



Office of the Secretary

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**28TH UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION INTERNATIONAL
LETTER-WRITING COMPETITION**

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1. The Philippine Postal Corporation will conduct its 28th International Letter-Writing Competition this year. Details of the contest is inclosed.
2. The Competition with the theme, "Writing to a friend what the post means to you in your everyday life," is open to the youth, not more than 15 years of age, currently enrolled or out-of-school.
3. Entries will be judged on the following criteria: relevance to the theme of Competition, imagination and originality of the contents and vigor of style and youthfulness of tone. Three local winners will be chosen and will be awarded cash prizes, medals and Philippine stamps.
4. Deadline for submission of entries is on **March 31, 1999**. For inquiries, call the Philippine Postal Office, Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila, Tel. Nos. 527-83-27 to 30.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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PHILPOST ANNOUNCES 1999 UPU 28TH INT'L. LETTER-WRITING COMPETITION

Postmaster General Nicasio P. Rodriguez, Jr. announces the 1999 Universal Postal Union 28th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People with its theme "Writing to a friend to say what the post means to you in your everyday life".

Said contest is aimed to develop the youth's facility in composition and the subtlety of their thought and to contribute to the strengthening of international friendship-one of the essential missions of the UPU.

Students or non-students who are citizens of the Philippines and not more than fifteen (15) years old are qualified to join the contest.

Entries should be in the form of a letter, handwritten clearly, using ballpen with blue or black ink. It should be written in long or short white typewriting paper or white ruled pad paper. The compositions submitted must be recent and original letters of about 500 to 1000 words in length. Typewritten entries will not be accepted, it was pointed out.

On the upper right hand corner of each page of entry, the contestant should write his/her name, age, sex, grade or year, name of school (if a student) and home address.

Entries will be judged on the following criteria: relevance to the theme of competition, imagination and originality of the contents, vigor of style and youthfulness of tone.

Three local winners will be chosen and will be awarded with the following prizes: first prize - P15,000.00 plus medal / Philippine stamps; second prize - P10,000.00 plus medal / Philippine stamps; third prize - P5,000.00 plus medal / Philippine stamps; five consolation prizes at P1,000.00 each plus Philippine stamps / medal.

The first prize winning entry will be sent to the International Bureau, UPU in Berne, Switzerland to compete with the other winning entries from participating UPU member-countries.

To further promote the 125th anniversary of the UPU, a special prize will be offered. The first prize winner chosen by UNESCO grand jury from all the national winners will win a three-day accompanied trip to Beijing where the 22nd UPU Congress is to be held from 23 August to 15 September 1999. The gold medal will be awarded to the winner on 7 September 1999 during the ceremony organized by Chinese postal administration to mark the 125th anniversary of the UPU.

The silver and bronze medals presented by the UPU will be awarded to the second and third prize winners.

Entries should be sent to: Mr. Boyet N. Paglicawan, chief, Media and Public Affairs or Information Officer III Alvin E. Eldelson c/o Marcy Penafuerte & Estrellita S. Dacanay, Office of the Postmaster General, Philippine Postal Corporation 1000 Manila. Deadline of submission of entries is on 26 February 1999.

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