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NATIONAL POETRY-WRITING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN

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

1. The Children's Museum and Library, Inc. (CMLLI) in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture will sponsor a national poetry-writing contest for children.

2. Inclosed are the rules and regulations of the contest.

3. Entries shall be submitted not later than February 10, 1982 to:

Children's Museum and Library, Inc.  
East Avenue, Quezon City  
P.O. Box 1610, Manila

4. In view of the Ministry's program in improving communicative competencies among school children, all regional directors and schools superintendents are enjoined to encourage school children and out-of-school youths to participate in the contest. This activity provides an opportunity for in- and out-of-school children to discover their latent talents and develop their creativity.

5. It is desired that information regarding this contest be given wide publicity.

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

Incl.: As stated

Reference:

N o n e

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

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CHILDREN'S MUSEUM AND LIBRARY, INC.  
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National Poetry-Writing Contest for Children

As a fitting follow-up to the UNESCO CMLI international poetry writing contest for children where a 13-year-old Filipino girl, Odina Batnag, chosen by the Board of Judges of the CMLI in the national competition, won first prize in the international contest from entries submitted by youngsters from 57 participating countries, CMLI will conduct a similar contest on the national level in observance of the 1982 CMLI Silver Anniversary Week, the 1982 Children and Youth Achievement Week. Below are the rules of the contest.

R U L E S

1. Any Filipino child, in or out-of-school, who will not be more than 14 years old by January 31, 1982, is eligible to participate.
2. A poem may be written either in Filipino or in English and should not exceed 30 lines.
3. The contest will end on February 15, 1982.
4. Each contestant may pay a P2.00 - CMLI membership fee.
5. Each contestant must submit a close-up photo, size 2" x 2", glossy, and in black and white.
6. A contestant may submit one or two entries based on the theme "Children Helping Children" in order to build a better Philippines. Each entry must be in five copies, neatly typewritten, double-spaced on a legal sized bond paper and received at the CMLI Office, East Avenue, Quezon City, P.O. Box 1610, Manila, not later than February 10, 1982. Mailed entries must be postmarked not later than February 5, 1982.
7. Each participant must submit a written testimony of his parents or guardian, and his teacher certifying that the entry is original, that he is the real author of the entry submitted, that the entry is unpublished and not entered in any previous contest.

8. Each contestant should write only his pen name on the poem. His real name together with his pen name should be in a sealed envelope accompanying the entries, including information of his age, school and school address and telephone number, home address and telephone number and his grade/year in school.
9. Authors of the best twelve poems will each receive a Certificate of Merit.
10. The national winner, chosen from the 12 poems, will receive the following awards:
  - a. One-year high school or grade school scholarship, as the case may be, depending on the year or grade the winning participant is in at the time; and
  - b. A gold medal.
11. The best twelve entries will be published by the CMLI under the joint copyright of the CMLI and the authors. All entries shall automatically become properties of the CMLI.
12. Announcement of winners and awarding of prizes shall take place during the awarding ceremonies of the 1982 Children and Youth Achievement Week on February 27, 1982, as one of the features of the Silver Anniversary Year of the CMLI.