

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 13 s. 2017

TO: ALL PSDSs, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
This Division

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DATE: January 9, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 NATIONAL SEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE & ECO-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS

1. The Department of Environment and Natural resources (DENR), through the Environment Management Bureau (EMB), in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and other government and private sector partners, will conduct the **2017 NATIONAL SEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE & ECO-FRIENDLY SCHOOLS**, in response to Republic Act No. 9512 also known as the *National Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008*, and the ASEAN Environmental Education Action Plan for Sustainable Development for 2014-2018.
2. The search aims to:
 - a. encourage schools to become more actively involved in environmental issues at a practical and local level; and
 - b. develop skills and understanding among the students, faculty and school administrators in initiating active responses and increasing community awareness and participation in environmental concerns.
3. Enclosed are the entry form, rationale and criteria of the search, among other documents.
4. Entries for the elementary and secondary schools categories shall be submitted directly to the schools division office (SGODivision-Novelyn N. Ag-agiw).
5. All entries are required to log-in and fill-out an application form at www.sustainableschools.ph. All items in the application form should be filled-out completely. Only those registered online will be considered as official entries. Deadline for submission of entries in the division is on or before **APRIL 12, 2017**.
6. All winning entries for each category, together with the selected entries, will be displayed during the national awarding ceremonies to be held on November 15, 2017 during the celebration of National Environmental Awareness Month. Entries who will not be selected for the higher level will be given certificates as Division finalist.
7. For information, guidance, and proper action.

