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(Republic of the Philippines)
KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON, KULTURA AT ESPORTE
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS)
Manila.

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DECS MEMORANDUM
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ESSAY-WRITING CONTEST ON THE THEME: OUR FOREST HERITAGE:
ITS IMPORTANCE TO THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE

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 GREEN Philippines Foundation, a duly registered institution dedicated to the national resource conservation movement and national patrimony, particularly forest resource, with the cooperation of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, is launching a National Essay-Writing Contest on the theme: "Our Forest Heritage: Its Importance to the Country's Future."
2. The objectives of the contest are:
 - a. to stimulate the imagination, innovativeness, and creativity of the youth in expressing forest resource conservation through essay-writing;
 - b. to create an awareness among the youth on issues pertaining to forest resource conservation and importance of their participation in these issues; and
 - c. to promote and enhance Filipinism among the youth.
3. The contest is open to all bonafide high school and college students in both public and private institutions, including out-of-school youths.
4. Attached herewith are the contest mechanics as prescribed by the sponsoring agency for the information and guidance of the field.
5. It is requested that the contest be given widest publicity to ensure more participation.

(SGD.) LOURDES R. QUISUMBING
Secretary

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

None

Allotment: 1-2-3-4--(M.C. 1-87)

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

CONTEST MECHANICS

A. Duration of the Contest

- The contest will officially start on September 7, 1987 and will end on December 15, 1987.

B. Eligible Participation

- High school and college students enrolled in any public or private institution;
- Out-of-School Youth duly certified by the Barangay Captain or the Youth Development Worker of the BSWD or the Youth Development Officer of the DAP;
- Filipino citizens;
- Not a winner of any previous essay writing contest conducted by any sponsoring institution;
- Not related up to the second consanguinity or affinity to any contest board of judges or GREEN Philippines Foundation officers or staff.

C. Entrants Category

- Category A - High school students (12 to 17 yrs. of age)
- Category B - College students (17 to 25 yrs. of age)
- Category C - Out-of-school youths (13 to 29 yrs. of age)

D. Essay Entries

1. It should be written in English or in Tagalog or a combination of Filipino and English;
2. Only one entry should be submitted per contestant stating therein on what category is he/she is participating;
3. Entries should be enclosed in an envelope addressed as follows:

National Essay Writing Contest
GREEN Philippines Foundation
Ground Floor, 33 Building
150 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village
Makati, Metro Manila

4. Essay must be clearly type-written, double spaced and furnished in two copies.
5. The length of the essay should be around 1,000 to 1,200 words for Category A; 2,000 to 2,200 for Category B; and not less than 1,000 words for Category C;
6. It should be an original work of the participant. The regional finalists will have to defend or personally confirm to the Board of Judges that their works are original manuscripts, if the Board of Judges warrants such.

E. The following criteria will be adopted for judging with the corresponding values:

Content	40%
Organization	25%
Mechanics	25%
Youthfulness of Tone	10%
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F. Composition of the Board of Judges

The Board of Judges for the essay writing contest will be an interdisciplinary pool of highly qualified experts from science and technology and communication.

JUDGING PROCESS

There will be two contest phases:

PHASE I - All submitted entries will be initially screened on November 7, 1987 to select three winners from each region (13 regions). The first place winner in each region automatically qualifies for the finals. All in all there will be 13 finalists. There will be 117 regional winners from all competing 13 regions nationwide, with three categories.

PHASE II - The 13 regional finalists will vie for the three Grand Finals prizes. The grand finals is scheduled on December 15, 1987 in Manila. The Board of Judges will deliberate on who will be chosen as the top three winners in the Grand Finals.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

All contestants nationwide will be given a Certificate of Participation.

- A. Regional Winners
 - acknowledgment certificate
 - cash prize of two hundred pesos each
- B. National Finalists
 - acknowledgment certificate
 - cash prize of one thousand pesos each
- C. Top Three Grand Awardees
 - Cash Prizes
 - 1st Prize - P5,000.00
 - 2nd Prize - 3,500.00
 - 3rd Prize - 2,000.00
 - Plaques of Merit

NOTE: The contestants nationwide will be required to donate their entries to the Foundation.

