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REGION II - CAGAYAN VALLEY
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANES

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DIVISION MEMORANDUMNo. 259 s. 2024**ANNUAL JOINT CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S MONTH AND
NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK DUBBED AS IVATAN FESTIVAL**

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

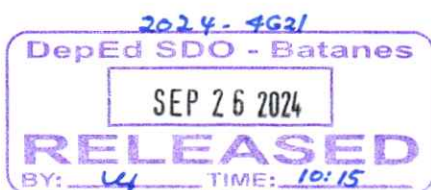
1. In observance of Indigenous People's Month and National Tourism Week, the Provincial Council for Culture and Arts (PCCA) is pleased to announce a series of exciting competitions as part of the Ivatan Festival on October 21-27, 2024 at Basco. These competitions aim to showcase cultural performances, Ivatan products, and indigenous knowledge.
2. The following competitions will be held:
 - a. *Laji* and *kanta* Contest
 - A showcase of traditional Ivatan music, featuring performances of *Laji* and *kanta*
 - b. Ivatan IP Quiz
 - A cultural quiz that will test participants' knowledge of Ivatan history, customs, and indigenous practices
3. Elementary and secondary schools in the Schools Division of Batanes are invited to participate in these events. For the general and specific guidelines and mechanics, please refer to the following enclosures:

Enclosure 1: *Laji* & Ivatan *Kanta* Contest
Enclosure 2: Ivatan IP Quiz
4. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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LAJI & IVATAN KANTA CONTEST

21 October 2024 – 7:00 PM

Ivatan Fair Area, Provincial Park

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

1. There shall be two (2) categories of the singing contest and genre of songs per category as follows;

Category 1	Category 2
• Open for Elementary Pupils • The contest shall be in solo form • Contest piece shall be an original documented laji. The laji lyrics is provided together with the mechanics. • There shall be only 1 entry from among the pupils per municipality with an additional slot for private schools and Basco Barrio Schools in consideration of their larger population. • The contestants may opt to sing their chosen contest piece in whatever standard or commonly used tune which the Laji is usually sung by known Laji singers. • The contestants shall perform an acapella • The attire shall be an Ivatan attire for social events	• Open for Junior or Senior Highschool students • The contest shall be in Duet form • The contest piece shall be chosen by coaches from among the given kanta music sung by the late Mr. Leopoldo Villegas, Maniped nu Ivatan 2022. The lyrics of the selected <i>kanta</i> will be attached to this guidelines while the recorded music by Mr. Villegas will be provided by the tourism office or made available through Google Drive or coaches' flash drives. • The contestants may choose a maximum of two songs from the choices provided. • There shall only be 1 entry (duet) per school in the Secondary level. • The contestants shall be required to perform with accompaniment. • The attire shall be an Ivatan attire for social events

* coaches may contact the tourism office at 09292305934 or email at tourism@batanes.gov.ph

2. Criteria for Judging will be as follows:

- Musicianship – 30%
(observance of correct attack and release, tempo, plus harmony/blending for kanta contest)
- Tone Quality – 25%
(voice production and projection)
- Interpretation – 20%

- (dynamics, phrasing, facial expression, gesture, and attire)
- Diction – 15%
(pronunciation and articulation)
 - Deportment – (stage presence and discipline) – 10%
- The final judging and tabulation of winners will be done in ranking format, with 1 being the highest. The contestant with the lowest accumulated rank shall be declared winner.

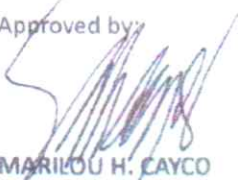
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IVATAN IP QUIZ

23 October 2024 – 9:00 AM

BSC Amphitheater

GENERAL GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

1. There shall be five contest levels and specific entry compositions. These are:
 - Elementary Level (individual)
 - Secondary Level (individual)
 - College Level – (Individual) 3 entries per school
 - Inter-Agency Level (two-man team)
 - Community Level (two-man team)
 - PGB Inter-Department (two-man team)
2. The contest shall be open to qualified individuals under each contest level regardless of whether Ivatan or not.
3. There shall be three-question-rounds/categories – EASY, AVERAGE and DIFFICULT
4. CLINCHER QUESTIONS shall be given to break ties.
5. The scope of the Ivatan IP Quiz shall be the following:
 - Elementary – language and Flora and Fauna
 - Secondary – Batanes geography and Ivatan Food
 - Tertiary – History and Architecture
 - Community, Inter-agency and PGB – farming and fishing, rituals and practicesIn addition, each level will also be given 5 questions under general information and current events.
6. The quiz shall be composed of 10 easy questions, 7 average questions and 5 difficult questions.
7. Each correct answer in the EASY round shall be equivalent to 1 point, 2 points for the AVERAGE round and 3 points for the DIFFICULT round.
8. For the elementary, high school, and college levels, flash cards will be used by the contestants to write their answers. The quiz master will give the "Go" Signal before students can start writing their answers.
9. The questions will be read twice by the quizmaster.
10. For Inter – Agency and Community levels, lighting signal buzzers will be assigned for each entry-contestant. The contestant who hits the lighting signal or buzzer button first shall be called to answer the question.
11. In cases when the contestant hits the signal button while the quizmaster is reading the question, the quizmaster shall automatically stop reading and the contestant shall state his answer.
12. In cases where a wrong answer is given, a "steal" is allowed only after a "GO" signal is stated by the quizmaster.

13. A "Challenge" is allowed and shall only be made by the contestant or his/her official coach immediately before proceeding to the next question. A "challenge" will no longer be accommodated once the next question has been read.
14. The contestant who garnered the highest point at the end of the third round of questions will be declared winner.
15. Prizes and certificates will be awarded to winners and contest participants
16. The five (5) board of jury's decision is final and executory.

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

School Level

Participants/Contestants

1. For government schools, there shall be one entry for elementary per municipality to be determined by their school district and one entry from each secondary school. A separate slot will be given to the private schools. Should Itbayat fail to send contestants, the slot may be given to BNSHS and Basco Barrio School representative in consideration of their population.
2. For college level, the Batanes State College (BSC) and Saint Dominic College (SDC) shall send three (3) entries per school.

Inter-Agency Level

Participants

1. The following agencies shall be invited to participate in the Inter-agency Ivatan IP quiz category. A letter invitation for participation shall be sent to the agency for their confirmation.
 - Batanes General Hospital
 - Philippine Statistics Authority
 - Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - Philippine National Police
 - Batanes State College
 - Department of Public Works and Highways
2. Each agency shall send two representatives to constitute a team.
3. There shall be no substitution allowed once the contest level has started.

Community Level

1. The community level contestants shall be composed of two (2) individuals each per town to constitute the team. Participants may come from municipal or barangay officials/employees or from the residents of the community in general.
2. There shall be no substitution allowed once the contest level has started.

PGB Level

1. The PGB level contestants shall be composed of two (2) individuals each per the following identified team. Staff from the tourism office and BTSDC shall not be allowed to join as members of the organizing committee.

Team A	- Capitol Down
Team B	- Capitol Up
Team C	- PDRMO and PSWDO
Team D	- PAgrri and PVet
Team E	- PEO and GSO
Team F	- PHO and PPDO

2. There shall be no substitution allowed once the contest level has started.

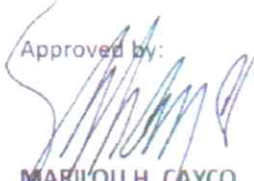
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