MEMORANDUM TO:

OIC-Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals
Officers-In-Charge
Public and Private Schools

MAMADIG: 10th NATIONAL CHILDREN’S ON-THE-SPOT CHEMISTRY POSTER MAKING COMPETITION


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To: SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
Public and Private School Heads

Dear Sirs/ Mesdames:

The Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies (PFCS) regularly organizes the National Children’s On-The-Spot Chemistry Poster Making Competition. This year, University of the Philippines, Diliman will be one of the host universities for Mamadig: 10th National Children’s on-The-Spot Chemistry Poster Making Competition with the theme: “Biodiversity and Chemodiversity for Sustainability” which will be held on February 22, 2020 within the Institute of Chemistry building, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

Please find the attached Letter-Request, for reference.

Attendance to the said activity is subject to the No Disruption of Classes Policy of the Department, stipulating that prior arrangements must be made by the School Heads about the affected classes to maximize students’ learning time.

For inquiries, please address them to Ms. Alexandria Grospe at opunci@hotmail.com or through 09260158331.

Very Truly yours,

MALCOLM S. GARMA
Director IV

End: As stated

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Ms. Sheryll T. Gayola
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Department of Education- Marikina

Greetings!

The Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies (PFCS) regularly organizes the National Children’s On-The-Spot Chemistry Poster Making Competition in line with its mission to be an instrument of promoting the advancement, appreciation, and application of science and technology in response to societal needs. This contest aims to attain the following:

i. To instill a greater appreciation of chemistry among the youth
ii. To give recognition to the artistic talents of elementary students
iii. To foster a social and intellectual interaction among elementary students

This year, University of the Philippines, Diliman will be one of the host universities for Mamadig: 10th National Children’s On-The-Spot Chemistry Poster Making Competition which will be held on February 22, 2020 within the Institute of Chemistry building. Targeting grade IV-VII pupils from both public and private schools wherein each participating school is entitled to two contestants and one coach, and each host university may accept a maximum of 50 participants, an estimate of 900 students and coaches will take part in this nationwide activity. In line with the vision and mission of PFCS, this year’s theme will be “Biodiversity and Chemodiversity for Sustainability”.

In view hereof, we are humbly requesting your good office to release a DepEd Advisory for Mamadig. This endorsement by your office would greatly help us in the dissemination of information about “Mamadig”. The official contest mechanics may be found below. Should you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us through:

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Thank you very much, and we look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully yours,
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Externals Head of Mamadig

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Carla Mae Tan   
Mamadig Head
MAMADIG

ACTIVITIES

The event has two main activities.

1. **Talk on Special Topics in Chemistry**

   An invited speaker from the host school will deliver a talk about an interesting Chemistry topic related to the theme. This will be done before the participants engage in the actual poster contest. The talk will expose our pupils to the chemistry world and enlighten their minds on the relevance of chemistry in our daily lives. This will hopefully get the students to be more interested in Chemistry and motivate them to do more reading about the topic presented. It is also hoped that this interest will be sustained and inspire them to pursue science related courses.

2. **On-The-Spot Chemistry Poster Making Competition**

   The *On-The-Spot Chemistry Poster Making Competition* will be conducted after the talk. This will serve as a venue for our pupils to show their talents and creativity with science/chemistry in mind. The theme for the contest will already be disseminated when the invitation is sent to the different elementary schools. This is done with the hope that in the process of preparing for the contest, the pupils will devote a substantial amount of time in reading and "researching" about the topic. The mechanics and other highlights of the contest are given below.

CONTEST MECHANICS

1. **Target Participants/ Eligibility.** This contest is open to all interested Grades IV to VII pupils from both public and private schools nationwide.

2. **Pre-registration.** Each contestant must pre-register by sending to the Secretariat the attached registration form on or before 7 February 2020 through fax or email. The registration form should be endorsed by the school's Principal. Two contestants per school will be accommodated.

3. **Acceptance.** Only fifty (50) contestants per host university will be accepted to participate in the contest. Acceptance will be made on a first-come, first-served basis. The accepted contestants will be informed on or before 14 February 2020. Each contestant will be required to present valid school identification (ID) card on the day of the competition. In the event that there are still slots available after the deadline, the host may accommodate additional contestants from registered schools.
4. **Theme.** All posters should relate to the theme "Biodiversity and Chemodiversity for Sustainability". The contestants are encouraged to read on this topic prior to the contest.

5. **Format and Materials.** Only the materials provided by the organizers should be used by the participants. The poster should be done on a 10" x 15" illustration board using craypas. Drawing and writing materials for the contest (including illustration board, bond paper, craypas, pencil, eraser, markers, cotton) shall be provided by the organizers at the contest venue. The **artworks must remain anonymous**. All entries will be pre-numbered. No signatures, names, or other identifying marks should appear at either side of the material of the entry.

6. **Time limit.** All artworks must be done only on the spot, and must be completed within the allotted time of two hours.

7. **Violations.** Entries that violate any of the contest rules may be disqualified outright. Any administrative or technical problems that may arise during the contest and judging process shall be resolved by the organizers/judges whose decision shall be final.

8. **Ownership of Entries.** All entries in the competition will be properties of the Philippine Federation of Chemistry Societies.

9. **Criteria for judging.** Entries will be judged according to creativity (40%), originality (30%) and relevance to the theme (30%).

    Judges:

    Local: The Board of Judges will be chosen by the organizers from the host school. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and unappealable.

    National: The Board of Judges will be composed of noted artists and representatives from the Federation of Philippine Chemistry Societies. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and unappealable.

10. **Prizes.**

    Local: Three winning entries from each host school shall be chosen and shall be awarded Php 2000.00 each. They will qualify as finalists for the national award.

    National: Three winning entries will be chosen from the pool of finalists and shall be awarded the following prizes:

    - First Prize: Php 7,000.00
    - Second Prize: Php 5,000.00
    - Third Prize: Php 3,000.00
The first place winner and his/her teacher will also receive free accommodations and round trip airfare tickets to Bacolod City.

11. **Awarding.** The local winners will be announced and awarded the prizes on the day of the competition. The national winners will be announced by the second week of March and the prizes will be awarded during the 31st Philippine Chemistry Congress which will be held on **27-29 May 2020 at SMX Convention Center, Bacolod City.** The winning posters will also be exhibited during the Congress.