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KAGABAYAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA  
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
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ESSAY CONTEST ON "TRIBUTE TO MY TEACHER"

To the: Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges  
and Universities  
Schools Superintendents

1. FOCUS Philippines, in cooperation with the Department of Education and Culture, is conducting an essay contest on the subject "Tribute to My Teacher."
2. The competition will be in English and at two levels: secondary and collegiate.
3. The contest rules are attached. Attention is invited particularly to Rule No. 1.
4. Each region may send three entries for each level to the FOCUS-DEC Contest Committee, Office of the Secretary, Department of Education and Culture, Manila, not later than October 1, 1976. State colleges and universities will participate in the competition in the regions where they are located.
5. This contest should be given wide publicity in the region.

(SGO.) JUAN L. BAKELL  
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:  
As stated

Reference:

N o n e

Attachment: 1-2-3-4--(D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects:

CONTEST  
Course of Study, COLLEGIATE  
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RULES FOR THE ESSAY CONTEST CONDUCTED  
BY FOCUS-PHILIPPINES AND DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Topic: "Tribute to my Teacher"

1. The essay must speak of a real teacher (everything written about the teacher must be verifiable) whose life has touched the life of the student, that is, the writer, in a positive way, and whose teaching has truly molded the student, enriching his mind and strengthening the foundations of his future.
2. The entry must be original, written in English, on bond paper size 8 1/2 by 11 inches, and should not be shorter than 1,000 words. The manuscript must bear the name of the contestant whose real name will be deposited in a sealed envelope along with his pen name, name of school and exact address, and the name of the subject teacher, all of which will be submitted along with the essay. The envelopes will be opened only after the winners have been chosen.
3. The contest will be at two levels: High School and College.
4. Regional winners from the 12 regions of DEO will be chosen by a committee appointed by the Regional Director. The three best entries (or more if warranted) at each level will be chosen and all regional winners will be sent to Manila (FOCUS-DEO) for the national competition.
5. Apart from the prizes the winning writers will get, the teachers featured in the winning entries will receive special citations.
6. Simple Criteria: 60 per cent will be given for content - the moral values raised in the essay, the human factors revealed, the impact of the teacher's life on the student's and other lives; 40 per cent will be credited to the literary values of the work submitted. Other standards will be applied later at the discretion of the board of judges, whose names will be announced at the proper time.
7. Semifinalists will all receive prizes. National winners will have their essays published in the anniversary issue of FOCUS Philippines. The list of the semifinalists and their manuscripts must be received by FOCUS Philippines not later than October 1, 1976.