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ASEAN LITERARY CONTESTS

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

1. The Department of Foreign Affairs has announced the holding of the ASEAN Literary Contests as part of the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of ASEAN.
2. Attached is pertinent information on the contest which should be widely and immediately disseminated. Attention should be drawn particularly to the contest rules and the deadline for submission of national entries.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.: As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(B.C. 1-76)

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ASEAN Literary Contests

In connection with the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the ASEAN, the Department of Foreign Affairs announced Wednesday (3 August) the ASEAN Literary Contests.

The most outstanding and meritorious works in any language by contemporary writers of the member countries of the ASEAN which truly reflect creative thinking, distinct individuality and originality shall be selected and awarded in the following three categories:

1. Fiction - a publication with a maximum length of 30,000 words
2. Non-Fiction - a publication and/or essay with a maximum length of 25,000 words
3. Poetry - any type of poetry or dramatic work of reasonable length

The contest will be conducted at two levels - the national and the regional. The prize of P1,500.00 for each category will be given the winning entry at the national level. The winning entries at the national level will be the Philippine entries for the ASEAN Grand Award of US\$1,500.00 for each category.

A regional panel of Judges composed of representatives of the five ASEAN member countries will make the final selection of the regional winner. Their decision will be final.

Competition Rules

1. The competition at the national level is open to all citizens of the Philippines;
2. The name, address, age and Tax Account Number (TAN) of the author clearly typed or written on a card together with the title of his entry should be placed in a sealed envelope and attached on the right hand corner of the title page of the entry. At no place of the entry should the name of the author appear.
3. All entries must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked:

Organizing Committee
ASEAN Literary Awards
ASEAN National Coordinating
Agency of the Philippines
Department of Foreign Affairs
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The closing date for national entries is
30 September 1977.