



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
REGION I



**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

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**NATIONAL PAROL-MAKING COMPETITION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. The Office of the President – Social Secretary’s Office (OP-SOSEC) shall conduct the third year of implementation of a National Parol-Making Competition called “Isang Bituin, Isang Mithiin” with the theme “Harmonies of Hope: Illuminating Filipino Resilience”, incorporating traditional parol designs and techniques with innovative elements showcasing our commitment towards national progress.
2. This activity aims to celebrate the rich tapestry of Filipino traditions while embracing the spirit of innovation that shapes our future. As such, the Department of Education supports the said competition and thus enjoins students from all public secondary schools to voluntarily participate.
3. The winners shall be invited to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Malacañang in December 2024 to receive cash prizes, laptop, and mobile phone showcase.
4. Attached are the guidelines and mechanics of the competition.
5. For questions or clarifications, please contact DepEd Public Affairs Service through (02) 631-6033/633-2120 or Ms. Ching Villas of OP-SOSEC through 0917-8085849 or (02) 735-0195.
6. For immediate information and guidance.

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**PAROL-MAKING COMPETITION**

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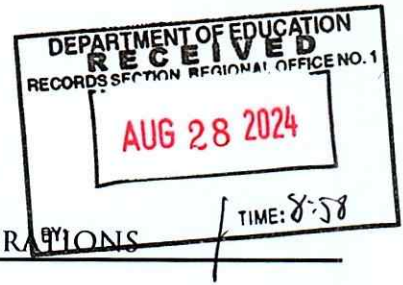
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**MEMORANDUM**  
**DM-OUOPS-2024-01-06839**

**FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**  
**SCHOOL HEADS**  
**ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**FROM : ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**  
*Undersecretary for Operations*

**SUBJECT : NATIONAL PAROL-MAKING COMPETITION**

**DATE : August 27, 2024**

The Office of the President - Social Secretary's Office (OP-SOSEC) is organizing the third year of implementation of a national parol-making competition called "*Isang Bituin, Isang Mithiin.*" The theme for this year's competition is "**Harmonies of Hope: Illuminating Filipino Resilience**" incorporating traditional *parol* designs and techniques with innovative elements showcasing our commitment towards national progress. This event aims to celebrate the rich tapestry of Filipino traditions while embracing the spirit of innovation that shapes our future.

The Department of Education supports said competition and thus enjoins students from all public secondary schools to voluntarily participate. The winners will be invited to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Malacañang in December and will also receive cash prizes, laptop showcase, and mobile phone showcase.

Attached are the guidelines and mechanics of the competition. For questions or clarifications, you may contact DepEd Public Affairs Service through (02) 631-6033 / 633-2120 or Ms. Ching Villas of OP-SOSEC through +63 917 808 5849 or (02) 7350195.

For wide dissemination.

Thank you.



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**GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS FOR THE 2024 "ISANG BITUIN, ISANG MITHIN,"**

**A NATIONAL PAROL MAKING COMPETITION**

**Theme: Harmonies of Hope: Illuminating Filipino Resilience**

**1. Eligibility**

Open to students (high school and senior high) of public secondary schools under DepEd.

**2. Criteria for Judging**

Creativity and Originality	20%
Technical Skills & Craftsmanship	30%
Adherence to Theme	20%
Overall impact and aesthetic	20%
Online votes	10%

**3. Mechanics**

- 3.1 One (1) parol entry per Public secondary school under DepEd. This should be made by a maximum of four (4) officially enrolled students. Schools are not required. This is voluntary.
- 3.2 Each School Division should have one (1) parol entry for the National Parol Competition.
- 3.3 Innovation and Creativity: Encourage students to experiment with new materials, techniques, and forms while staying true to the traditional artistry of parol making.
- 3.4 Cultural Representation: Emphasize the importance of incorporating Filipino cultural elements, symbols, and traditions into the design, celebrating the richness of Filipino heritage.
- 3.5 Various Recycled Materials: Parols can be made from various materials that are recycled (EXCEPT PLASTIC) & endemic to their provinces, such as bamboo, coconut palm, etc.
- 3.6 Storytelling through Art: Each parol should tell a compelling story of resilience, hope, and community spirit, inspiring others with its message and design.
- 3.7 Two (2) feet in diameter with about 35% of the diameter in thickness (at its core). No STAND.
- 3.8 Lights are required however live fire & candles are not allowed.



3.9 It must be able to withstand any type of weather

3.10 Official entry of each division must have proper endorsement from the division head

#### 4. Number of Entries

One (1) *parol* entry per Division Office made by a maximum of four officially enrolled (4) students

#### 5. Requirements

The Secondary schools within the Division are encouraged to engage in an intercollegiate competition, wherein each school should submit its Parol entry, and the winning Parol will serve as the official entry of their respective Division office.

The pictures and names of the winners or official entries from the Division will be submitted via email to OP-SOSEC via [sosec.production@gmail.com](mailto:sosec.production@gmail.com).

6. Participating schools must submit a brief description of the materials used, the inspiration behind their design, and the names of students who created the parol. A video documentation of how the parol was made should also be provided.

##### 6.1 Video Documentation for the Online Parol Video Contest

A. Orientation - Landscape

B. Time - A maximum of 1 minute and 30 seconds (wrap up video of the creation process)

C. Device - Phone Camera or SLR

D. Storage - The *Flash Drive* or google drive should contain the following files:

- Video Documentation of the creation process
- Soft copy of the endorsement letter
- Brief Description of the Parol Entry

*Note: For submission via Gdrive: Send it to [sosec.production@gmail.com](mailto:sosec.production@gmail.com)*

7. **Endorsement Letter.** Printed and soft copies of Official Endorsement letters from their respective Schools Division Superintendent they represent are required upon submission of entries.

*\*Entries without official endorsement letter will not be accepted*

8. **“Isang Bituin Isang Mithiin” A National Parol Making Competition Year**  
3. This contest will officially begin on September 01, 2024.

- 8.1 The **deadline** for the submission of entry is on November 1, 2024. **Physical entries from Division Offices** shall be submitted to the details mentioned below on or before its deadline:

**Social Secretary’s Office**  
Office of the President  
Gate 6, Harrison Gate  
JP Laurel St., San Miguel  
Metro Manila

**Ching Villas**  
SoSec Production  
+63 917 808 5849  
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*\*Note: Submission of Parol in Malacanang should be on a weekday. (Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5 pm)*

- 8.2 There will be a Facebook and Instagram poll of Parol Video (National level) entries that will commence on **November 11, 2024**. The Facebook Polling cut off is on **November 15, 2024** at 12 noon.

9. **Prizes.** The Top 3 winners will be invited to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Malacañang on December 01, 2023 (*Airfare, hotel, car service and food accommodation is free*) and shall receive the following:

9.1 **Students**

- Cash Prizes
- Laptop showcase
- Mobile phone showcase
- College Scholarship (SUC & Course of Choice)

9.2 **School**

- 3 Units of photo and video capturing and editing package (1 unit each SUC)
  - Camera
  - Gimbal
  - Laptop unit
- Cash Prizes

9.3 **Division Office**

- 5 units of computers for the Teachers Hub (Top 3 winners)

#### 9.4 Online Poll Winner

- Cash Prize

*\*The prizes may change.*

To ensure the eligibility and Legitimacy of entries for the National Competition, the Department of Education is entrusted with the task of collating the roster of winners from all Division Offices including their contact details.

All Public Secondary Schools are enjoined to participate in this endeavor to promote Filipino heritage, culture, and creativity. Your active involvement will undoubtedly contribute to the success of this meaningful event and foster a sense of unity and national pride. Entries from the Division offices shall be submitted to this email **sosec.production@gmail.com** .

Other relevant guidelines, information, and details may be accessed at <https://bit.ly/3MwrV8F> or scan the QR Code below. For further information, interested participants may coordinate with Ms. Ching Villas Events and Production Social Secretary's Office. Office of the President at Mobile: +63 917 808 5849 Viber: 09153206047 and Landline: (02) 7350195.



*Scan the QR Code to access the details of the competition.*