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ON-THE-SPOT ESSAY WRITING AND POSTER DESIGN
CONTESTS ON FOREST CONSERVATION

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

1. To impress upon the citizenry, particularly the students, the incalculable value of conserving forests to national development and progress, the Philippine Jaycees, Inc. and the Bureau of Forest Development in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, are sponsoring nationwide essay writing and poster design contests on the general theme "Forest Conservation."

2. The contests will be open to all elementary pupils and high school students regularly enrolled during school year 1981-1982 in public and private schools, and will be conducted on three (3) levels: provincial or city, regional and national. The provincial or city level winners will be considered entries to the regional level contests, and the regional level winners will be entries to the national level contests.

3. The division level contests shall be held on any date from September 15 to October 9, 1981. Inclosed are the rules of the contests.

4. The prizes and awards are as follows:

a. High School Level

First Prize Presidential Gold Medal
plus P3,000.00

Second Prize Presidential Silver Medal plus ₱2,000.00
Third Prize Presidential Bronze Medal plus ₱1,000.00

b. Elementary Level

First Prize Presidential Gold Medal plus ₱1,500.00
Second Prize Presidential Silver Medal plus ₱1,000.00
Third Prize Presidential Bronze Medal plus ₱750.00

In addition to the abovementioned prizes, a Presidential Trophy will be awarded to the school of each first prize winner and a certificate of recognition to each of the regional and city/provincial winners.

5. It is requested that the contests be sufficiently publicized to ensure widest participation possible.

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

Incl.: As stated

Reference:
None

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

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I. CONTEST RULES

A. ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

1. The contest is open to all Filipino pupils and students regularly enrolled in elementary and high schools in the country during the school year 1981-1982.
2. The contest will be on-the-spot. Writing paper and pencils will be supplied by the Committee in charge of the contests at the provincial or city level. The Contest Committee will also choose the contests venue.
3. The contestant shall use English as his medium. All pieces shall be at least 300 words in length for the elementary level and 500 words for the high school level, and shall be written on yellow pad paper on one side only.
4. Two hours will be allowed for the contestants in the elementary level; 1-1/2 hours for the high school level contestants.
5. Essays will be judged under the following criteria:
 - a. Emphasis on the theme: "Forest Conservation"
 - b. Applicability/practicability of proposals to solve current problems
 - c. Organization and style (literary merit)
6. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

a. High School Level

First Prize	Presidential Gold Medal plus ₱3,000.00
Second Prize	Presidential Silver Medal plus ₱2,000.00
Third Prize	Presidential Bronze Medal plus ₱1,000.00

b. Elementary Level

First Prize	Presidential Gold Medal plus ₱1,500.00
Second Prize	Presidential Silver Medal plus ₱1,000.00
Third Prize	Presidential Bronze Medal plus ₱750.00

In addition to the above-mentioned prizes, a Presidential Trophy will be awarded to the school of each first prize winner and a certificate of recognition to each regional and division (city/provincial) winner.

7. The winning essays automatically become the property of the Bureau of Forest Development.
8. The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

B. POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN CONTEST

1. The contest is open to all Filipino pupils and students regularly enrolled in elementary and high schools in the country during the school year 1981-1982.
2. The contest will be on-the-spot. Cartolina, watercolor and crayons (the contestant shall have a choice of either medium) and other art materials will be provided at the contest site.
3. Three (3) hours will be allowed for each contestant.
4. Posters, already imprinted with a slogan, will be judged under the following criteria:
 - a. General concept
 - b. Execution
 - c. Message
5. Prizes will be awarded as follows: (same as for the essay contest)
6. The winning entries automatically become the property of the Bureau of Forest Development.
7. The decision of the Board of Judges is final.

II. CONTEST COMMITTEES

A contest Committee shall oversee the conduct of the contest at each level. The committee composition shall be as follows:

National Contest Committee:

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| President, Philippine Jaycees | - Chairman |
| Minister of Education and Culture | - Member |
| Director of Forest Development | - " |

Regional Contest Committee:

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| Regional Vice President, Philippine Jaycees | - Chairman |
| MEC Regional Director | - Member |
| BFD Regional Director | - " |

Provincial Contest Committee:

Jaycee Chapter President	- Chairman
MEC Schools (Provincial/City) Superintendent	- Member
BFD District Forester	- "

III. BOARD OF JUDGES

The Contest Committee at each level shall designate their representative to the Board of Judges for that level. The MEC representative on the Board of Judges shall be the Chairman thereof for the Essay Contest, and the JCP representative shall be Chairman for the Poster Design and Slogan Contest.

IV. CONTEST SCHEDULE

1. The city/provincial level contest shall be held on any date from September 15 to October 9, 1981.
2. The city/provincial contest committee shall choose the first, second and third best entries and shall forward the same as their entries to the Regional Contest Committee not later than October 23, 1981. From these entries the regional committee shall likewise, choose the best three entries, which shall be the region's entries to the national level contest. These shall be sent to the National Committee not later than November 4, 1981.
3. The National Committee shall choose from among the 39 regional winners the best three in each category, to be declared as the national winners.

To summarize, the winners by level are as follows:

- a. Provincial/City level: Best three (3) in the Essay Contest and best three (3) in the Poster Design and Slogan Contest.
- b. Regional level: Best three (3) in each contest, or a total of six (6) winners chosen from the provincial/city winners.
- c. National level: The best three (3) in the Essay Contest and the best three (3) in the Poster Design/Slogan Contest chosen from the regional winners.

V. SECURITY MEASURE

It is suggested that the City/Provincial Committee and the Regional Committee keep xerox copies of their entries to the next higher level contests for security reasons.

VI. ALL COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO THE CONTESTS MAY BE SENT TO:

The National President
Philippine Jaycees, Inc.
14 Don Rocas Avenue
Quezon City

Attention: Secretariat

VII. THE RESULTS OF THE CONTESTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS ABOUT NOVEMBER 6, 1981.

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