

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03 -2020

ANNUAL SEARCH FOR THE BEST SCHOOL GARDEN/ GULAYAN SA PAARALAN PROGRAM IMPLEMENTERS IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND PROVIDING INCENTIVE THEREFORE

Whereas, it is the policy of the state to empower its constituencies by enhancing their capability to produce their own food through adoption of various technologies on food production and vegetable growing;

Whereas, Local Government Units plays a pivotal role in the implementation of agricultural programs as a strategy to address concerns on food security, environment, health and wellness and poverty alleviation;

Whereas, the national government encourages all public elementary and secondary schools nationwide to establish vegetable gardens to serve as food basket/main source of commodities to sustain supplementary feeding such as the *Gulayan sa Paaralan (GPP)* in public elementary and secondary schools nationwide to address malnutrition and promote vegetable production and consumption among school children;

Whereas, the general objective of the GPP is to promote food security in schools and communities, through self-help food production activities and values among learners and appreciation of agriculture as a life support system;

Whereas, GPP showcases small-scale food production models and inculcate among the learners the values of gardening, good health and nutrition, love of labor and caring for others;

Whereas, the Provincial Government of Isabela aims to recognize the Best Implementers of GPP and to serve as an annual venue to identify and stage the best practices that could be replicated by all schools in the province and provide incentives to support and sustain the program;

NOW THEREFORE, I, RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby initiate the conduct of the annual search for the best school garden/gulayan sa paaralan program implementers in the Province of Isabela and provision of incentives therefore. With the following application:

Top Ten (10) Schools shall be chosen and will be given a plaque of recognition and financial incentive in the amount of P 20,000.00 and among them a Grand Champion will be chosen which will receive P 50,000.00 to be used to finance their efforts to sustain and develop the program accordingly.

Further, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist shall coordinate with the DepEd School Division Superintendents and Department of Agriculture Officials in the province and form a technical working committee for the formulation of criteria and guidelines for the effective implementation of this Executive Order.

Furthermore, let copies hereof be furnished the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for the Body's subsequent approval and adoption, all Department of Education School Division Offices and other offices for their information and reference.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 6th day of January 2020 in City of Ilagan, Isabela.





