



Theme: "Sayaw-Rayhag Leyteño, Halad kan Sto. Niño"

June 27, 2009

Tacloban City, Leyte, Philippines

BITU-ON HAN LEYTE KASADYAAN FESTIVAL 2009

(Search for the Best Female Lead Dancer)

CONCEPT:

The search for the **BITU-ON HAN LEYTE KASADYAAN FESTIVAL 2009** started in 2005. It combines beauty and dance talent of all the lead female dancers of each participating contingents. It is not a beauty pageant per se; it is simply a search for the BEST lead female dancer who possesses the most exceptional qualities, both in physical beauty and dancing skills. It will not have the usual elements of a typical pageant but rather will highlight the Lead Dancer's performance skills, her ability to captivate the audience, and other artistic considerations such as projection and doing justice to the costume she wear during the Festival.

QUALIFICATION:

1. Must be the LEAD FEMALE DANCER for her contingent during the Festival.
2. She must be single and must not have borne a child
3. She must be at least 15 year old but not more than 24 years old.
4. She must be of good moral character as certified by the delegation head.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

1. All LEAD DANCERS of participating contingents are automatically considered as candidates in the Search. Each shall wear the very same COSTUME she will wear for the festival parade and ritual presentation of her contingent during the PRODUCTION NUMBER.
2. A pre-judging will held on June 23, 2009 at a venue and time to be announced later. Only FIFTEEN (15) FINALISTS will be chosen to move on to the Search proper on June 26, 2009 at the RTR Plaza, 8:00 o'clock in the evening.
3. Each candidate will have to prepare a three (3) minute dance presentation based on the festival she is representing. She will be allowed a minimum of 4 and a maximum of ten (10) back-up dancers for this dance presentation. Props men may not exceed 4 persons. She may change into another costume appropriate for the presentation.
4. Each candidate must prepare a 30-second self-introduction spiel for the opening production number. Her Spiel must talk about her municipality/province/city that she represents.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

• Beauty of Face and Figure	-	30%
• Grace and Rhythm in the Production Number	-	20%
• Talent in Performance	-	20%
• Focus and Projection	-	15%
• Costume and Adornment	-	15%

REHEARSALS *(To be announced later)*

PRIZES:

Bitu-on han Leyte Kasadyaan Festival 2009	-	P50,000.00 + Gift items+trophy
First Runner-Up	-	P25,000.00 + Gift Items+trophy
Second Runner-Up	-	P20,000.00 + Gift Items+trophy
Third Runner-Up	-	P15,000.00 + Gift Items+trophy
Fourth Runner-Up	-	P10,000.00 + Gift Items+trophy

(All winners shall receive the standard sashes, bouquets and other incentives from the Festival Sponsors.)

Note:

The winning candidates are expected to dance with their contingent in the DANCE PARADE of the KASADYAAN on June 27, 2009. They will be identified by a specially-designed ARKO during the parade.

Failure to do so will automatically STRIP her of the title and she will be required to return all prizes and compensate the municipality / organizers for whatever expenses were incurred for her participation.