The 28th NSM Awards

1. About the NSM Awards

The National Statistics Month (NSM) Awards has been instituted since 2002 as a means of providing incentives to participating agencies/organizations in the observance of NSM. This award is given in recognition of the outstanding participation of agencies and regional offices in the NSM celebration and encourage them to be more active in their involvement in the observance of the NSM.

In October 2018, awards will be given to individual winners in five categories:

1.1 Best Statistical Activity Conducted by a Government Organization

All agencies of the government, local government units (LGUs), academic institutions, state universities and colleges, government-owned and controlled corporations in the National Capital Region (NCR) with statistical activities undertaken in October 2017 are welcome to send entries for this category. Statistical forums, information dissemination activities and contests conducted in October 2017 by proponent agencies/units of the government are covered in this category, as follows:

- <u>Statistical Forum</u> - workshops, symposia, trainings and lectures on statistics

- <u>Statistical Information Dissemination Activity</u> - exhibits, web-based/online disseminations, database systems, information caravans, publications, primers, flyers, and bulletins

- <u>Statistical Contest</u> - statistics quizzes, oratorical contests, essay contests, poster-making contest related to statistics where participants compete for an award

1.2 Best Statistical Activity Conducted by a Private Organization

All private firms and non-profit organizations are welcome to send entries for this category. A private organization can nominate its own statistical activities undertaken in October 2017 or an activity undertaken by another private entity, provided that the nominator can provide evidence and/or the nominee can provide pertinent documentation sufficient for the evaluation of the 28th NSM Board of Judges. Government agencies can nominate statistical activities spearheaded by a private organization under this category. However, private organizations that were nominated by government agencies must provide sufficient documentation to the NSM Secretariat for evaluation by the 28th NSM Awards Board of Judges.

Statistical activities in the form of forums, information dissemination activities and contests, which were conducted in October 2017 by private sector organizations/groups, are covered in this category.

1.3 Best Youth Group Advocate for Statistics

All youth organizations in the private and public universities and colleges, LGUs and other sectors of the society, which conducted statistical advocacy activities from January to December 2017, can send entries for this category. Government agencies and private organizations can nominate youth organizations with outstanding efforts in promoting statistics in various venues and formats, provided that sufficient documentation is submitted by the nominated youth organizations to merit the evaluation of the 28th NSM Awards Board of Judges.

1.4 Best Region

All Regional Statistics Committees (RSCs) which have undertaken statistical activities in October 2017 are invited to send entries for this category. The statistical activities can be in the form of forums, information dissemination activities and contests.

Nominations from the subnational level should be made part of the integrated submission for the NSM Best Region.

1.5 Best LGU

All LGUs, from municipal/city to provincial level, which conducted statistical advocacy activities from January to December 2017, can send entries for this category. Government agencies and private organizations can nominate LGUs with very strong support for statistics and employ a world-class approach in promoting statistics, provided that sufficient documentation is submitted by the nominated LGUs to merit the evaluation of the 28th NSM Awards Board of Judges.

2. Criteria for Evaluation

The winner of the 28th NSM Awards will be chosen by the Board of Judges composed of representatives from the government, private sector, and the academe who are users of statistics themselves. The Board of Judges will use different criteria per category as basis:

2.1 <u>Best Statistical Activity Conducted by a Government Organization</u>

Relevance to the theme*	20%
Clarity of objectives/message and promotion of statistical awareness/literacy	25%
Outputs, outcomes and impacts to the audience/target group	35%
Extent of participation/Coverage	10%
Economy in the use of resources	10%
TOTAL	**100%**

2.2 Best Statistical Activity Conducted by a Private Organization

Relevance to the theme*	20%
Clarity of objectives/message and promotion of statistical awareness/literacy	25%
Outputs, outcomes and impacts to the audience/target group	35%
Extent of participation/Coverage	10%
Economy in the use of resources	10%
TOTAL	**100%**

2.3 Best Youth Group Advocate for Statistics

Diversity and number of statistical activities	25%
Clarity of objectives/message and promotion of statistical awareness/literacy	25%
Outputs, outcomes and impacts of the statistical activities to the youth	25%
Extent of participation/coverage	20%
Economy in the use of resources	5%
TOTAL	**100%**

2.4 Best Region

Diversity of activities	20%
Outputs, outcomes and impacts to the audience/target group	35%
Extent of participation of cooperating agencies and LGUs Coverage	20%
Clarity of objectives/message and promotion of statistical awareness/literacy	15%
Economy and ingenious use of resources	10%
TOTAL	**100%**

*note: The theme for the 28th NSM celebration in October 2017 was "*Facts and Figures for the Future: Statistics for Evidence-Based Decisions Towards AmBisyon Natin 2040*"

2.5 <u>Best LGU</u>

Diversity and number of statistical activities	20%
Outputs, outcomes and impacts to the audience/target group	35%
Extent of participation/representation	20%
Clarity of objectives/message and promotion of statistical awareness/literacy	15%
Economy and ingenious use of resources	10%
TOTAL	**100%**

3. **How to apply**

   3.1. Applicants can either apply or be nominated by submitting the following requirements:

   - Accomplished Nomination Form
   - Photographs (printed or e-copy format) and/or video of the activities
   - List of outputs and outcomes of the activities conducted
   - Information on the coverage and beneficiaries of the activities
   - Total expenses incurred and list of resources used for the conduct of the activities
   - Weblinks on the activities (YouTube, social media, websites, online news articles, etc.), if any

   3.2. Applicants must submit the above-mentioned requirements not later than 31 August 2018 to the 28th NSM Awards Secretariat thru:

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   3.3. Decisions of the Board of Judges shall be final. Contestants or their representatives shall agree to the immunity of the members of the Board of Judges, the PSA and its employees from any legal suit that may arise from or relative to the conduct of the contest.

   3.4. Materials submitted by the contestants as entries may be used by the PSA for information dissemination related to the conduct of this contest.

   3.5. The Board of Judges has the right not to declare any winner and/or may opt to give special awards, if deemed necessary.

4. Prize

A plaque and cash award shall be given to the winners during the 29th NSM Closing Ceremony on 29 October 2018.

5. Proposed Board of Judges

The Subcommittee on Programs and Awards shall serve as the Board of Judges.