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Dear Dr. Martin:

The widespread inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics in the Philippines has led to the increase in cases of antimicrobial resistance. The role of the Department of Health is to promote rational antibiotic use, advice clinicians, educate health care workers and be advocates to patients especially those we serve in drugstores and hospitals regarding the responsible use of antibiotics.

The Department of Health-Region CAR (DOH-CAR) office will celebrate the **Philippine Antibiotics Awareness Week (PAAW)** on **November 15, 2017** and will hold a **Poster Making Contest** as part of the celebration. The venue will be announced later.


In line with this, we are inviting **sixteen (16)** public secondary schools as participants of the said event. **One (1)** student and **one (1)** coach per school. The theme will be **"Antibiotics: Handle with care!"**. The participants will be judged based on the adherence to the theme 40%, creativity and originality 30% and impact 30%.

One meal and snacks will be provided by this office during the program. We are requesting that traveling expenses and other allowable expenses be handled by your office.

Attached is the mechanics of the contest. You may inform the attendance of the participants to Ms. Aiden D. Bermisa at (074) 442-8096. We look forward to your positive response.

Very truly yours,


LAKSHMI L. LEGASPI, MD, RN, MAN
Director IV

To: All School Administrators, Principals & Teachers In-Charge
(Elementary & Secondary)
FOR YOUR INFORMATION & APPROPRIATE ACTION

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The round metal gong of the Cordillera known locally as "ganga" is a symbol of the upland people's culture that has been passed on from generations to another. The profile of a person blowing a "tangguyub" represents a community being called for an important matter or action. The lines that shape the mountains, the rice terraces, clouds and rivers symbolize the connectivity and flow of human interaction in a geographic area such as the Cordillera. All the symbols combined represent unity and harmony of its people with culture and environment in beating the gong for self-determination.

Philippine Antibiotic Awareness Week (PAAW)

I. Participants

Poster Making Contest – One (1) representative each from 16 public secondary schools

II. Theme: "Antibiotics: Handle with care"

Antibiotics are considered as one of the fundamental discoveries in the history of medicine as they have been saving millions of lives around the world. However, because they have been misused and overused both by humans and animals, bacteria grew stronger and turned into "superbugs" that some antibiotics cannot kill them anymore. The losing power of antibiotics is everyone's problem because this will eventually leave the world with no more medicines to treat any infectious diseases which can result into millions of deaths worldwide.

All of us have the responsibility to save our antibiotics. We can prevent this dreadful future by practicing good hygiene and sanitation to prevent the spread of bacteria, and by using our antibiotics responsibly. This means that when we feel sick, we should not immediately take antibiotics, but visit a doctor for check-up. In taking our antibiotics, we must follow the instructions written by the doctor on the prescription. We must finish the prescribed number of antibiotics even if we feel better. We should avoid using left over antibiotics and sharing our antibiotics with others.

Together, we can all fight the superbugs! Let us handle our antibiotics with care!

III. Mechanics

Drawing and coloring materials needed will be provided by DOH-CAR Office.

IV. Criteria for Judging

Adherence to the theme	40 %
Creativity and Originality	30 %
Impact	30 %

Total: 100%

□ Judges: DOH-CAR staff, FDA, Speakers

V. Prizes

All participants shall receive a certificate of participation.

The winners shall receive the following:

- 1st Place – Trophy, Medal, Certificate of Recognition
- 2nd Place – Medal, Certificate of Recognition
- 3rd Place – Medal, Certificate of Recognition