article:

Organization	60%
Use of Language	20%
Grammar	20%

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100%



5. The following format/template shall be used:

\*Category: Feature Article/ News Article

\***Title:** (in Bold Face)

\*Name of the Writer/Nominee:

\*Division Office:

\*Contact Number:

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**\*To be submitted by each nominee to DIO- FILE NAME for the sample articles by the nominee: Name of the Nominee, Name of the Division Office (Juan Dela Cruz, Cebu City Division)**

**\*To be submitted by each DIO to PAU- FILE NAME of the zip folder: Name of SDO (Cebu City Division)**

Number of words for feature article:  
Minimum - 300  
Maximum - 400

Number of words for news article:  
Minimum- 100  
Maximum- 200

Font size: 11  
Font Type: Bookman Old Style  
Spacing: 1.5

**Mechanics:**

**Final Round:**

1. The two finalists per schools division office shall compete in the 'on-the-spot' writing contest on a schedule to be announced later.
2. The writing competition shall take place via MS teams.
3. The writing competition shall be done online using an online word processor (Google Document) and shall be written on a real-time basis.
4. All participants shall be asked to turn on their cameras as they start writing their articles. No coaches or any form of coaching shall be allowed during the competition.
5. All participants shall be asked to write both a feature and a news article about a particular topic or subject to be announced during the said activity. They will be given one common topic/subject to write.
6. All participants are given an hour to write the two articles (40 minutes for the feature article and 20 minutes for the news article).
7. Organizers of the said activity shall monitor each of the participants and shall check the participants' prompt submission of their entries.
8. The following articles will be assessed according to the following rubrics:

Feature Article:

Organization	50%
Use of Language	10%
Grammar	10%
Creativity	30%
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	100%

News Article:

Organization	60%
Use of Language	20%
Grammar	20%
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	100%