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MEMORANDUM
No. 239, s. 1979

1979 NATIONAL BOOK WEEK AND SHORT STORY-WRITING CONTEST

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and
Universities

1. In observance of National Book Week on November 24-30, and in conjunction with the celebration of 1979 as International Year of the Child, the Philippine Library Association, Inc. and the National Library will conduct a nationwide short-story writing contest which is open to all Filipino writers, both children and adult.
2. The theme for the Week is "Publishing Students: Maging ng Kapalaran."
3. Enclosed are the rules of the contest. Attention is specially invited to Par. 6 thereof which states that "Five copies of each entry should be submitted to the Contest Committee Chairman, Dr. Fe Alvarez esp., Institute of National Language, MEC, Marikina, Manila, on or before November 5."
4. Winners in the contest shall be honored during the National Book Week celebration.
5. It is desired that this Memorandum be given wide publicity in all schools in the Division.

(SGS) GEORGE D. CONSON
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:

As stated

References:

None

Allocant: 1-2-3-4--(D.C. 1-36)

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(Inclosure to MEC Memorandum No. 239, s. 1979)

SHORT STORY-WRITING CONTEST

In conjunction with the celebration of the 1979 International Year of the Child and the National Book Week (November 24-30), with the theme: Reaching Frontiers: Bridging Knowledge (Children's Books: Seeds of Progress), a nationwide short-story-writing contest is being conducted by the Philippine Library Association, Inc. and the National Library.

RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. The short story-writing contest is open to all Filipino writers, both children and adults.
2. The story must be original, written in Filipino or English for children at various age levels (6-13 years old).
3. Subject matters should be written in the Philippine setting, within the context of Filipino culture and society. This being an International Year of the Child, the story may depict the typical life of a Filipino child in any Philippine community.
4. The story must be of interest to children, with wit and humor, if possible.
5. The story should not exceed six (6) pages, type-written, double-spaced, in a standard-size (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11) bond paper.
6. Five copies of each entry should be submitted to the Contest Committee Chairman, Dr. Fe Edgove Yua, at the Institute of National Language, Ministry of Education and Culture, Metro Manila, on or before November 5.
7. Winners in the contest will be announced during the National Book Week celebration and shall receive the following prizes:

1st Prize	Trophy, Children's Books and ₱3,000
2nd Prize	Trophy, Children's Books and ₱2,000
3rd Prize	Trophy, Children's Books and ₱1,000

PHILIPPINE LITERATURE AWARDS

- Honorable Mention:
- 1st Prize: Gold Medal, Children's Books and P500
- 2nd Prize: Silver Medal, Children's Books and P300
- 3rd Prize: Bronze Medal, Children's Books and P200

- 8. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.
- 9. All entries shall become the property of the Philippine Literary Association Inc.

