



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

December 15, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 717, s. 2025

**DISSEMINATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
FOUR-WAY TEST ORATORICAL CONTEST**

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent**
Chief / Education Supervisors
Senior / Education Program Specialists
OIC / Public School District Supervisors (PSDS)
School Heads (SHs) of Public Elementary, Secondary and Integrated
Schools
All Others Concerned

1. In line with the Department of Education's commitment to **holistic learner development**, ethical leadership, and the enhancement of **communication and critical thinking skills**, all **Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools** in the **Districts of Kalibo I and Kalibo II** are hereby **enjoined to disseminate information and encourage voluntary participation** in the **Four-Way Test Oratorical Contest** organized by the **Metro Kalibo Rotary Club** in collaboration with **ASPAK (Association of Speech Practitioners of Aklan)**.
2. The activity details are as follows:
 - **Activity:** Four-Way Test Oratorical Contest
 - **Date:** January 24, 2026
 - **Time:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - **Venue:** Citimall Kalibo, Kalibo, Aklan
 - **Participants:** Students from Kalibo I and Kalibo II Districts
3. The contest aims to **cultivate learners' public speaking abilities**, **promote ethical reasoning**, and **build self-confidence**, while encouraging meaningful engagement with contemporary social issues.
4. School Heads are directed to observe the following:

- 4.1. **Participation shall be strictly voluntary** on the part of both learners and teachers and shall not, in any manner, disrupt regular classes.
 - 4.2. **No registration or participation fee shall be collected from learners.**
 - 4.3. **Expenses related to participation**, such as transportation, meals, and incidental costs, **may be charged against available local school funds**, subject to existing **budgetary, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.**
 - 4.4. Schools shall ensure **full compliance with DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 (Child Protection Policy)**, particularly in safeguarding learners from any form of abuse, exploitation, discrimination, or undue pressure before, during, and after the activity.
 - 4.5. **Adequate supervision of learners** shall be provided at all times by authorized school personnel.
 - 4.6. Participation in the activity shall be covered by appropriate **parental consent** when required.
5. For further details and coordination, schools may directly contact:
- **Mr. Bernard E. Fernandez**, President, ASPAK
 - **Ms. Megs Lunn**, RC Metro Kalibo Contest Chair
6. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent 

Enclosure: Letter of Metro Kalibo Rotary Club addressed to SDS
Reference: as stated

To indicate in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

**ACADEMIC CONTEST
CHILD PROTECTION POLICY
DISTRICT
EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIP
LEARNER DEVELOPMENT
PARTICIPATION**

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December 3, 2025

DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AKLAN
Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan

Dear **Dr. Buenafe**,

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

We hope this message finds you well and thriving in your endeavors to nurture young minds.

We are excited to extend an invitation to the Department of Education Aklan to collaborate on an upcoming **The Four Way Test Oratorical Contest** to be held on **January 24, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Citimall Kalibo, Kalibo, Aklan**. It is designed specifically for students from **Kalibo I and II**. This event aims to cultivate public speaking skills, encourage critical thinking, and foster confidence among our youth.


In order to ensure widespread participation, we kindly request your assistance in disseminating a memorandum to all public and private schools within the Kalibo I and II districts. This memo will serve as an official invitation for schools to register their students for the contest. *(Please see attached guidelines)*

Our objective is to create a platform where students can express their ideas and talents, and we believe your support will be instrumental in achieving this goal. We envision that this contest will not only highlight the oratory skills of our students but also inspire them to engage with important societal issues.

We look forward to your positive response and to working together in making this event a success. For further details or any assistance required, please feel free to contact **ASPAK Pres. Mr. Bernard E. Fernandez** at **09203977494**, or **RC Metro Kalibo Contest Chair, Ms. Megs Lunn** at **09285540086**.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the educational development of our youth. God bless!

Very truly yours,


NORA M. HELBER
President, RY 2025-2026


MR. BERNARD E. FENANDEZ
President, ASPAK

CONTEST GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR ORATION CONTEST

Organizer/Hosts: Rotary Club of Metro Kalibo & ASPAK (Association of School Paper Advisers)

The Four Way Test Oratorical Contest for High School Students of Kalibo I and Kalibo II

Theme: "Beyond the Echo Chamber: Applying the Test to Media and Truth"

Date and Venue of Competition: January 24, 2026, 1pm-5pm at Citimall Kalibo.

Objective:

To encourage high school students to integrate **Rotary's The Four Way Test** to contemporary issues related to media and truth, fostering critical thinking, public speaking, and ethical leadership skills

Guidelines:

1. Eligibility: Open to all high school students (grades 7-12) of Kalibo 1 and 2. Only 1 representative per school is allowed.
2. Topic: Oration material should focus on integrating the **The Four Way Test** to media and truth, exploring issues like misinformation, disinformation, anti-corruption and media literacy.
3. Time Limit: 5-7 minutes for the speech.
4. Language: English
5. Originality: Oration material should be original and not previously presented in any competition.

Criteria:

1. Content (40%):

- Understanding of **The Four Way Test** and its application to media and truth (15%)
- Clarity of message and supporting arguments (15%)
- Relevance to the theme (10%)

2. Delivery (30%):

- Public speaking skills, voice, tone, and pace (15%)
- Body language, posture, and eye contact (15%)

3. Organization and Structure (20%):

- Logical flow of ideas and transitions (10%)
- Effective introduction and conclusion (5%)
- Use of rhetorical devices (5%)

4. Impact and Originality (10%):

- Ability to engage and inspire the audience (5%)
- Originality and creativity in approach (5%)

The Four Way Test, of the things we think, say or do...

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Judging Panel:

A panel of judges will evaluate oration material based on the criteria above.

Awards:

Winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) will receive a plaque, medal and cash prizes. Winning schools and coaches will receive a Certificate of Recognition. All participants and participating schools will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Submission Deadline:

Interested school/participants should submit their oration manuscripts in pdf format (computerized using 12 fonts) with their name, school, grade level, coach, and contact number to rcmetrokalibo@gmail.com on or before **January 12, 2026 @ 12noon (Monday)**. We will cater only the first 15 registrants who adhere to the instructions and meet the deadline.

Contact Information:

For inquiries, please contact **ASPAK Pres. Mr. Bernard E. Fernandez** at **09203977494**, or **RC Metro Kalibo Ms. Megs Lunn** at **09285540086**.