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(Republic of the Philippines)
KAGABAHAN NG DEKADENSA SA KALALUNA
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

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MEMORANDUM
No. 273, s. 1979

UNITED NATIONS DECADÉ FOR WOMEN:
ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST

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

1. The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, the Civic Assembly of Women of the Philippines and the Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) have joined the United Nations Information Centre for the Philippines in co-sponsoring a nationwide essay-writing contest in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP) on the subject of the United Nations Decade for Women (1976-1985). The main purpose of the contest is to arouse a general public interest in the work of the United Nations in improving and elevating the status of women and in ensuring truly equal participation of women in political, economic, social, and cultural life at the policy-making and decision-taking levels.
2. It is anticipated that the contest, open to both men and women of 16 years of age and above, will end with the compilation of a booklet containing winning entries and that it will serve as a major input from the Philippines to the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, scheduled to take place in Copenhagen, Denmark from July 14 to 30, 1980. The observance of the Decade for Women had been proposed by the Philippine Delegation headed by the First Lady, Mrs. Imelda Romualdez Marcos, at the World Conference of the International Women's Year held in Mexico City in 1975.
3. With this background, the mid-Decade Conference at Copenhagen will be of special importance to both the Government and the private sector of the Philippines; hence, active participation in the contest is to be encouraged. The theme of the contest is: "The contributions of Filipino women in nation-building in the field of education, health or employment."



4. Inclosed are the rules and regulations of the contest. Monthly deadline for submission of entries will be the 1st day of each month from December 1979 to April 1980. A participant may submit more than one entry. Monthly winners will be announced in the newspapers. Top three Grand Prix winners will be selected from among the monthly winners and announced later in May 1980.

5. All entries should be submitted to the United Nations Information Centre, P.O. Box 2489, Manila, Philippines. Entries bearing the stamp cancellation date of April 1, 1980 will be acceptable.

6. It is requested that the contest be widely publicized, particularly among college seniors, post-graduate students and faculty members of both public and private schools throughout the country.

(SGD.) GEORGE D. CORPUZ
Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

None

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

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✓ CONFERENCE
✓ CONTEST



(Inclosure to MEC Memorandum No. 273, d. 1979)

UNITED NATIONS DECADE FOR WOMEN ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Rules and Regulations

1. Start of contest:

1 November 1979

2. Monthly deadlines for submission:

The 1st day of each month from December 1979 to April 1980.

3. Who can participate:

Men and women, aged 16 and above.

4. Where to submit entries:

United Nations Information Centre for the Philippines
P.O. Box 2149 Manila

5. What to submit:

- a) Title of essay: The contributions of Filipino women to nation-building in education, health and employment. (specify the field or fields covered.)
- b) Contents will be given more weight than style.
- c) Entries should be in English, typed double-spaced in long coupon bond and submitted in triplicate.
- d) A participant may submit more than one entry.
- e) Pseudonyms should be used to identify entries. The real name, age and occupation of the participant should be placed in a sealed envelope, with the pseudonym written outside.
- f) The entry should be not less than 600 words nor more than 1,000.
- g) At least one winner will be selected for each month. The Grand Prix winners — first, second and third — will be chosen from among the monthly winners.
- h) The names of winners will be announced in the local newspapers.

6. Prizes:

a) Monthly winners:

₱300 each

b) Grand Prize winners:

First Prize ₱2,000 plus free trip to and from
Copenhagen courtesy of SAS

Second Prize	F1,500
Third Prize	F1,000
Fourth Prize	F 700
Fifth Prize	F 300

Panel of Judges:

A panel of judges will choose the monthly winners and the three Grand Prix winners. Its decision will be final.

Others:

- a) All entries shall become properties of the sponsoring organizations.
- b) The winning entries will be compiled in book form with copies to be made available for distribution at the Copenhagen Conference.

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