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Manila

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MECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 153, s. 1985

THIRD ASEAN LETTER WRITING CONTEST

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

1. The Bureau of Posts, in cooperation with the ASEAN Sub-Committee on Posts and Telecommunications composed of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, will hold the 3rd ASEAN Letter Writing Contest from October 9 to November 29, 1985. The contest is open to elementary and secondary students. The theme of this year's contest is "ASEAN and My Country."
2. The objectives of the letter writing competition are: (a) to inculcate the writing habit among the country's youth and (b) to cultivate among the young an awareness of the ASEAN and its goals - economic development, peace and stability in South East Asia through closer cooperation in economic, social, cultural and technical fields.
3. Inclosed are the rules of the contest.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

(SGD.) HORTENSIA S. RENOSA  
Deputy Minister  
Officer-in-Charge

Incl.:  
As stated

Reference:  
Unnumbered Memorandum dated July 1, 1982

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

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under the following subjects:

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	PUPILS	







RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Who may compete - Young people who are citizens of the Philippines, and who are below sixteen years of age as of January 1, 1985, may compete. He may be either a student (high school/elementary) or non-student.
2. Form of entries
  - a. Entries should be in the form of a letter.
  - b. They should be handwritten clearly and legibly in the contestant's own handwriting, using ball-pen or fountain pen with blue, black, or blue-black ink. Typewritten entries will not be accepted.
  - c. They should be written on either long or short white typewriting paper or white **or yellow ruled pad paper**.
  - d. On the upper right hand corner of each page of the entry, the contestant should write his name, age, grade or year, name of school, address of school, (if a student), and home address.
3. Topic of the letter/entry. The letter should deal with the topic: "ASEAN and My Country."
4. Length of the letter entry. Entries should not be less than 400 nor more than 1,000 words in length.
5. Language to be used. Entries may be either in Filipino or English, or a combination of Filipino and English.
6. Number of entries. Only one (1) entry should be submitted per contestant. It may be in Filipino, English, or a combination of Filipino and English.
7. Where and how to submit entries. Entries should be enclosed in an envelope addressed as follows:

ASEAN Letter Writing Contest  
Postal Service Information Section  
Bureau of Posts, Liwasang Bonifacio  
Manila, 2001

They may be either mailed or handcarried to the above address. The Postal Service Information Section is at Room 517, 5th Floor, Post Office Building at Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila.
8. Period of the Contest. The contest will be held from October 9 to November 29. The entries should, therefore, be postmarked not later than November 29, 1985, if mailed. If delivered by hand, it should be received at the Postal Service Information Section not later than 5:00 p.m. on November 29.
9. Winner selection criteria. Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:
  - a. Relevance to the contest theme of "ASEAN and My Country."
  - b. Imagination and originality of contents;
  - c. Vigor of style;









10. Prizes. Three winners will be chosen from each category, and will be awarded the following prizes:

High School Category:

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| 1st Prize | : P2,000 Cash; and 5 albums of ASEAN postage stamps  |
| 2nd Prize | : P1,000 Cash; 5 albums of Philippine postage stamps |
| 3rd Prize | : P500 Cash; albums of Philippine postage stamps     |

Elementary Category:

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| 1st Prize | : P2,000 Cash; and 5 albums of Philippine postage stamps |
| 2nd Prize | : P1,000 Cash; and 3 albums of Philippine postage stamps |
| 3rd Prize | : P500 Cash; and 2 albums of Philippine postage stamps   |

11. Date of Awarding of Prizes. Winners will be notified by telegram and advised of the date of awarding of prizes.





