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## MEMORANDUM

FOR /TO : **ALL BUREAU DIRECTORS**  
**ALL REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**  
**ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
**ALL HEADS OF ATTACHED AGENCIES**

FROM : **The UNDERSECRETARY**  
Policy and Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ASEAN PRIZE 2023**

DATE : 02 March 2023

This refers to the letter dated 22 February 2023 sent by Assistant Secretary Daniel R. Espiritu, Office of ASEAN Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs announcing that the ASEAN officially launched the call for nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2023 from 20 February to 28 April 2023.

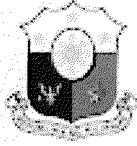
The ASEAN Prize honors individuals and organizations that have contributed to harmony and sustainable development. The ASEAN Prize 2023 Recipient will receive a trophy and monetary prize of US\$20,000.

To qualify as the Philippines' candidate, the nominee must either be a Filipino citizen or an organization created or led by the Philippines. The ASEAN Prize will not consider self-nominations and posthumous submissions.

For more information and clarifications on the criteria and selection process of the Prize, kindly refer to the official website at <https://asean.org/asean-prize/> or contact the ASEAN-Philippines National Secretariat through email [asean@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:asean@dfa.gov.ph) or [asean.div4@dfa.gov.ph](mailto:asean.div4@dfa.gov.ph).

For your information and appropriate action.

  
ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
KAGAWARAN NG UGNAYANG PANLABAS

OFFICE OF ASEAN AFFAIRS

Our Ref. No. : DIV4-064-ASEAN-2023  
Subject : **Call for Nominations for ASEAN Prize 2023**  
Date : 22 February 2023

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Foreign Affairs is pleased to announce that ASEAN has officially launched the call for nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2023 from **20 February to 28 April 2023**.

In its 6th edition this year, the ASEAN Prize continues to celebrate persons and organizations whose determination and perseverance have progressively driven the region towards harmony and sustainable development while, at the same time, forging a stronger ASEAN identity. The incumbent Secretary-General of ASEAN Kao Kim Hourn will chair the ASEAN Prize Judging Committee Meeting this year, together with the former ASEAN Secretaries-General. The ASEAN Prize 2023 Recipient will receive a trophy and monetary prize of US\$20,000.

To qualify as the Philippines' candidate, the nominee must either be a Filipino citizen or an organization created or led by the Philippines. The nominee must show their verifiable achievements in promoting intra-ASEAN collaboration and the impact on ASEAN. The nominee should also share their future plans for continuing their work after winning the Prize. In addition, the submission must be supported by one character reference attesting to the nominee's suitability to receive the ASEAN Prize. The ASEAN Prize will not consider self-nominations and posthumous submissions.

Since its inception, the ASEAN Prize has been awarded to three individuals and two organizations. Last year, Iqbal Damit, a youth leader and community advocate from Brunei Darussalam, was awarded the ASEAN Prize 2022 for championing humanitarian ground operations for marginalized and displaced persons across and beyond the region.

Attached is the ASEAN Prize 2023 promotional kit, with the following materials:

1. Press Release on the Call for Nominations for ASEAN Prize 2023 (<https://asean.org/asean-prize-2023-calls-for-nominations/>);
2. The ASEAN Prize 2023 e-poster and web-banner;

3. The ASEAN Prize 2023 Nomination Form (the form is also available in the ASEAN Prize web-page in the ASEAN Secretariat website, <https://asean.org/nomination-form/>); and
4. The ASEAN Prize 2023 social media advisory (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter). The supporting visuals for social media will be updated regularly and is accessible via this link <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19fmMN2eXeVtmKbim66CbBaBd-8t2-dXJ>

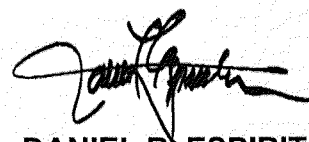
The Department kindly requests AMTB agencies' assistance in disseminating the promotional materials through their relevant social media platforms to raise public awareness about the 2023 ASEAN Prize.

In addition, agencies may wish to follow the ASEAN Prize's social media accounts on Facebook (@aseanprize) and Instagram (@aseanprize). The ASEAN Secretariat regularly provides updates on the 2023 ASEAN Prize through these platforms. You may also repost the ASEAN Prize Promotional Video that is available on ASEC YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuwWqjO7di8>) to increase people's awareness and especially, to educate people about its selection process.

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The Department looks forward to receiving your nominations for this year's ASEAN Prize.

Very truly yours,  
For the Secretary of Foreign Affairs:



**DANIEL R. ESPIRITU**  
Assistant Secretary

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