



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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PRINCESS MAHA CHAKRI AWARD 2021

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister of Basic, Higher and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Princess Maha Chakri (PMCA) Foundation calls for nominations for the **Princess Maha Chakri Award 2021** – a biennial award given to outstanding teachers in eleven countries in Southeast Asia (ASEAN and Timor Leste), who have made significant impact to students' lives.
2. The PMCA was established on the occasion of the 60th birthday anniversary of Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand in 2015. It aims to
 - a. honor HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn for her outstanding achievements in the field of education and in the development of the quality of life, especially for the disadvantaged;
 - b. honor highly dedicated teachers whose accomplishments make significant contributions to education and human development and who deserve international recognition;
 - c. support and promote development of the teaching profession, as well as educational enhancement; and
 - d. strengthen international relations in the field of education.
3. The PMCA Foundation works closely with the Ministry of Education of each SEAMEO member country in the selection process. It provides the general criteria that focuses on teachers who change student development and lives, particularly the disadvantaged groups in the remote areas, which is the main emphasis on HRH's work.
4. The general criteria require that nominees should
 - come from SEAMEO member countries,
 - be active in teaching or in education administration,
 - have generated developmental changes in students and inspired fellow teachers, and
 - have outstanding achievements that generated benefits to education and human development.

5. The specific criteria and selection process are conducted by the Ministry of Education of each country. The Ministry of Education will be responsible for selecting awardees in accordance with the criteria for the award nomination. **Only one National PMCA recipient will be allowed per country.**

6. The Philippines' screening criteria are as follows:

- a. Participation in community and civic movements most especially where education is least accessible;
- b. Innovation in teaching has benefited in communities where he/she has taught; and
- c. Ability to inspire, promote, and sustain the development of students and fellow teachers through their decision.

7. Interested applicants are directed to submit hard and soft copies of the following requirements to their respective Department of Education (DepEd) regional offices (ROs):

- a. Updated Personal Data Sheet (CS Form 212);
- b. A 1500-word essay explaining why he/she should receive the award; and
- c. Matrix of awards and achievements (Enclosure No. 2) relevant to the PMCA, accompanied by supporting documents (certificates of training need not be submitted). All acronyms need to be spelled out.

8. DepEd ROs shall screen the submissions based on the abovementioned criteria and nominate who will join the selection process by the Central Office (CO). **Only one nominee will be allowed per region.**

9. Regional offices are then requested to forward their nominee's requirements and a letter of nomination to the DepEd International Cooperation Office (ICO). The mailing address for the hard copies is mentioned below, while soft copies should be sent through email at **ico@deped.gov.ph**, with the subject line: Region __ - Princess Maha Chakri Award 2021.

10. The letter of nomination should be signed by the regional director (or his/her official representative) and addressed to:

Leonor Magtolis Briones
Secretary, Department of Education

Attention: **Margarita Consolacion C. Ballesteros**
Director, International Cooperation Office
Ground Floor, Teodora Alonzo Building,
Department of Education Central Office
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue
Pasig City 1600

11. The deadline for submission of requirements to the ICO is **December 7, 2020.**

12. Submissions to the ICO will be forwarded to the Philippines' PMCA Selection Committee, composed of these representatives from the DepEd CO:

- Undersecretary who will serve as the Deputy Minister;
- Head, Bureau of Human Resources and Organization Development;
- Head, International Cooperation Office; and
- Head, National Educators Academy of the Philippines.

13. The PMCA Selection Committee is tasked to

- a. convene and deliberate on the seventeen nominees,
- b. select the Philippines' awardee,
- c. recommend the chosen awardee for approval of the DepEd Secretary, and
- d. endorse the Philippines' National PMCA recipient to the PMCA by February 2021.

14. The Award recipients for 2021 will be decided during the PMCA annual general meeting chaired by HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn. The awarding ceremony is tentatively set on October 2021.

15. After the conferment of the Award, the PMCA Foundation conducts activities that will enable the Award recipients to expand their practices to improve themselves and help other teachers within their countries and beyond. One such activity is the **PMCA Forum**. The Forum aims to serve as a platform for the Award recipients to share their practices and experiences with other teachers in the region. The exchange of knowledge and practices will create a network of professional learning communities that will benefit teachers and students in the Southeast Asian Region.

16. For more information, please contact the **International Cooperation Office**, Ground Floor, Teodora Alonzo Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at ico@deped.gov.ph.

17. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

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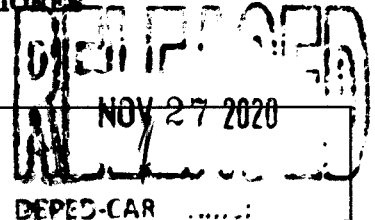
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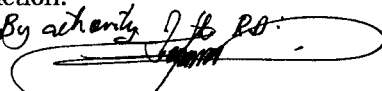



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CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

November 26, 2020

To: All Schools Division Superintendent
All Divisions
All Others Concerned

For information and appropriate action.

By authority of the RD:


ESTELA L. CARIÑO EdD, CESO IV
Regional Director 

HRDD/JPA/LBL

