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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

**NO. 2017- 70**

**FOR : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, DILG ARMM SECRETARY, DILG REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND CITY DIRECTORS, MLGOOs AND ALL OTHERS CONCERNED**

**SUBJECT : SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS 2017**

Volunteers play a very important role as implementers of development initiatives for they perform multi-faceted functions to include awareness raising and advocacy activities; community education; skills building and entrepreneurship; resource mobilization; people organization; project monitoring; and delivery of social services. Imbued with the spirit of goodwill, they extend assistance and help empower groups and individuals without expecting any financial gains in return. To recognize the important role of volunteerism in development and nation-building; encourage the spirit of volunteerism; and acknowledge the important contributions of volunteers, the annual Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) has been instituted since 2001.

In the continuing recognition of Filipino volunteers' selfless dedication and exemplary performance to service, the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) has launched the SOV 2017.

The search is open to the following individuals and organizations currently providing volunteer assistance in the Philippines:

- a. Individuals of Filipino citizenship;
- b. Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international non-profit organizations; and
- c. Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international corporate organizations.

**1. Award Categories**

SOV 2017 shall confer two (2) types of awards: (1) the *National Outstanding Volunteer Award* which is given to an individual (youth and adult category) or organization (non-profit and corporate category) for outstanding volunteer service that has made a significant contribution to uplifting the lives of people and communities served; and (2) the *Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award* is given to an individual or organization for consistent and outstanding volunteer service and whose achievement is regarded as an inspiration and role model in the field of volunteerism.

## **2. Selection Criteria**

### **2.1. National Outstanding Volunteer Award**

- a. Individual
  - Qualities of the Volunteer – motivation, behavioral attributes, character, and integrity
  - Performance – volunteer activities, innovative volunteering practice/s, and promotion of volunteerism
  - Outputs and/or Outcomes – benefits, relevance, effectiveness, sustainability, and replicability of volunteer assistance
  
- b. Organization
  - Qualities of the Volunteer Organization – organizational culture and policy, volunteer program, and volunteer management system
  - Performance – volunteer activities, innovative volunteering practice/s, and promotion of volunteerism
  - Outputs and/or Outcomes – benefits, relevance, effectiveness, sustainability, and replicability of volunteer assistance
  - Influence and Inspiration

### **2.2. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award**

Role model in promoting and advocating volunteerism and active citizenship through positive examples and best practices adopted and emulated by partners and stakeholders

## **3. Nomination Process**

Nomination forms may be downloaded through the PNVSCA website at [www.pnvzca.gov.ph](http://www.pnvzca.gov.ph) or may be obtained from the following agencies:

- a. PNVSCA
- b. National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Offices
- c. Department of the Interior and Local Government – National Capital Region
- d. Regional Planning and Development Office (RPDO) of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

Accomplished nomination forms must be submitted to the respective Regional Search Committee (RSC) that covers the area where the volunteer or volunteer organization is based. The RSCs are chaired by the NEDA Regional Offices, RPDO for the ARMM and DILG-NCR for Metro Manila. For NCR, nominations may be submitted to DILG-NCR or PNVSCA, both located at the Philippine Sugar Center Building, North Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City. Deadline of submission of nominations is on 15 July 2017.

#### **4. Prohibition and Exclusionary Provisions**

- a. Self-nomination is not allowed.
- b. Nominees who did not qualify for the national award may be re-nominated.
- c. National awardees of previous years are no longer eligible to be nominated in the National Outstanding Volunteer Award category but may be nominated in the Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award category.
- d. Members of the SOV National Selection Committee are not eligible to nominate.

#### **5. Conferment of Awards**

National awardees will be recognized on December 2017 in Manila.

All DILG Regional, Provincial and City Directors, and all others concerned are hereby encouraged to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular within their jurisdiction.

Attached is the SOV 2017 brochure for further information on the qualifications for nominations and other details of the awarding process. You may also directly contact the PNVSCA through telephone number (02) 277-7389 or through e-mail at [info@pnvsca.gov.ph](mailto:info@pnvsca.gov.ph) or you may visit their official website at [www.pnvsca.gov.ph](http://www.pnvsca.gov.ph).

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



CATALINO S. CUY  
OIC Secretary

## SOV 2016 NATIONAL AWARDEES

### Ms. Corazon Alma G. de Leon

#### Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

Ms. de Leon has been an active volunteer in public, private, and socio-civic institutions and the leading figure in adopting volunteerism in the policies, plans and programs of the Civil Service Commission and the Department of Social Welfare and Development which paved the way for recognizing volunteerism as an important aspect of public service.



### National Outstanding Volunteers Award

### Mr. Ryan H. Homan

#### Individual - Youth

Mr. Homan founded the reading literacy movement Balsa Basa which uses balsa (raft) to conduct remedial lessons to students and out-of-school youths living in far-flung areas in Donsol, Sorsogon. He organized a group of youth volunteers Kabataan Para sa Karunungan at Kalikasan to support and assist his various literacy programs.



### Dr. Robert E. Tolentino, M.D.

#### Individual - Adult

Dr. Tolentino merged his passion for community service and his expertise in medical profession to provide health services to indigent patients in the Cordillera and other parts of Northern Luzon. Dr. Tolentino developed the Volunteers Development Program which resulted to increased participation of his doctor colleagues into community works.



### Engr. Andres B. Ngao-i

#### Individual - Adult

Described as "The Man" in tribal conflict resolution, Engr. Ngao-i negotiated more than 100 tribal and nontribal cases involving 46 tribes of Kalinga, 10 sub-tribes of Mt. Province and 6 sub-tribes of Abra, of which about 90% were successful. "To put an end to the tribal wars for the sake of the next generation" – this is his ultimate goal.



### Mr. Marcelo L. Gusanan

#### Individual - Adult

Instead of joining the diaspora of B'laans fleeing from poverty and conflict, Mr. Gusanan led his community to request help from various organizations. He volunteered in the Department of Social Welfare and Development flagship poverty reduction program, KALAHI CIDSS-NCDDP. Today, the Eday community that was considered as a "no man's land" is a top performing and model barangay in Sultan Kudarat.



### Ms. Yolanda Canseco-Hernandez

#### Individual - Adult

Ms. Canseco-Hernandez synergized her expertise in writing, leadership skills, and love for sociocivic involvement in facilitating livelihood and education interventions for women through her engagement in the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and Soroptimist International. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the GSP National Heritage Center.



### Davao Oriental Rescuers and Monitoring Stations, Inc. (DREAMS Rescue 166)

#### Organization - Not-for-Profit

With its established volunteer management system and strong linkages with the local government, the private sector and the communities, DREAMS Rescue 166 has become a reliable, capable, and quick emergency response team in the Davao region and neighboring areas. DREAMS Rescue 166 works with the Mati City DRRMC in disaster response, capacity building and policy development on disaster risk reduction and management.



### UP LAKAN

#### Organization - Not-for-Profit

UP Lakan, an organization of UP students and alumni from Bulacan, has consistently mobilized its members in conducting educational and social development projects in their home province to spread the tradition and culture of Bulacan, to help UP students from Bulacan in their academic pursuits and create friendship, unity and solidarity among them.



### Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

#### Special Citation in Volunteerism

The Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) received the Special Citation in Volunteerism in recognition of its 50 years of volunteer program in the Philippines. JOCV is the volunteer arm of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and has deployed around 1,500 volunteers in the country since 1966.



## TAGAPAGTAGUYOD NG PAG-ASA

Volunteers are the unsung and unnamed heroes who help build and empower the nation. Their compassion and selfless service to the underprivileged communities ignite hope and serve as indispensable tools in our journey towards progress and sustainability.



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## 2017 GUIDELINES

# SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

# SOV 2017 GUIDELINES

## I. PURPOSE

The Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) aims to highlight the exemplary performance and dedication to service of Filipino volunteers in helping people and communities and recognize the role of volunteerism in development and nation-building.

## II. CATEGORIES OF AWARDS

### A. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Individual | 2. Organization |
| • Youth       | • Non-Profit    |
| • Adult       | • Corporate     |

### B. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

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|--------------|----------------|
| • Individual | • Organization |
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A Special Citation in Volunteerism is also conferred to recognize volunteering efforts by an individual, group or organization that do not qualify under the regular SOV categories but which are deemed equally meritorious in accomplishment.

For purposes of the Search,

- Volunteer** refers to individual/s who for reasons arising from their socio-developmental, business and corporate orientation, commitment or conviction, contribute time, service and resources, whether on full-time or part-time basis to a just and essential social development cause, mission or endeavour in the belief that their activity is mutually meaningful and beneficial to public interest as well as to themselves.
- Non-Profit** refers to non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization/s, including academic institution/s that implement volunteer program/s by mobilizing and engaging volunteers to provide services and assistance in socio-economic, humanitarian, civic and cultural development activities.
- Corporate** refers to companies that implement volunteer program/s either as a component of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or initiated and supported by the employee group, where employees are mobilized and engaged to volunteer their time, skills and resources for socio-economic, humanitarian, civic and cultural development activities.

## III. QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION

### A. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

#### 1. Individual

- Filipino citizen
- Fifteen (15) to thirty (30) years old for the youth category and at least thirty-one (31) years old for the adult category at the time of submission of nomination;
- Has been providing volunteer assistance consistently for at least three (3) years for the youth category and at least five (5) years for the adult category at the time of submission of nomination;
- A member of a volunteer organization or institution registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or PNVSCA or other duly recognized accrediting government institution; or recognized as a volunteer by the local government, local institution or community being provided with volunteer services; and
- Has not been found guilty of crime or offense involving moral turpitude.

#### 2. Organization

- Filipino or local chapters of foreign/international non-profit or corporate organizations;
- Has been providing volunteer assistance consistently for at least five (5) years for the nonprofit category and at least three (3) years for the corporate category at the time of submission of nomination; and
- Registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or PNVSCA or other duly recognized accrediting government institution; or recognized as a volunteer organization by the local government, local institution or community being provided with volunteer services.

### B. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

- Has been engaged in consistent volunteering activities for at least twenty five (25) years;
- Has been a recipient of regional, national or international awards in relation to volunteerism; and
- Has not been found guilty of crime or offense involving moral turpitude, in the case of individual nominees.

## IV. SELECTION CRITERIA

### A. National Outstanding Volunteer Award

- Qualities of the Volunteer/Volunteer Organization
- Performance
- Outputs and/or Outcomes

### B. Volunteer Lifetime Achievement Award

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- Influence and inspiration

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## VI. EXCLUSIONARY PROVISIONS

- Self-nomination is not allowed.
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- Members of the SOV National Selection Committee are not eligible to nominate.

## VII. CONFERMENT OF AWARDS

National awardees will be recognized in Manila in December 2017.

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