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MECS MEMORANDUM  
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1983 EDUCATION WEEK NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

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

1. The Bureau of Secondary Education, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports is sponsoring a national essay writing contest, both in English and Filipino, among high school students on the theme: "The Student and Filipinoism in Education Today." The contest will be held in connection with the national celebration of Education Week on September 11-17, this year.
2. The objectives of the contest are the following: 1) To determine the reading comprehension ability of the student; 2) To make the student draw a critical analysis of a given set of facts; 3) To give the student the opportunity in this regard to use his reading comprehension skills as well as his critical analysis for intelligent written communication either in the English or Filipino language; and 4) To promote and to enhance Filipinoism among our youth today particularly the students.
3. National winners in each contest category will receive individual cash prizes in the amount of P1,000, P700 and P500; for the first, second and third prizes, respectively.
4. Enclosed is a copy of the rules and regulations of the contest.
5. It is requested that this Memorandum be given immediate wide publicity.

(SGD.) OMOFRE D. CORPUZ  
Minister

Incl.: As stated

References: None

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

To be indicated in the Perceptual Index under the following subjects:

CELEBRATIONS & FESTIVALS	CONTEST	STUDENTS
Course of Study, SECONDARY	PRIZES or AWARDS	







RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The National essay writing contest, both in English and Filipino, is open to all bonafide high school students enrolled in both public and private secondary schools this current school year.
2. The contest will be conducted in four levels: school, division, regional and national.
3. The conduct of the essay writing contest, both English and Filipino, in all levels will be guided by the following rules:
  - a. The contest committee shall prepare before the contest date an appropriate model literary selection on Filipinism in mimeographed form. This is either culled from any printed reading materials or originally written and approved by the committee purposely for this contest. Preferably, it should be in two or three paragraphs in length.
  - b. On the date of the contest, the participants should be allowed first to read the model literary selection for 30 minutes. Afterwards, the actual essay writing on the theme: "The Student and Filipinism in Education Today" should immediately begin. The writing activity should last for another one and one-half hours.
  - c. In judging the literary work, the following criteria should be observed:

Content	.....	50%
Organization	...	25%
Mechanics	.....	25%
		100%
4. In order to draw wider participation among the studentry, all schools should give this event adequate publicity. Only the first prize winner in every school shall compete in the division contest duly certified by the School Contest Committee organized for this purpose. The certification shall be accompanied by an official list of the students in the school who participated in the contest. This shall be forwarded to the Division Contest Committee with the corresponding written entries of all the said participants.
5. The Division Contest Committee, likewise created for this purpose, shall receive all the schools' individual first prize winners as entries for the second contest level. Only the first prize winners in this contest phase will vie in the regional contest. The results of the contest shall be forwarded to the Regional Contest Committee in the same manner the School Contest Committee forwarded the same to the Division Contest Committee.









6. The Regional Contest Committee, likewise formed for this purpose, shall hold the regional contest for all the first prize winners in the division level. Eventual first prize winners in this contest will compete in the national contest.
7. The Regional Contest Committee shall prepare and transmit the results of the third level contest to the National Contest Committee, in the same manner the Division Contest Committee has forwarded the same to the Regional Contest Committee, this time addressed to:

Director Andres R. Asistia  
Chairman, National Essay Contest  
Bureau of Secondary Education  
M233, Arrozeros, Manila

8. The national essay writing contest will be held at the Training Center of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Arrozeros, Manila on September 10, 1985 at 9:00 A.M. All regional winners will meet at the venue one hour before the scheduled time.
9. The written work in all contest levels should contain at least 700 words and should not exceed 1,300 words.
10. The organization and composition of all school, division and regional contest committees shall be the responsibility and discretion of all school principals, city/provincial schools superintendents and regional directors, respectively. Contest results should be submitted on the following dates:

August 1, 1985 - School Contest Committee  
to the Division Contest Committee

August 12, 1985 - Division Contest Committee  
to the Regional Contest Committee

August 22, 1985 - Regional Contest Committee  
to the National Contest Committee

11. Transportation expenses to and from place of origin and venue of the contests of the participants in the contest levels including meals and lodging wherever necessary, shall be provided for by each contest committee certifying the list of participants to a particular contest phase.
12. Eventual travel of student-participants purposely to participate in any of the herein aforementioned contests should have the usual written permission and waiver of their respective parents or guardians in this regard. It is preferred that all students should be chaperoned particularly those who will participate in the division, regional and national contest levels.





