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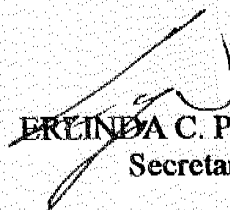
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No. 270, s. 1998

**"YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY" ORATORICAL CONTEST**

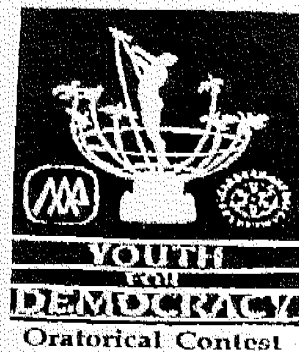
To: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Private Secondary School Principals

1. The Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) and Rotary International Philippines are jointly conducting the "Youth for Democracy" Oratorical Contest as their contribution to the Centenary of Philippine Independence.
2. With the theme "Democracy: What Will Make It Work?", the contest aims to motivate the youth to appreciate the importance of democracy and how it works for the common good.
3. The contest which runs from August to November this year, will be formally launched on July 29. The nine Rotary Districts will hold contests in their respective areas and the winners will compete in the National Finals on November 28, 1998.
4. The contest is open to high school students in both public and private schools. The mechanics of the contest are inclosed. For more information, interested parties may call MAP Executive Director Arnold Salvador at tel. nos. 751-1149 or 751-1150.
5. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
ERLINDA C. PEFIANCO  
Secretary

Incl. As stated  
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A Centennial Project  
of  
the MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (MAP)  
and  
the ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
(Rotary Districts 3770, 3780, 3790, 3800, 3810, 3820, 3850, 3860 and 3870)

### Theme

The theme of the Contest will be "DEMOCRACY: What will make it work well?"

The theme aims to motivate the youth to appreciate the importance of democracy and how it works for the common good. Contestants will therefore be asked to develop their speeches by focusing on how the youth can do their share in helping maintain democracy in the country.

### Language

The speeches for the oratorical contest must be in ENGLISH.

### Originality

The speeches must be developed around the Contest theme and must demonstrate respect for originality of work and intellectual property.

### Time Limit

Speeches must not be longer than eight (8) minutes.

### Criteria

For both Rotary District Contests and the National Finals.

<b>Contents of Speech - 40%</b>	
Substance	20%
Composition	20%
<b>Delivery - 60%</b>	
Diction	15%
Voice	15%
Projection	15%
Audience Impact/ Stage Presence	15%

### Who may join

Only *bonafide* high school students, male or female, whether from public or private schools, for school year 1998-1999 are qualified to join the contest.

### Duration of the Contest

**Launching** : 29 July 1998  
Hotel Inter-Continental  
Manila

**Rotary District Contests** : August to October  
Rotary District areas

**National Finals** : 28 November 1998  
Makati City

### Rotary District Contests

The nine Rotary Districts will hold contests in their respective areas during the months of August, September and October.

### National Finals

The nine winners in the Rotary District contests will compete in the National Finals.

### PRIZES for the Rotary District Contests

First Prize : P10,000 CASH plus medal  
Second Prize: P5,000 CASH plus medal  
Third Prize : P3,000 CASH plus medal

\* Trophies will be given to the schools represented by the First, Second and Third placers.

### PRIZES for the National Finals

First Prize : P100,000 CASH plus medal  
Second Prize: P75,000 CASH plus medal  
Third Prize : P50,000 CASH plus medal  
Consolation Prizes: P10,000 each for the other six finalists

### Cash prizes for coaches:

First Prize : P20,000  
Second Prize : P10,000  
Third Prize : P5,000

\* Trophies will be given to the schools represented by the First, Second and Third placers in the National Finals.

\* The airfare and hotel accommodations of the finalists, with one parent/chaperon and one teacher/coach each, will be shouldered by the organizers through sponsorships.

### Rotary District Judges

The Rotary Districts will invite the judges for the Rotary District contests under following guidelines:

- No judge must have served as coach of any participant for this Contest.
- No judge must come from the school represented by any of the contestants.
- No judge at the District level must be a member of a Rotary Club that is sponsoring a contestant for that district.
- No judge must be related to any of the contestants up to the 3rd degree of consanguinity.

### National Finals Judges

The MAP will take care of inviting the judges for the National Finals.

### The LOGO

The nine doves in the logo represent Peace, Freedom, Unity, Bravery, Knowledge, Leadership, Progress, Discipline and Love of motherland. The human form symbolizes the youth, the future of democracy. The whole logo connotes *Building One Nation through Global Leadership*.

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