

Republica ng Pilipinas
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS



MEMORANDUM
OM-OUOPS-2025-13-00627

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
Assistant Secretary, *Officer-In-Charge*,
Office of the Undersecretary for Operations

SUBJECT : 2025 TEN OUTSTANDING GURO AWARDS (TOGA) AND
ADVOCACY TALKS OF THE JUNIOR CHAMBER
INTERNATIONAL (JCI) MANILA

DATE : February 6, 2025

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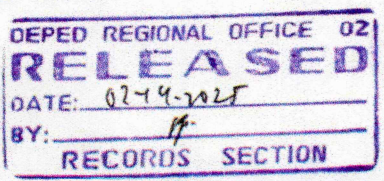
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CC: GRACIELA MENDOZA
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February 13, 2025
To: All Schools Division Superintendents
For information and appropriate action. Please observe the no disruption of classes policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005.
BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS PhD, CESO III
Director IV/ Regional Director
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ATTY. JOSE MARIO M. MACARILAY
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2025 Ten Outstanding Guro Awards (TOGA)

Details:

1. Dates of advocacy talks
 - Advocacy talks will be conducted nationwide either online or onsite from January 2025 to May 2025.
2. Advocacy topics
 - Financial Literacy
 - The talk focuses on understanding and effectively using various financial skills to empower individuals to make informed decisions about money, financial stability, and plan for the future.
 - Digital Literacy
 - The talk explores the skills needed to live, learn, and work in a society increasingly reliant on digital technologies.
 - Health Protection
 - The talk emphasizes the importance of safeguarding one's health through various strategies like preventive healthcare measures, lifestyle choices, and navigating the healthcare system.
 - Teacher's Empowerment
 - The talk centers on providing teachers the support needed to excel in their profession and advocating for positive changes in the education system.
3. Speakers' profile
 - Jason Pilonos
 - Topic: Financial Literacy
 - Financial literacy advocate
 - Family business and wealth advisor
 - Sun Life Unit Manager
 - 2021 Chairman for JCI Manila's Ten Outstanding Guro Awards
 - JCI Manila Commissioner
 - Carlo Capacillo
 - Topic: Financial Literacy
 - 15-year experience as a Licensed Stockbroker engaged in Retail and Institutional
 - Licensed Financial Advisor and Certified Investment Solicitor
 - Engaged in Personal Finance Coaching and Investment seminars since 2007
 - Hosted Finance Manila in DZRJ 810 AM in 2010
 - Co-owner and President of Brooklyn's New York Pizza
 - Prince Datu
 - Topic: Digital Literacy
 - Co-founder and coach of SPARK Learning and Development
 - Country Sales Manager – Insider
 - Former Global VP for Sales – Cloudswyft (a Microsoft eduTech ISV)
 - Co-founder – Luna Academy
 - 2020-2022 President – Impact Toastmasters Club
 - Enterprise Trainer and Sales Coach
 - Lifelong learner, explorer, tinkerer and gamer
 - Best BJC of 2022

- 2024 – 2025 Overall Commissioner for Training
 - JCIP Certified Gabay Trainer
 - 2024 Golden Titan Awardee for Most Outstanding Trainer
 - 2024 JCI Philippines Most Outstanding Trainer Nominee
 - Marke Dexter Toribio
 - Topic: Health Protection
 - Unit Agency Manager at Maxicare HealthCare Corporation
 - 2019 JCI Manila Director for Community Development
 - Mark Lester Toribio
 - Topic: Teacher's Empowerment
 - Professor in various universities namely, Far Eastern University, Arellano University, San Beda University, and University of Santo Tomas
 - Motivational Speaker
 - Certified Public Speaker
 - 2017 JCI Most Outstanding Trainer in the Philippines
 - 2021 Most Outstanding Associate of the Year
4. How participants can join the 2025 Ten Outstanding Guro Awards
- Teachers who attend the advocacy talks can join in the 2025 Ten Outstanding Guro Awards.
5. Requirements/documents needed to apply for TOGA
- The main requirements for candidates to join the 2025 Ten Outstanding Guro Awards are as follows:
 - Teachers must be currently teaching in either a public or private elementary school or high school.
 - Teachers must attend a TOG Advocacy Talk event of JCI Manila.
 - Teachers must at least have three (3) consecutive years of teaching.
 - Teachers must be licensed to teach with a valid PRC ID.
 - Teachers must submit a short description of themselves with a maximum of 300 words. Self-endorsement is allowed.
 - Teachers must submit three (3) testimonials, one testimonial from each of the following: student, co-worker, and parent of a student.
 - Teachers must not have a pending and/or past administrative/civil/criminal case.
 - Teachers must have a valid employee ID.
 - The additional requirements for candidates to join the 2025 Ten Outstanding Guro Awards are as follows:
 - Teachers must submit a completed application form given during the advocacy talks.
 - Teachers can submit an updated resume.
 - Teachers must submit a valid NBI Clearance upon passing of screening evaluation.
 - Teachers must be a Filipino citizen.
 - Teachers must be residing in the Philippines.
6. Tentative target date for Awarding Ceremony
- The tentative target date for the Awarding Ceremony is on June 21, 2025.
7. Tentative schedule of Advocacy Sessions:

- Duration: 2 hours
- Program Flow:
 - Introduction
 - Talk 1
 - Presentation of JCI Manila and Mechanics for Ten Outstanding Guro Awards (TOGA)
 - Talk 2
 - Open Forum
 - Announcements & Closing