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SEARCH FOR BATANG OA (ORGANIC AGRICULTURE) 2018

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Expenses such as food and basic activity supplies will be shouldered by the center and as a counterpart, travel expenses of the participants to and from the venue will be borne by the respective participating schools.

Interested schools may contact Ms. Soledad E. Leal at 09053708403 or at 0464190210. Attached are the activity guidelines and mechanics for your reference.

For the information of the field.
Letter Ref. No. 2018-07-2543

20 July 2018

DR. DIOSDADO M. SAN ANTONIO
Regional Director
Department of Education - Region IV-A
Karangalan Village, Calinta, Rizal

Dear Dr. San Antonio:

Warm Greetings!

The Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) - Region IV-A will be conducting an agriculture-based quiz contest dubbed as Search for Batang OA (Organic Agriculture) 2018* to be held on September 29, 2018 from 8:00am to 5:00pm (venue to be announced). The activity generally aims to create awareness on organic agriculture for the youth and as well boost enrollment in agriculture and agriculture-related courses in the region. It will be participated by fifty (50) selected senior high school students from various schools in CALABARZON.

In this regard, we would like to request for your assistance in the selection of students with their teachers/coaches to participate in this activity. Our center will shoulder the direct activity expenses such as food and basic activity supplies. As a counterpart, may we request that the travel expenses of the participants to and from the venue be borne by the respective participating schools.

Should you have any query regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Soledad E. Leal at 0905 3708403 or our office landline at 046 4190210. Attached are the activity guidelines and mechanics for your reference.

We are hoping that this event would signify a strong partnership with you in the years to come.

Thank you and we are anticipating for your positive response on this matter.

Very respectfully yours,

MARITES P. COSICO
Center Director
I. RATIONALE

Engaging youth in agriculture has been a growing concern not only in the region but all over the country. Young people nowadays are not very much interested in farming because they don't see much prospect in the future of agriculture. Likewise, they don't see it as an active profession in the long-run thus many of the smallholder farmers are quite aged. This prompted the Department of Agriculture specially the Agricultural Training Institute to implement various programs to facilitate synergies that will result in increased employment opportunities for youth within organic agriculture value chains. Furthermore, DA is also strengthening the institutional capacity of the local organizations to effectively meet the needs of youth seeking information and employment within the organic agricultural sector.

Cognizant of its roles and responsibilities, the ATI - Regional Training Center IV-A takes its part in seizing new economic opportunities to improve the livelihood of the farmers particularly the youth sector involved in organic agriculture to become viable actors in agricultural development through trainings, seminars, technical briefings, among others. Furthermore, the institute believed that increased access to education and new forms of agriculture-based enterprises connotes that young people can be a vital force for innovation in family farming, increasing incomes and well-being for both farmers and local communities. Young people can transform the agricultural sector by applying new technologies.

Moreover, capability building for the youth in the region, is among the initiatives being continuously provided by the institute to encourage more young people to perceive farming as a profitable business and a rewarding career. It is in this premise...
that ATI-RTC IVA will be conducting "Search for Batang 2018" in the Calabarzon region. Hence, this proposal.

II. TERMINAL OBJECTIVE

Generally, this activity generally aims to create awareness on organic agriculture as well as boost enrollment in agriculture and agriculture-related courses.

ENABLING OBJECTIVES:

Specifically, at the end of the course the participants should be able to:

1. be able to present various technologies on organic agriculture through an agricultural quiz bee;
2. enhance the knowledge of the participants through presentation of answers in trivia.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The participants to this activity are 50 Senior Highschool Students from CALABARZON Region.

IV. COURSE CONTENT:

The contents of the training are the following:

- Agriculture concepts and legal aspects
- Organic Agriculture Act of 2010
- Integrated Diversified Organic Farming Systems
- Organic Agriculture
- Crops, Livestock and Poultry Production
- Philippine National Standards on OA
- Current events
V. METHODOLOGY

The following mechanics will be followed:

Criteria

- The quiz bee is open to all senior highschool students various schools in Region IVA.
- The quiz bee is divided into three rounds – elimination, semi-final and final round.
- Silence must be observed all throughout the contest proper.
- Cell phones/Mobile gadgets and other personal belongings are not allowed

Prizes

- Cash awards will be given for the following:
  - Consolation prize for 5 contestants – P 1,000.00 plus medal and certificate
  - 5th place – P2,000.00 plus medal
  - 4th place – P3,000.00 plus medal
  - 3rd place – P4,000.00 plus medal
  - 2nd place – P6,000.00 plus medal
  - Champion – P10,000.00 plus medal and perpetual trophy
- There will be panel of judges in case answers has to be clarified and for appropriate scores.

First and Second Elimination Round:

- Participants will be provided with a questionnaire composed of 30 questions to be answered with a time frame of 30 minutes.
- Top 30 students will proceed to the second round of elimination.
- Participants must write their answers on the metacards provided. For multiple choice-type questions, letter must be written in all caps format. For true or false, T and F may be considered.
- Participants who answered incorrectly will automatically be eliminated and will no longer proceed to the next question/round.
- Only ten participants will move to the semi final round.
- If in case that not more ten participants answered the questions correctly, they shall automatically move to the semi-final round.
- Elimination round ends once the tenth slot in the semi-final round is filled.
• Contestants who will be caught cheating or copying answers from other contestants will be automatically eliminated.
• Coaching contestants during the quiz bee proper will also be eliminated.

**Semi-Final and Final Round**

• This is divided into three categories – easy, average, and difficult.
• Ten questions will be asked per category. Each correct answer will be given the following points:
  o Easy: 5 points
  o Average: 10 points
• Each finalist will be given white board and markers for their answers. Answers must be written legibly and must follow the instructions given in every question.
• Each finalist will be given a scratch paper for questions that require computations.
• Top five students will move to the Final Round to determine the champion.
• Top five will automatically be awarded as runners-up and Batang OA 2018.
• In case of tie, clincher questions will be asked until the tie will be broken and the next rank is identified.

**VI. OUTPUT:**

**VII. EVALUATION SCHEME**

Overall Evaluation Activity will be prepared and distributed after the activity.

**VIII. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

A. **Manpower Requirements**
   B. Marites P. Cosico
   C. Sherylou C. Alfaro
   D. Soledad E. Leal
   E. Ric Jason Arreza
   F. Arriane Guerra
   - Center Director
   - Chief, PASS
   - Project Officer
   - Task Force member
   - Task Force member
G. Supplies and Materials

The following supplies and materials will be procured to be utilized during the conduct of the training:

- Training supplies such as notebooks, ballpens, eco bag, certificate holders, pentel pen, bond papers, cartolina etc.

H. Facilities and Equipment

Equipment such as sound system and LCD projector are available to be used during the conduct of the training.

I. Budgetary Requirements

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## IX. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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