



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION XII  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SOUTH COTABATO

Office of the Schools Division  
Superintendent

26 Sep 2024

DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
SGOD No. 102 s. 2024

PARTICIPATION TO 2024 ELDERLY FILIPINO WEEK  
INTERGENERATION CONNECT CONTEST

To: Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-Charge  
Public Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum FTAD-2024-013 titled, **Observance of Elderly Filipino Week Celebration and Participation to Intergeneration Connect Contest**, this office through the School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD) is calling for interested Senior High School (SHS) learners who will participate in essay writing, oratorical speech, and a quiz bee contests in observance to the Elderly Filipino Week (EFW) on October 1-7, 2024 with the theme "Senior Citizen - Building the Nation, Inspiring Generations."
2. Anent this, an elimination of interested contestants shall be conducted on September 30, 2024, 9:30 a.m. at the Division Office Conference Hall to come up with the best contestants who will represent the Schools Division of South Cotabato on October 3, 2024, at the KCC Mall of Marbel Events Center, City of Koronadal.
3. One SHS contestant and one coach for each category who shall be chosen shall compete in the contest to showcase their talents, highlighting the importance of intergenerational dialogue and learning.
4. Participation of the identified coaches and learners shall be subjected to the "No Disruption of Classes Policy" stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled, **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**, and "Policy on Off-Campus Activities" stated in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017.
5. Travelling expenses, meals and other incidental expenses of participants during the elimination activities and contest proper shall be chargeable against school MOOE or other local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
6. Please refer to the attached General Guidelines, Contest Mechanics and Criteria for Judging for more information and guidance.
6. For further inquiries & clarification, please contact Jett A. Javellana, Education Program Specialist II of SMME through his mobile number 09215622255.



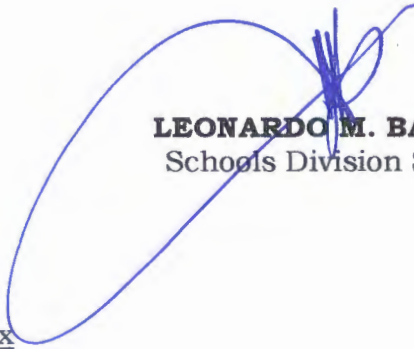
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7. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is directed.

  
**LEONARDO M. BALALA, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

Reference: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
Under the following subjects

CONTESTS

LEARNERS

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contest

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**II. General Guidelines**

1. **Participants:** The event is open to senior high school students from the eight school divisions of Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN). Each division shall send one contestant and one (1) coach per contest category: essay, oratorical speech, and quiz bee.
2. **Event Schedule:** The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on October 3, 2024.
3. **Contest Categories:**
  - **Essay Writing:** Participants will compose an essay on a pre-announced topic related to intergenerational connections.
  - **Oratorical Speech:** Participants will deliver a speech on a given theme, focusing on the contributions of senior citizens to society. The theme for the 2024 Elderly Filipino Week Celebration is: "Senior Citizens – Building the Nation, Inspiring Generations."
  - **Quiz Bee:** A general knowledge quiz covering topics relevant to senior citizens (International agreements, national laws, policies, and programs).
4. **Selection Process:** Each division office has the discretion to either hold an elimination round or directly select their participants for each category.
5. **Prizes:**
  - First Place: P5,000
  - Second Place: P3,000
  - Third Place: P1,000
  - Consolation Prize: P500 for each non-placing participant
  - Coaches Incentive: Coaches for each event will receive a modest incentive of P500.
6. **Registration:** Division offices must submit the names of their participants one week before the event to ensure proper coordination and event planning.
7. **Judging Criteria:** Detailed guidelines on judging criteria will be provided to ensure fairness and consistency across all contest categories.
8. **Awards and Recognition:** Winners from each category will receive their prizes, medals and certificates as a token of appreciation for their participation and excellence.





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**III. Activity Matrix:**

Time	Activity
8:30 - 9:00	Arrival and Registration
9:00 - 9:30	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Invocation</li><li>▪ Philippine National Anthem</li><li>▪ Welcome Remarks and Overview of the Event</li><li>▪ Message</li></ul>
9:30 - 9:45	Orientation/briefing on contest rules
9:45 - 11:45	Essay Writing Contest
9:45 - 10:45	Oratorical Speech
10:45 - 12:30	Quiz Bee
12:30 - 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 - 1:30	Deliberation and Tabulation of Results
1:30 - 2:00	Awarding/Closing Ceremony

**IV. Essay Writing Contest Mechanics**

1. **Theme:**

- The essay must revolve around a given theme, which will be announced one week before the event. The theme will focus on intergenerational connections and the contributions of senior citizens to society.

2. **Essay Format:**

- The essay must be written in English.
- The essay should be a minimum of 800 words and a maximum of 1,200 words.
- The essay must be original, unpublished, and solely created by the participant. Plagiarism in any form will result in disqualification.

3. **On-the-Spot Writing:**

- Participants will write their essays on the day of the event within a designated time frame of two hours.
- No reference materials, books, or digital devices are allowed during the writing process.

4. **Submission:**

- Essays must be handwritten
- Participants will be given a short briefing on the submission process before the contest begins.



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**5. Judging Criteria:**

- **Content and Relevance (40%):** The essay should thoroughly address the theme, demonstrating a clear understanding of the topic.
- **Originality and Creativity (30%):** The essay should showcase unique ideas and perspectives.
- **Organization and Structure (20%):** The essay should have a clear introduction, body, and conclusion, with a logical flow of ideas.
- **Grammar and Style (10%):** The essay should be free from grammatical errors, with appropriate use of language and style.

**6. Announcement of Winners:**

- Winners will be announced at the end of the event. Medals, certificates and prizes will be awarded during the awarding ceremony.

**V. Oratorical Speech Contest Mechanics**

**1. Theme:**

- The speech must revolve around the 2024 Elderly Filipino Week theme: "*Senior Citizens - Building the Nation, Inspiring Generations.*" Participants should focus on how senior citizens contribute to nation-building and inspire the younger generation through their experiences, wisdom, and achievements.

**2. Speech Content:**

- The speech must be original and delivered by the participant.
- The speech should be 5 to 7 minutes long. Speeches that are too short or exceed the time limit will be penalized.
- The speech must be in English and must not contain any inappropriate language or offensive content.

**3. Delivery:**

- Participants will deliver their speeches live on stage during the event.
- Speeches should be memorized; reading from a script or cue cards is discouraged and may result in a lower score.
- Participants will be judged on their vocal delivery, including clarity, pronunciation, and expressiveness, as well as their overall stage presence, which includes eye contact, gestures, and posture.

**4. Judging Criteria:**

- **Content and Relevance (40%):** The speech should effectively address the theme, presenting well-developed ideas and arguments that highlight the role of senior citizens in nation-building and inspiring future generations.





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- **Delivery and Expression (30%):** The participant should demonstrate confidence, clarity, and expressiveness in their speech delivery.
  - **Originality and Creativity (20%):** The speech should offer unique perspectives and creative approaches to the theme.
  - **Overall Impact (10%):** The speech should leave a strong, lasting impression on the audience and judges.
5. **Timekeeping:**
- A timekeeper will signal when the participant has one minute left, and again when the time is up. Speeches exceeding the time limit will receive deductions.
6. **Announcement of Winners:**
- Winners will be announced at the end of the event, with certificates and prizes awarded during the awarding ceremony.

#### **VI. Quiz Bee Contest Mechanics**

1. **Scope of Questions:**

The quiz bee will focus on general knowledge topics relevant to senior citizens, including:

- **International Agreements:** Key international treaties, conventions, and agreements that impact the rights and welfare of senior citizens.
- **National Laws:** Important laws and legislation in the Philippines that pertain to senior citizens, such as the Expanded Senior Citizens Act and related policies.
- **Policies and Programs:** Government programs and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of senior citizens, including health care, social security, and community services.

2. **Quiz Format:**

The quiz bee will consist of multiple rounds:

- **Easy Round:** Each question is worth 1 point.
- **Average Round:** Each question is worth 3 points.
- **Difficult Round:** Each question is worth 5 points.

Questions will be in the form of multiple choice, true or false, and short answer.

3. **Conduct of the Quiz Bee:**

- Participants will be provided with writing boards or papers.
- A quizmaster will read the questions aloud, and participants must respond within a given time limit.
- In the case of multiple-choice or true/false questions, participants will write their answers on the boards or papers provided.



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4. **Scoring:**

- Correct answers will earn the corresponding points for each round.
- No points will be deducted for incorrect answers.
- The participant with the highest cumulative score at the end of all rounds will be declared the winner.

5. **Tie-Breaker:**

- In the event of a tie, additional questions will be asked in a sudden-death format. The first participant to correctly answer a tie-breaker question will be declared the winner.

6. **Judging and Decision-Making:**

- A panel of judges will oversee the quiz bee to ensure fairness and accuracy.
- The judges' decisions are final and binding.

7. **Announcement of Winners:**

- Winners will be announced at the end of the event, with certificates and prizes awarded during the awarding ceremony.