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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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**NOMINATION FOR THE CEBU PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE KINDERGARTEN SHORT STORY WRITING WORKSHOP**

**To: Assistant Superintendents
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Division Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary School Heads**

1. Attached is a communication from Mr. Marcial A. Salvatierra, Chief of Party, USAID-*Basa Pilipinas*, requesting this Office to nominate three Kindergarten teachers to participate in the **Short Story Writing Workshop** to be held in Pasig City on May 22-26, 2017.
2. Relative to this, each district is advised to send the best Kindergarten teacher writer to Sarrosa International Hotel, Cebu City on April 22, 2017 at 1:00-5:00 PM for the screening of nominees.
3. There shall be only one (1) nominee from each district. He/she shall bring to the venue the following:
 - a. Endorsement signed by the District Supervisor/OIC;
 - b. Certification or any proof that the nominee is handling Kindergarten class/es signed by the School Head; and
 - c. Sample Short Story/Big Book written/designed by the nominee.
4. The Screening Committee shall be composed of the following:
 - a. Dr. Novie O. Mangubat
 - b. Dr. Mary Ann P. Flores
 - c. Mrs. Maria Elena T. Paras
 - d. Dr. Pamela A. Rodemio
5. Traveling expenses shall be chargeable against **local school funds**, while accommodation and other related expenses shall be chargeable against **Basa Pilipinas funds**, subject to availability and the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
6. This Memorandum serves as participants' Authority to Travel.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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Schools Division Superintendent
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Through: **Dr. Mary Ann Flores**, Curriculum Implementation Division Chief and Basa Pilipinas Coordinator

Dear **Superintendent Angtud**:

Warm greetings from Basa Pilipinas!

We are pleased to inform you that Basa has expanded its technical support to cover Kindergarten. Part of our continuing work with the Department of Education (DepEd) this year is the production and distribution of developmentally appropriate teaching and learning materials that teachers in the eight Basa assisted divisions in Regions 1 and 7 can use for Kindergarten instruction. These materials include storybooks that are aligned with the themes in the Kindergarten Teacher's Guide (KTG) and will form part of classroom reading materials.

To support our goal of building capacity among practitioners and of program sustainability, our plan is to cull original materials from the field and support their development and reproduction. Since the start of this year, we have been surveying existing teacher-made storybooks in our partner divisions and have found some very promising materials - four of which were adapted for inclusion into the first set of 10 storybooks that Basa will provide to all schools as Big Books. Three more stories written by teachers were used as inspiration for crafting other Big Books. These books underwent a vetting process with DepEd Central Office, details of which are provided in Annex A.

We are happy to announce that the 10 books for the First Quarter have received final sign-off from the Department of Education-Bureau of Learning Delivery (BLD) and will soon be ready for final printing and distribution to the Kindergarten teachers of Basa partner divisions. We are now in the process of selecting the next 10 titles for Quarter 2 and, thus far, the final 10 titles are shaping up to be a mix of teacher-made and Basa-developed stories.

For Quarters 3 and 4, however, Basa Pilipinas intends to have all remaining 20 stories entirely written by teachers from our eight partner divisions. To achieve this, we are organizing a writeshop for 20 teacher-writers nominated by their respective divisions. The writeshop will be held in **Pasig City on May 22-26, 2017** and will be facilitated by the Basa technical team. Basa consultants who are experienced writers will also be on hand to guide the teachers in developing their stories.

In this light, we would like to request your office to nominate **three teacher-writers** to the aforementioned writeshop. Nominees should meet the following criteria:

- Should be a practicing Kindergarten classroom teacher;
- Has good written communication skills both in the mother tongue and in Filipino;
- Can think creatively; and,
- Willing to be mentored.

We recommend development of your own process of selecting teachers to nominate (eg. submission of written story to your office, interview, etc.). Please note that while the teacher-writer will be given credit as the author for her work, Basa Pilipinas will assume full ownership of all writeshop outputs.

Kindly send us the full names and contact information of your nominees by April 24. Basa will cover their travel expenses and accommodations for the duration of the writeshop.

We thank you in advance for supporting this activity and we look forward to forging a stronger partnership with you through this endeavor.

Sincerely,


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USAID Contractor
Chief of Party, Basa Pilipinas Program

ANNEX A

STORYBOOK DEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR QUARTER I

1. Two-level quality assurance by Basa's technical team
 - a. Selection of materials aligned with themes in the KTG;
 - b. Quality assurance of shortlisted materials for plot and appropriateness for Kindergarten
2. Final selection of 10 stories to be made into wordless picture books
 - a. Four (4) were adapted from the field
 - b. Six (6) were developed by Basa (three of which were inspired by teacher-made stories)
3. Content review and approval by the Department of Education-Bureau of Learning Delivery (DepEd-BLD)
4. Full illustration of all 10 stories
5. Translation of titles to Ilokano and Sinugbuanong Binisaya
6. Review and approval of translated titles at the regional level
7. Presentation of final book layout to DepEd-BLD for sign-off