



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS

Munroco Avenue, Pasig City

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 14, 1998

DECS MEMORANDUM

No. 195, s. 1998

1998 REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) AND PHILIPPINES (RP)
ESSAY COMPETITION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private Secondary School Principals
Chairman, CHED

1. In order to involve the Filipino youth in strengthening the cultural understanding, international goodwill and brotherhood among Filipinos and Koreans, the Korean Embassy and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports are jointly sponsoring the 1998 Republic of Korea and the Philippines Essay Competition.

2. The theme of the contest is "Strengthening ROK-RP Relations through Tourism and Cultural Activities" or "Views on Korea and Its People". The contest is open to students currently enrolled in public or private secondary and tertiary institutions. The student will choose only one topic.

3. The competition aims to develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of Korea, its culture and people, among our school youth and instill a sense of responsibility and concern for our foreign neighbors.

4. Mailed entries should be postmarked not later than September 20, 1998 and received not later than September 30 at the National Secretariat. Selection and announcement of winners will follow immediately. Awarding ceremonies will be on October 30, 1998.

5. An executive committee composed of the following is formed to ensure the smooth and successful implementation of this project:

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| Chairman | : | Dr. Ma. Lourdes V. Macatangay Director, DECS Technical Service |
| Co-Chairman | : | Mr. Jin Soo Nam Cultural Affairs Officer, Korean Embassy |
| Members | : | Mr. Ernesto Castro Director, Asia Pacific Region, DFA Dr. Kate Botengan Commissioner, CHED Dr. Alberto Mendoza Director, DECS BSE |

6. The contest is sponsored by Korea Overseas Culture and Information Service and Asiana Airlines. Inclosed are the contest rules, criteria for judging, application form and other information regarding the contest.

7. Entries may be mailed or handcarried to:

1998 ROK-RP Essay Competition
National Secretariat
Technical Service
Department of Education, Culture and Sports
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Philippines

8. Winners of the secondary and college categories will receive the same set of awards and prizes.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO
Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

Reference: DECS Memorandum No. 160, s. 1997

Allotment: 1--(D.O. 50-97)

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

CONTESTS
STUDENTS

MECHANICS OF ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

THEME: "STRENGTHENING ROK-RP RELATIONS THROUGH TOURISM AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES" or "VIEWS ON KOREA AND ITS PEOPLE"

Who may join: All bonafide Filipino students enrolled in a public or private secondary or tertiary institution.

Contest Level: National

HOW TO JOIN:

1. The essay must be submitted in a short bond paper, handwritten or typewritten, double-spaced. Length should be 500-700 words for the high school level and 1,500 words for the college level.
2. The essay must contain the student's name, signature and accompanied by an entry form which may be secured from his/her teacher or principal. Students can also type out their own entry forms using the prescribed format to make xerox copies of entry forms available at the schools. Only one entry is allowed per student.
3. Family members, friends and advisers should not write 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 contests the organizers will hold.
4. Mailed entries should be postmarked not later than September 20, 1998 and must be received at the 1998 ROK-RP Essay Competition National Secretariat not later than September 30.
5. All entries shall become the property of ROK-RP Essay Competition National Secretariat.

JUDGING:

Criteria:

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| 1. Content | 40% |
| 2. Style | 25% |
| 3. Organization | |
| Development of ideas | <u>35%</u> |
| Total | 100% |

1. The Board of Judges is composed of leaders in the government, academe, mass media and business sectors.
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. Meanwhile, 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.

AWARDING:

Awards and Prizes:

College level

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| First Prize | Trophy, one week tour of Korea and \$400 cash prize |
| Second Prize | Trophy and \$400 cash prize |
| Third Prize | Trophy and \$300 cash prize |

High school level

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| First Prize | Trophy, one week tour of Korea and \$400 cash prize \$100 for teacher-coach |
| Second Prize | Trophy and \$400 cash prize |
| Third Prize | Trophy and \$300 cash prize |

1. Winners will be notified by mail. Awarding for the national winners will be done in Metro Manila on October 30, 1998.
2. First prize winners for the high school and college categories will be invited to Korea from November 1 to November 8, 1998.
3. For more information, please call the Secretariat, DECS Technical Service at tel. no. 636-4878, fax 633-7294.

FOURTH ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST

THEME: "STRENGTHENING ROK-RP RELATIONS THROUGH TOURISM AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES" or "VIEWS ON KOREA AND ITS PEOPLE"

The Korean Embassy and the Department of Education, Culture and Sports announce the Fourth Annual Essay Contest on Korea for high school and college students. The contest aims to encourage every Filipino student and teacher to learn more about Korea, its culture, people and its international relations with the Philippines. Students are allowed to send in only one entry.

Contest Guidelines and Rules:

1. Contestants must be currently enrolled in any public or private secondary or tertiary school, college or university.
2. Mailed entries should be postmarked not later than September 20, 1998 and must be received at the 1998 ROK-RP Essay Competition National Secretariat not later than September 30.
3. Winners will be notified by mail. Awarding for the national winners will be done in Metro Manila on October 30, 1998.
4. For more information, please call the Secretariat, DECS, Technical Service at tel. no. 636-4878, fax 633-7294.