



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 160, s. 1997

1997 REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND PHILIPPINE ESSAY COMPETITION

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

1. In order to involve the tremendous capability and creativity of the Filipino youth in strengthening the cultural understanding, international goodwill and promote brotherhood among our peoples, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Philippines and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports are jointly sponsoring the 1997 Republic of Korea and the Philippines Essay Competition.
2. The theme of the contest is "Strengthening RP-ROK Relations toward the 21st Century".
3. The competition aims to develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of the culture of the people in the Republic of Korea among our school youth, and instill a sense of responsibility and concern to our foreign neighbors.
4. The contest is open to students currently enrolled in both public and private secondary and tertiary institutions.
5. The deadline for submission of entries to the National Secretariat is August 20. Selection of winners shall be conducted on mid-September 1997 and announcement will follow immediately. Awarding ceremony will be held on October 2.
6. To ensure the smooth and successful implementation of this project, the following constitute the executive committee:

Executive Committee

Dr. Ma. Lourdes V. Macatangay Director, Technical Service DECS	-	Chairman
Mr. Jin Soo Nam Cultural Affairs Officer ROK Embassy	-	Co-Chairman
Dir. Sylvia Marasigan Director, Asia Pacific Region, DEA	-	Member
Dr. Kate Botengan Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education CHED	-	Member

Dr. Alberto Mendoza - Member
Director, Bureau of Secondary Education
DECS

7. Contest sponsors included Ministry of Information of Korea, and the ROK Embassy in the Philippines.
8. Inclosed are the contest rules and criteria for judging and the application forms for the information and guidance of all concerned.
9. Entries may be handed or handcarried or mailed to:

1995 ROK-RP Essay Competition
National Secretariat
Technical Service
Department of Education, Culture and Sports
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines
Tel. No. 636-48-78
Fax No. 633-72-64
10. Prizes at stake include both the secondary and college categories.
11. Immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.


RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary

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under the following subjects:

CONTESTS
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STUDENTS

MECHANICS OF ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

THEME: "STRENGTHENING ROK-RP RELATIONS TOWARD THE 21ST CENTURY."

WHO MAY JOIN: All bonafide Filipino secondary and tertiary students of public and private schools.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

1. Content	- 40 points
2. Style	- 25 points
3. Organization	
Development of Ideas	- 35 points

Total	100 points

CONTEST LEVEL: National

AWARDS FOR PRIZES:

College

First Prize : US\$800 Cash Award
1 week trip to
Korea for 1
Second Prize: US\$400 Cash Award
Third Prize: US\$200 Cash Award

High School

First Prize : US\$800 Cash Award
1 week trip to
Korea for 1 with trophy
Second Prize: US\$400 Cash Award
1 week trip to
Korea for 1 with trophy
Third Prize: US\$200 Cash Award
with trophy

HOW TO JOIN

College level

1. 1,500 words.

2. The essay must be submitted in short bond paper, typewritten or hand written double spaced. Length of essay should be between 500 to 700 words.

3. The essay must contain the name and signature of the student. It should be accompanied by a duly accomplished entry form which may be secured from their respective school teachers and principals. If it is more

convenient, students may type out their own entry forms using the format prescribed in the announcement or make xerox copies of entry forms available at the schools.

4. Family members, friends and advisers may not in any manner write a part or the whole of the essay. They may only provide advice and encouragement. Any proven fraudulent work will be automatically disqualified and will bar the student from participating in the future contest that the organizers will undertake.

5. Mailed entries should be postmarked not later than August 20, 1997 and actually received at the 1997 ROK-RP Essay Competition National Secretariat not later than August 31, 1996.

6. All entries shall become the Property of ROK-RP Essay Competition National Secretariat.

JUDGING:

1. Judging shall be done by a Board of Judges composed of leaders in government, the academe, mass media and business.

2. Proof of authenticity of work may be required during the judging.

3. The Board of Judges shall select the three best entries from among all those submitted nationwide and declare them as first, second, and third place in the national category, after which the three best entries of each region shall be declared winners on the regional level.

4. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and unappealable.

5. First Prize winner for high school and first prize winner for college will be invited to Korea from October 5 to 12, 1997

AWARDING:

1. Winners will be notified by mail. Awarding for the national winners shall be done as a venue in Metro Manila on October 2, 1997.

2. For more information about the contest please call the Secretariat, DECS Technical Service. Tel. 636-48-78 FAX 633-72-64.

THIRD ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST
TOPIC: STRENGTHENING ROK-RP RELATIONS TOWARDS
THE 21ST CENTURY

Guideline:

The Department of Education, Culture and Sports announces its Second Annual Essay Contest on Korea for secondary and college students. The contest is being offered to encourage every Filipino high school student and teacher to learn more about Korea. A separate contest is also being held this year for high school student and college students. This year's topic "Strengthening ROK-RP Relations Toward the 21st Century" encourages students to understand and write about the ROK-RP international relations.

Limited to one entry per student

Essay Contest Guidelines Rules

1. Student must be currently enrolled in any public and private secondary and tertiary schools/colleges and universities..
2. Mailed entries should be postmarked not later than August 20, 1997 and actually received at the 1997 ROK-RP Essay Competition National Secretariat not later than August 31, 1997.
3. Winners will be notified by mail. Awarding Ceremony for the national winners shall be done in Metro Manila on October 2, 1997.
4. For more information about the contest please call the Secretariat, DECS, Technical Service Tel. No. 636-48-78 FAX 633-72-64.

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1997 ROK-RP ESSAY COMPETITION

"STRENGTHENING ROK-RP RELATIONS TOWARDS THE 21ST CENTURY."

ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ Tel. No.: _____
Year: _____
Level Dept./Course _____

School: _____
School Address: _____
Tel No. School _____ Home: _____
Name of Parents: _____

Father

Mother

I declare that I myself wrote the accompanying essay and the ideas contained in it are the result of my personal reflections. I also declare that I shall abide by the rule of the contest and allow myself to be photographed for publication purposes without additional compensation.

Name/Signature of participant

Date

We certify that _____
(name of student)
whose signature appears on this form is a _____
(Year/Level)
student of _____ for school year 1996.
(Name of School)

Signature of Teacher

Signature of
Principal/Dean

Address

Address