

Mandue City School for the Arts Choral Group to vie for National Competition on Kundiman Ni Rizal

Having grabbed the top award as the **Champion**, defeating Regions VI and VIII Choral Groups, during the Choral Regional Cluster Competition for Kundiman Ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal on December 9, 2011 at the Pavilion, DepED ECOTECH Center, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City, the **Mandue City School for the Arts Choral Group** will battle for the National top awards in the National Competition for Kundiman Ni Rizal come December 29, 2011 at Bayview Hotel, Manila.

Choral groups from Regions 6, 7, and 8 competed for the top awards. Region VII represented by the Mandae City School for the Arts Choral Group was declared as the **Champion** through a unanimous decision. Region VI Choral Group was adjudged as the 1st Runner Up followed by Region VII Choral Group as the 2nd Runner Up.

The three (3) Choral Groups performed their own interpretation depicting the masterpiece poem of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, entitled "Alinmang Lahi" into a choral piece. "Alinmang Lahi" is a poem sets to music by other composers, like "Kundiman Ni Rizal" and "Wika Ni Rizal" or other songs attributed to him or pertaining to the revolution during his time.

The Kundiman Ni Rizal Choral Competition is one of the highlights that will mark the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal in June 2011, featuring his musical compositions. The Competition is believed to be an ideal vehicle for communicating our rich musical heritage and the role it played in the life of our national hero, to this present generation, considering that Filipinos are music-loving people.

Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa, Head of Special Events Unit, DepED Central Office, spearheaded the activity, together with Dr. Vivian G. Ginete, Chief of the Resource Management and Special Programs and Projects (RMSPPD) Division, DepED Region VII,

Adding glitter to the competition was a dance performance of Mazurka de Jagna by the Mandae City School for the Arts Dance Troupe, 2nd Place Winner in Folk Dance Competition during the 2011 Central Visayas Regional Athletic Association (CVIRAA) Meet, held in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, on November 28 to Dec. 2, 2011. Mazurka de Jagna is a dance originated in Jagna Bohol, wherein the popular "Kalamay" is being originated.

Winners received Cash Prizes from the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA). Region VII (Champion)- PhP 15,000.00; Region VI (1st Runner Up)- PhP 10,000.00; and Region VIII (2nd Runner Up)- PhP 5,000.00.

Dr. Carmelita T. Dulangon, Assistant Regional Director (ARD), DepED Region VII, challenged the contenders to serve as advocates in preserving what Dr. Jose P. Rizal had established. On the other hand, Dr. Matilde Mayonila, DepED VII Education Program Supervisor of RMSSPD, who at the same time in-charge of Cultural Programs, facilitated the event.

Best wishes to Mandae City School for the Arts Choral Group! May you bring home the bacon after joining the National Level Competition.