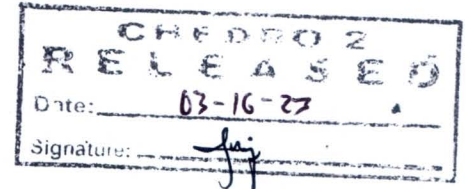




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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
**COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Region 02



**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**  
**No. 054, series of 2023**

**FOR : ALL PRESIDENTS/HEADS/OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN REGION 2**

**SUBJECT : CALL FOR ENTRIES TO THE 23<sup>RD</sup> GAWAD KALASAG SPECIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE**

**DATE : MARCH 16, 2023**

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Attached for the information of interested Higher Education Institutions is a copy of the Memorandum from **DIRECTOR LEON DG RAFAEL, JR.**, Chairperson, Cagayan Valley Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Regional Director, Office of Civil Defense Regional Office 2, calling for entries to the 23rd Gawad Kalasag Special Awards for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Humanitarian Assistance.

Interested parties may submit entries for the Special Awards **not later than 5:00PM, May 12, 2023**. The 23rd Gawad KALASAG Guidelines and Checklists can be accessed through the URL <https://bit.ly/42ed35h>.

Queries may be directed to the Gawad Kalasag Regional Secretariat through mobile numbers **0965 218 4535** or **0906 479 556** or through email address [p dpsregion02@gmail.com](mailto:p dpsregion02@gmail.com).

  
**ATTY. MARCO CICERO F. DOMINGO**  
OIC-Director IV

*Encl.: as stated*

*Provide feedback: [bit.ly/CHEDRO2CSS](https://bit.ly/CHEDRO2CSS)*



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**MEMORANDUM**  
No 23 series of 2023

**TO :** RDRRMC MEMBER- AGENCIES  
CHAIRPERSON, PIC/MDRRM COUNCIL

**SUBJECT :** COMMENCEMENT AND CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR THE 23<sup>RD</sup> GAWAD  
KALASAG SEAL AND SPECIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN  
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT AND  
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

**DATE :** 14 March 2023

1. Reference: NDRRMC Memorandum Circular No. 001 s. 2023 dated February 22, 2023 with subject: Guidelines for 23<sup>rd</sup> Gawad KALASAG Seal and Special Awards for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Humanitarian Assistance CY 2023.
2. Gawad KALASAG (GK) Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Humanitarian Assistance which was established in 1998 has served as the country's recognition and award scheme for various stakeholders who promote and implement disaster risk reduction and management, climate change adaptation (DRRM-CCA), and humanitarian assistance programs that protect and shield high risk communities against extreme hazards and render them more capable of addressing their vulnerabilities.
3. The Gawad KALASAG program was transformed into Gawad KALASAG Seal and Special Awards for Excellence in DRRM and Humanitarian Assistance based on past experiences and lessons learned. MANDATORY assessment of ALL Local Government Units (LGUs), specifically Provinces, Cities and Municipalities (PCM) was adopted.
4. Commencing CY 2023, the Gawad KALASAG will cover the following:
  - a. GK Seal for Local DRRM Councils and Offices
  - b. GK Special Awards for:
    - i. Best Civil Society Organization
    - ii. Best People's Organization
    - iii. Best Volunteer Organization
    - iv. Best Higher Education Institutions
    - v. Best Private Organizations
    - vi. Best Government Emergency Management and Response Teams (GEMs)
    - vii. Best Hospitals
    - viii. Best Schools
    - ix. GK Special Recognition for Individuals and Organizations
    - x. Heroic Act for Individuals and Groups
5. Anent this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Gawad KALASAG Seal and Special Awards is hereby commenced. Submission of self-assessment for **Local DRRM Council and Office is on or before 5:00PM, May 19, 2023** while submission for **Special Awards is on or before 5:00PM, May 12, 2023**.
6. Checklist, toolkit and other references can be accessed through:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1opNKXMTbCJ0xGZXMY5Jz5z4e6OkOIFHa>
7. For queries and other concerns, you may call the GK Regional Secretariat at 0965-218-4535/ 0906-479-5562 or email us at [pdpsregion02@gmail.com](mailto:pdpsregion02@gmail.com).

**DIR LEON DG RAFAEL JR**  
Chairperson, CVDRRMC  
Regional Director, OCD RO2