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(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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DEC ESSAY CONTEST ON THE NEW SOCIETY

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

1. To provide greater awareness of the direction of current national efforts, and the New Society ideology which is the basis of such efforts, the Department of Education and Culture is conducting an essay contest, in English and in Filipino, on any aspect of the broad subject of the New Society. The contest is open to all students on the secondary and collegiate levels. Inclosed are the rules of the contest.

2. The first-prize winners in each category on the division level will be awarded one-year scholarships covering tuition and books or a total money value not exceeding P1,000. There will be four first prize winners in each division as follows:

First Prize Essay in English, high school
First Prize Essay in Filipino, high school
First Prize Essay in English, college
First Prize Essay in Filipino, college

The deadline on the division level shall be September 21, 1977.

3. Schools superintendents are enjoined to immediately form division committees to take charge of the contest on the division level. Private schools, colleges and universities should be represented in these committees. The wide announcement of this contest,

its conduct, as well as the manner of judging, including the selection of the board of judges, and the responsibilities of these committees. Regional directors are likewise requested to form the regional committees in charge of the contest on the regional level.

4. Among the topics which are given as examples for essay treatment under the broad subject indicated are:

The Youth and New Society Goals	Ang Kabataan at ang Bagong Lipunan
The Meaning of Commitment	Ang Bagong Demokrasyang Pilipino
Towards an Egalitarian Society	Ang Diwang-Bagong Lipunan
The New Philippine Democracy	
The Spirit of the New Society	
The Emerging National Strength	
What the New Society Means to Me	

In preparing for this contest, students should be encouraged to read publications on New Society programs and thrusts, particularly the Notes on the New Society I, Notes on the New Society II, and Today's Revolution: Democracy.

5. After the selection of the first prize winners on the division level, the Committee shall prepare a report on the contest, including a certified list of the winners, a copy of the ratings of the Board of Judges, and one copy of each winning essay, each with the identifying envelope, to the Department of Education and Culture, Manila, attention DSC Essay Contest Committee. The other four copies shall be sent to the Regional Office as division entries to the Regional Contest, not later than October 30.

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to Filipino secondary and college students in all schools, public and private.
2. The essays may be on any topic under the broad subject of the New Society and may be in English or in Filipino. The list given in the memorandum is only suggestive. Participants may select their own topic under the broad subject indicated.
3. The essays - either in English or in Filipino, should not exceed the following limits:

Collegiate level ---- 4,000 words
Secondary level ---- 2,000 words

4. Each entry shall be typewritten, double-spaced on white bond paper, standard size.
5. Five clear copies of the entry should be submitted.
6. The entry shall bear only the pen name of the writer. An envelope with a slip containing the pen name and the real name of the writer, his school, course (in the case of collegiate entries) or curriculum year, and address, should be attached to each copy of the entry. On the envelope should be written the pen name of the writer. Every copy of the entry should have an identification envelope attached.
7. The Division Contest Committee shall open the identification envelopes only after final judging has been made. A list of the winners in each category, duly certified by all the corresponding members of the Board of Judges, together with a copy each of the winning essays, should be immediately sent to the Office of the Secretary, Department of Education and Culture, Attention: Essay Contest Committee. The division office should have a file of the certified list.

8. The Division Contest Committee shall then replace the identification sheet in the envelope, seal the envelope and attach it to the corresponding essay. As indicated in No. 7, the copy shall immediately be sent to the Department of Education and Culture, together with the report on the contest. The Committee should see to it that the identification envelopes are attached to the corresponding entries. Four copies of each winning entry shall be sent to the Regional Office.
9. The Regional Contest Committee shall select from among the division winners, the first prize winners in each category. The Regional Committee shall submit a certified statement by the Board of Judges on the regional winners in each category. All division entries to the Regional Contest, however, shall be submitted to the National Committee, Office of the Secretary of Education and Culture, Manila, with the first prize winners in each category indicated, not later than November 30.
10. Essays will be judged on the basis of the following: Content, Organization and Style, and Mechanics.
11. All winning entries will be the property of the Department of Education and Culture National Contest Committee.