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KAGAWARAN NG KULTURA AT LINGGUWA
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
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SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

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

1. The Department of Education and Culture (DEC) and the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines (CAWP) are jointly sponsoring nationwide short story writing contest in connection with the observance of the International Year of the Child in 1979. The contest is designed to fuse the efforts of non-government organizations (NGOs) with those of the government in implementing the Child and Youth Welfare Program.

2. Inclosed is the copy of the rules of the contest.

3. The contest will be conducted at the division, regional and national levels. In this connection, schools superintendents shall provide leadership in involving the presidents of non-government organizations particularly women's civic organizations in this activity. It is desired that they head the committee which will take charge of the conduct of the contest. Private schools shall also be represented in these committees. Committees at the regional level should likewise be formed, with the regional director serving as chairman.

4. Winners at the regional level will be awarded P100 each and winners of the first and second prizes at the national level will receive P1,000 and P500 respectively.

5. Four copies of the winning entry at the division level shall be sent to the regional contest committee not later than March 15, 1978.

6. The winning entry at the regional level shall be submitted to the Bureau of Elementary Education, BEO, Manila (Attention: Mrs. Salina A. Corralle), on or before July 30, 1973.

7. It is requested that this contest and the rules governing it be given wide publicity to all those concerned in order to encourage wide participation of the children eligible to participate in it.

(SGS.) JUAN N. MANUEL
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
None

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

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SHORT STORY CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to all children in or out of school between the ages of 9 and 11.
2. The short story may be on any topic about the life of the Filipino child. If possible the characters shall be children.
3. Each entry shall be typewritten, double-spaced on white bond paper, standard size.
4. Four clear copies of the entry shall be submitted to the Contest Committee.
5. The entry shall bear only the pen name of the writer. A sealed envelope containing the real name of the writer, his school, and address shall be attached to the copy of the entry.
6. The short story shall be judged on the basis of the following:

Content (40%) - The short story shall reveal clarity and quality of ideas expressed; a good measure of originality; interesting and convincing to the readers.

Organization (30%) - The ideas should be well-arranged in the order that they should come and all parts of the story should be well-related.

Language and Mechanics (30%) - The language used must be simple, accurate, correct and appropriate for the age level of the child. It should also be free from errors pertaining to mechanics.

7. Only after the final judging shall the Contest Committee open the certification envelopes.
8. All winning entries from the regional sections shall become the property of the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines.
9. The winning entry in the national level may be included in an anthology of short stories written by children all over the world, to be published by the International Council of Women.