DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 217, series of 2018

GAWAD KALASAG CY 2018 SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT (DRRM) AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE – SCHOOL CATEGORY

TO: Division Chiefs
   Public Schools District Supervisors
   Division Evaluation and Selection Committee
   Elementary, Junior and Senior High School Heads

1. Pursuant to unnumbered Regional Memorandum dated March 5, 2018 entitled “Gawad Kalasag CY 2018 Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance – School Category”, Public Schools District Supervisors are hereby directed to recommend 2 schools for elementary per district and 2 schools for secondary for the said contest. Deadline for the submission of names of the recommended schools will be on March 9, 2018.

2. In view of the conduct of the contest, the following are the members of the Evaluation and Selection Committee for the Gawad Kalasag CY 2018 Search for Excellence in DRRM – Division Level:
   i. Helen Franconas
   ii. Peter-Jason Senarillos
   iii. Maria Jadloc
   iv. Reyzon Monserate
      -Division Engineer III
      -Education Program Specialist II-Soc.Mob.
      -Education Program Specialist II-SMM&E
      -Project Development Officer II-DRRM

3. The committee is hereby directed to evaluate the entries and to select a division winning entries on March 13-14, 2018. Attached is the comprehensive school safety checklist for the Gawad Kalasag CY 2018.

4. Transportation and other allowable expenses of the Division Evaluation and Selection Committee will be charged to local funds subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. The Division DRRM Coordinator shall render technical assistance to the winning schools and submit the Division entries to the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) XI, HS Pointan Building, CP, Garcia, Bangkal, Davao City on or before March 27, 2018.

6. For guidance and compliance.

Winnie E. Batoon, EdD, CESE
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
MEMORANDUM

TO : Schools Division Superintendents
Attention: Division Disaster Risk Reduction Management Coordinators

SUBJECT : Gawad Kalasag CY 2018 Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance - School Category

DATE : March 5, 2018

Herewith is the basic communication dated March 2, 2018 from Regional Director Manuel Luis M. Ochotorena, Office of the Civil Defense XI, Chairperson Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council XI, inviting the participation of the schools in this Region in the "Gawad Kalasag CY 2018 Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) - School Category."

In line with this, all schools are encouraged to participate in the said activity. The deadline of submission of entries will be on or before March 27, 2018 at Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) XI, HS Polintan Building, CP Garcia, Bangkal, Davao City.

For further information or inquiries regarding this matter, you may contact directly Ms. Rebecca O. Lopez at telephone number (082) 297-7915 or mobile number 0956-5042317.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO III
Regional Director

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ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE CESO IV
Regional Director
Department of Education XI
F. Torres Street, Davao City

Dear Atty, Escobarte:

Greetings from RDRRMC XII!

Please be informed that the Search is starting for the RDRRMC and NDRRMC Gawad KALASAG: Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance.

We are inviting your District Schools (Elementary and High School) to submit entries for Gawad KALASAG CY 2018 Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance on or before March 27, 2018. You may send your entries to OCD XI, HS Politan Building, CP Garcia, Bangkal, Davao City.

For inquiries you may contact Ms. Rebecca O. Lopez at mobile number 09568042317 or call our office with telephone number (082) 297-7915. Attached is the revised Guidelines with the Checklist for the School Category.

Anticipating for you positive response on this Search.

Thank you and more power!

Very truly yours,

DIR. MANUEL LUIS M. OCHOTORENA
Regional Director, OCD XI and
Chairperson RDRRMC
March 02, 2018

Dear Atty. Escobarite:

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DIR. MANUEL LUIS M. OCHOTORENA
Regional Director, OCD XI and Chairperson RDRRM C
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TO:
Members, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC);
Chairpersons, Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (RDRMCs);
Metro Manila DRRMC;
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao DRRMC, and
Local DRRMCs; and
Other Concerned Offices

SUBJECT:
Revised Guidelines on the Gawad KALASAG: Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance

Reference:

➢ NDRRMC Memorandum Circular No. 075, s. 2017 dated 30 May 2017 on the Revised Guidelines on the Gawad KALASAG: Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance CY 2017

➢ NDRRMC Memorandum Circular No. 02, s. 2016 dated 30 August 2016 on the Revised Guidelines of Gawad KALASAG: Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance

Gawad KALASAG
(KALamidad at SakaNA LAnaban, SARiling Galing ang Kaligtasan)

I. BACKGROUND

The concept of Gawad KALASAG (KALamidad at SakaNA LAnaban, SARiling Galing ang Kaligtasan) was adopted from the Filipino term for shield, 'kalasag', used by early Filipinos as a means of protection from attacks of enemies or harmful animals (National Disaster Coordinating Council, 2008). It was established as the country’s premier recognition scheme to various stakeholders that design and implement Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) programs that protect and shield high risk communities against hazards and render them more capable of addressing their vulnerabilities and coping from disasters. It aims to appreciate individuals, groups or institutions which have shown extraordinary courage, heroism and sacrifice before, during and after disasters or emergencies whether natural or human-induced (Office of the Civil Defense, 2015).
On June 11, 1978, Presidential Decree 1566 was issued to strengthen the Philippine disaster control capability and to establish a community disaster preparedness program nationwide. In response to this, the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) initiated in 1998 the Gawad KALASAG as a mechanism in obtaining sustained commitment and support by recognizing exceptional contributions of DRRM practitioners in strengthening the resilience and adaptive capacities of nations and communities to disaster risks.

In 2005, the international community signed a 10-year Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategy called the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) at the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Japan. As a signatory to the HFA, the Philippine Government, through the NDCC, adopted the HFA strategic goals by developing and enhancing current plans, programs and activities on DRR. Overtime, supported by a legal framework as the foundation to institutionalize policies, structures, programs and coordination mechanisms on DRR at all levels, the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management System (PDRRMS) initiated a paradigm shift from reactive to a more proactive stance on DRRM.

Hence, with the passing of PDRRM Law or Republic Act 10121 in May 27, 2010 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations in September 27, 2010, the Philippines displayed its global commitment to implement the international framework (HFA) for building resilience of nations and communities to disasters and reducing vulnerabilities and risks to hazards. This also resulted into the elevation of the NDCC to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), which focuses on four thematic areas of DRRM, namely: Prevention and Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Rehabilitation.

Learning from the lessons during the implementation of HFA, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) 2015-2030 was adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, on March 18, 2015. The Framework outlines seven clear targets and four priorities for action to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risks: (i) Understanding disaster risk; (ii) Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk; (iii) Investing in disaster reduction for resilience and; (iv) Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Subsequently, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) was adopted during the same year building from the success of the Millenium Development Goals. Also known the 'Global Goals', the 17 SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity. It includes new development areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, among other priorities.

In its commitment to achieve the substantial reduction of disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods and health and in the economic, physical, social, cultural and environmental assets of persons, businesses, communities and countries towards sustainable development over the next 15 years, the Philippine
Government integrates SFDRR as well as the SDGs into its national and local development processes such as policies, plans, programs, projects and activities.

Significantly, the Gawad KALASAG Search, spearheaded by the Office of Civil Defense and NDRRMC remains to be one of the country’s fully institutionalized programs that promote the spirit of volunteerism among agencies and individuals, measure the capacity and capability of various stakeholders in identifying risks and vulnerabilities in the community, and address challenges on human-made and natural emergencies and disasters (Annex A).

On its 20th year of foundation, the Gawad KALASAG moves towards another milestone of celebrating the best practices of stakeholders in DRRM and humanitarian assistance and shall continue to improve its mechanism in providing the measurement and standard of excellence in these aspect. To elevate the quality of this recognition scheme towards more vibrant citizen participation, the OCD is spearheading the updating of this guidelines and its annexes through reorganization of the National Selection Committee, streamlining of categories, increasing the incentives and publication of the compendium of Gawad KALASAG winners across its two decades of existence.

II. OBJECTIVES

The annual Gawad KALASAG Search aims to recognize outstanding performances of Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (RDRMCs), Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (LDRRCs), Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committees (BDRMCs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Volunteer Organizations (VOs), People’s Organizations (POs), schools such as Early Learning Centers (ELCs), Elementary, High School, and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Government Emergency Management or GEM, Hospitals, Private (Business/Corporate) Organizations, and Individuals who have shown acts of heroism before, during or after disasters and emergencies, and other major stakeholders that continue to render exemplary contribution in promoting and implementing significant and gender-sensitive DRRM-Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) programs and innovations that build community resiliency in the long term.

III. EVALUATION PROCESS

All RDRMCs, LDRRMCs, BDRRMCs, organizations, institutions, groups, and individuals shall be eligible subject to the guidelines and criteria set forth by the National Selection Committee (NSC) composed of members of the NDRRMC.

Nominees at the Regional and National level undergo through desk evaluation and field validation. Further details on the process of evaluation can be found in Annex B (Evaluation Process). The Regional Selection Committee (RSC) shall submit at the National level, ONLY relevant evidential documents in accordance with the standard checklists appended in this Circular. ONLY the top place winner per category will advance to the national level, and each must have garnered a score of at least 80% and duly endorsed by the RSC to the NSC. The NSC shall determine the top three (3) nominees for each category thru desk validation and field validation.

The search covers twenty one (21) major categories and three (3) special recognitions. The full list can be found in Annex D (Categories of Awards). Those
awarded institution/ organization aligned with the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan, Local Climate Change Action Plan, Philippine Development Plan, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development Goals.

The winning institution/ organization shall sign a memorandum of agreement with the OCD/NDRRMC upon completion of all the necessary requirements which may be prescribed by the NSC. Utilization of Gawad KALASAG incentives for priority PAPs of the awarded institutions/ organizations shall be in compliance with NDRRMC and DILG Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-1 for the 70% allocation for prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response, and rehabilitation and recovery.

VII. EFFECTIVITY

This Circular shall be in effect upon approval by the Chairperson, NDRRMC, and unless revoked or revised.

VII. APPROVAL AND PROMULGATION

This Gawad KALASAG guideline is hereby approved and thereby promulgated.

For guidance and compliance.

DELFIN N. LORENZANA
Chairperson, NDRRMC and
Secretary, Department of National Defense