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Subject: **REOPENING/EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR THE**
SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES FOR THE CONTEST ON
LETTER WRITING FOR TOBACCO CONTROL

This refers to OUA Memorandum No. 00-0720-0115 dated 31 July 2020 which announced the **Contest on Letter Writing for Tobacco Control**, organized by the Bureau of Learner Support Services-School Health Division (BLSS-SHD), in support of DepEd's online campaign dubbed **BIBO: Batang Informed tungkol sa Bisyo, Batang Iwas Bisyo**. This campaign was launched by the BLSS-SHD and the Public Affairs Service (PAS) in June, the National No Smoking Month. The contest ended on 31 August 2020.

In consideration of the many submissions received during the original contest period which did not follow the mechanics, and to further increase participation from enrolled learners especially now that the new school year has taken off, this office announces the **reopening of the contest and setting of the new deadline for submission of entries to November 30, 2020**.

Attached is the **updated contest mechanics** which provides further clarifications on letter content and submission. Note that these are the same instructions provided in the mechanics attached to the previous memorandum, but are rephrased and presented in another manner for clarity. In line with this, all participants are advised to review their submissions and the updated mechanics to ensure compliance and validity of their entries. Pay attention to the clarifications emphasized in the said document.



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All previous submissions that followed the mechanics are still part of the contest. All others who participated but **were not able to follow the mechanics**, particularly in the submission of entries (i.e., did not directly email the letter to the intended recipients, no attached letter, etc.), are **advised to resubmit until the new deadline** for their entries to be considered in the contest.

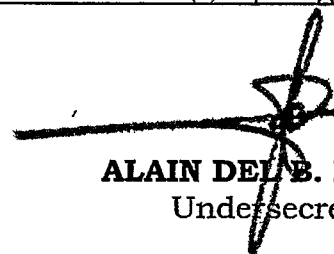
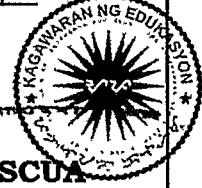
For ready reference, all aspiring participants are invited to **watch/re-watch the recording of the supplementary webinar-workshop** conducted on 14 August 2020. Refer to the following links:

Topic	Link to the Video Recording
http://bit.ly/depedbibo21	Current legislative efforts on tobacco control and e-cigarettes
http://bit.ly/depedbibo22	The legislative process and access points for advocacy
http://bit.ly/depedbibo23	Effective letter writing

Youth Formation Coordinators, as well as designated Tobacco Control Coordinators per DepEd Memorandum No. 147, s. 2018; and designated Brief Tobacco Intervention (BTI) providers per DepEd Memorandum No. 110, s. 2019, are enjoined to actively promote activities related to the contest.

For future queries on the Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program, please contact Mr. Gian Erik M. Adao, Education Program Specialist II, BLSS-SHD, at (+632) 8632-9935 and email at tobaccocontrol@deped.gov.ph.

For information and dissemination.

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