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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 789-2026

CONDUCT OF THE DIVISION 2026 ASEAN-UN ADVOCACY FORUM

To: Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public and Private Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 889, s. 2026, titled "Conduct of the 2026 ASEAN-UN Information Forum," the Schools Division of Baguio City, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), shall conduct an Extemporaneous Speech Competition on December 7, 2026, at 9:00 PM at the Division Training Hall, Schools Division of Baguio City.

2. The activity aims to:

a. deepen participant's understanding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) particularly its history, principles, goals, member states, cultural diversity, and contributions to regional cooperation and development;

b. enhance participants' confidence and competence in articulating ideas and perspectives on ASEAN – related issues through meaningful discussions, collaborative engagements, and leadership activities;

c. encourage active participation in school- based initiatives that promote intercultural understanding, peace, solidarity, and responsible citizenship.

3. Contestants may come from Key Stage 3 (Junior High School) or Key Stage 4 (Senior High School). Only one contestant from the school is allowed to join the competition.

4. Please see enclosure for the mechanics of the extemporaneous speech contest.

5. The participants to the Regional 2026 ASEAN- UN Advocacy Forum on December 14 -15, 2026 are:

6.

Division Winner of the Extemporaneous Speech
Teacher Coach -Division Winner of the Extemporaneous Speech
DFSSLG President – Zheanne Avery D. Ramirez
BCHS SSLG Vice President- Erwin Daniel B. Coga-ay
BCHS SSLG Adviser – Erwin B. Yan
BCHS Head Teacher – Araling Panlipunan – Marissa Laplana (DO representative)

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7. For inquiries, kindly contact JULIET C, SANNAD, EdD, Chief- Curriculum Implementation Division, telephone number: 619 – 3491.

8. Wide dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is required.

SORAYA T. FACULO PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure to DM 789-2026

MECHANICS OF THE ASEAN-UN ADVOCACY EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH CONTEST

I. Objectives

The Extemporaneous Speech Contest aims to:
1. Enhance learners' understanding of the principles, goals, and advocacies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the United Nations (UN).
2. Develop learners' critical thinking, public speaking, and communication skills.
3. Encourage learners to articulate informed perspectives on relevant regional and global issues.
4. Promote awareness of international cooperation, peace, human rights, sustainable development, cultural diversity, and shared responsibility.
5. Provide a platform for learners to demonstrate confidence, creativity, and the ability to organize and express ideas spontaneously.

II. Participants

1. Each school shall identify one (1) official contestant.
2. Contestants may come from Key Stage 3 (Junior High School or Key Stage 4 (Senior High School)
3. Contestants with his/her coach should be present at the designated contest venue at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled start of the competition for registration and orientation.

III. Contest Mechanics

A. Preparation of Topics

1. The contest committee shall prepare a pool of topics related to ASEAN and UN advocacies.
2. Topics shall cover relevant regional and global concerns, including but not limited to:

- Peace, security, and international cooperation
- Human rights, equality, and social justice
  Sustainable development and climate action
- Cultural diversity, inclusion, and intercultural understanding

o Youth participation and leadership

- Education for all and lifelong learning

o Disaster risk reduction and humanitarian action
o Regional cooperation and the role of ASEAN
0| The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
o The role of young people in addressing regional and global challenges

B. Drawing of Topics and Preparation

1. The order of performance shall be determined through a draw of lots before the contest.
2. Each contestant shall draw one (1) topic from the official pool of topics immediately before their turn to speak.
3. Each contestant shall be given two (2) minutes of preparation time to organize their thoughts and outline their response.

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4. During preparation, contestants may write brief notes on the paper provided by the contest committee. Mobile phones, electronic devices, books, internet access, and assistance from coaches or other individuals will not be allowed.
5. Contestants shall not exchange, disclose, or discuss their drawn topics with contestants who have yet to perform.
6. The preparation period shall begin immediately after the topic is drawn and read by the moderator twice. The timekeeper will monitor the allotted time.

C. Speech Delivery

1. Each contestant shall deliver an extemporaneous speech lasting a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes.
2. The speech shall directly address the assigned topic and demonstrate the contestant's understanding of the issue.
3. Contestants are expected to present their ideas logically, support their positions with relevant examples or explanations, and offer appropriate insights, recommendations, or calls to action.
4. The speech must be delivered in English to ensure consistency in judging. They may, however, use Filipino terms to emphasize ideas or quote statements to emphasize their point
5. The use of a fully written or memorized speech is prohibited. Contestants may refer to brief notes prepared during the allotted preparation time.
6. The use of visual aids, presentation slides, props, mobile phones, or other electronic devices during delivery shall not be allowed.
7. Contestants shall speak independently and shall not receive prompts, coaching, or assistance from the audience or other individuals.
8. Contestants may begin their speech upon the signal of the contest chairperson or timekeeper.
9. All contestants shall remain in the designated holding area while waiting for their turn.
10. Contestants who have completed their speeches shall not communicate the topics or content of their speeches to those who have yet to perform.

D. Timekeeping

1. The timekeeper shall start the timer once the contestant begins speaking.
2. A designated warning signal shall be given at the four-minute mark.
3. A final signal shall be given when the contestant reaches five (5) minutes.
4. Contestants are expected to conclude their speeches upon receiving the final signal. Any speech delivered beyond the prescribed maximum time shall incur a point deduction. The same applies to speeches shorter than three (3) minutes.

IV. Judging Criteria

The contestants shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
Content and Relevance to the Topic	30%
Organization and Coherence of Ideas	25%
Critical Thinking and Depth of Analysis	20%
Language Proficiency and Clarity of Expression	15%
Delivery, Confidence, and Audience Engagement	10%
TOTAL	**100**

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Description of Criteria

Content and Relevance to the Topic (30%)

– Demonstrates accurate understanding of the topic and presents relevant, meaningful, and appropriate ideas.

Organization and Coherence of Ideas (25%)

-Presents a clear introduction, logically developed main points, and an effective conclusion.

Critical Thinking and Depth of Analysis (20%)

- Demonstrates independent thought, sound reasoning, and the ability to connect the topic with real-world issues and possible solutions.

Language Proficiency and Clarity of Expression (15%)

– Uses appropriate vocabulary, grammar, and clear, understandable language.

Delivery, Confidence, and Audience Engagement (10%) - Demonstrates composure, appropriate pacing, audible delivery, and effective audience engagement.

V. Rules and Regulations

1. The use of offensive, discriminatory, or inappropriate language shall not be tolerated.
2. Contestants must observe proper decorum and demonstrate respect for diverse cultures, beliefs, and perspectives.
3. Plagiarism, deliberate misrepresentation of facts, and the presentation of another person's prepared speech as one's own are prohibited.
4. Contestants shall not be allowed to repeat their performance except when the contest committee determines that an interruption or technical problem beyond the contestant's control warrants a restart.
5. Any protest or concern regarding the conduct of the contest must be raised by the contestant's authorized coach or SDO representative to the contest committee immediately after the concerned performance and before the announcement of the results.
6. The decision of the board of judges on matters of scoring shall be final and irrevocable. Matters involving the interpretation or implementation of these mechanics shall be resolved by the contest committee.
7. In case of a tie, the contestant with the higher score in Content and Relevance to the Topic shall prevail. If the tie remains, the higher score in Critical Thinking and Depth of Analysis shall be considered. If still tied, the board of judges shall determine the winner.

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