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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 207, s. 1999

THE PHILIPPINE VETERANS BANK
ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

To: Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Private Secondary School Principals

1. The Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB) announces the holding of a nationwide Essay Writing Contest with the theme, "The Filipino Youth and the Veterans Today."
2. The Contest aims to: a) bring into focus the achievements of the Veterans and their role in society today; b) let the youth speak for and about the interests of the Veterans; and, c) develop and enhance the writing skills of the students.
3. The Contest is open to all fourth year high school students. Submission of entries for the school level shall be addressed to the Principal. From there, a winner will be chosen to be forwarded to the division office. Winning entries from each division must be submitted to the Philippine Veterans Bank, Makati City not later than October 22, 1999. There will only be one (1) winner per region to vie for the final round on April 5, 2000. Enclosed are the mechanics of the Contest and other details.
4. The Philippine Veterans Bank will shoulder the traveling and accommodation expenses of finalist-participants and his/her teacher-chaperone. For more information, call the PVB office, c/o Jude Cartalaba, 101 Herrera cor Dela Rosa Sts., Legaspi Village, Makati City, Tel. No. 894-39-19, Local 264; Fax No. 813-01-94.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incl.: As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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under the following subjects:

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P O R T F O L I O

Theme of the Competition:

"The Filipino Youth and the Veterans Today"

Rationale:

This undertaking has the following objectives:

- a.) Bring into focus the achievements of the veterans and their role in society today.
- b.) Let the youth speak for and about the interests of the veterans.
- c.) Develop and enhance the writing skills of the students.

Proposed Venue for the Final Competition:

ASIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT
Legaspi Village, Makati City

Contest Rules/Guidelines:

- 1.) The contest is open to all fourth year high school students nationwide. Relatives of the essay writing contest committee within the fourth degree of affinity and consanguinity are disqualified from joining.
- 2.) The essay must be in line with the theme: *"The Filipino Youth and the Veterans Today."*
- 3.) Entries must be original and unpublished, and must be written in English. It must be with five thousand words and at least five (5) to seven (7) pages submitted in triplicate (3) copies. It must bear the contestant's real name, pseudonym, address and contact number/s (both residence and high school). The manuscript must be double-spaced, fonts should be twelve (12) in size and the style should be Times New Roman or it can be typewritten. Paper should be short bond (8 1/2" x 11").

4.) Criteria for judging are as follows:

- Relevance of Ideas (35%)

The ideas presented must coincide with the theme, the ideas must set a "tone" that will come up to a concrete recommendation.

- Structure (25%)

The essay must be crafted in exemplary grammar and must have a fluid organization of thoughts.

- Style (20%)

The essay must capture the attention of the reader and reflect the personality of the writer.

- Vocabulary Skills (20%)

The essay must showcase good choice of words.

A Total of (100%)

- 5.) Submission of entries for the school level will be addressed to the Principal. From there, a winner shall be chosen and his entry will be forwarded to the respective division office. School winners must also submit short biographical sketches, accompanied by a certification from the Principal (stating his entry as official) and must be placed in a sealed brown envelope. Winning entries from each division must be submitted not later than October 22, 1999. There will only be one winner per region to vie for the final round on April 5, 2000.
- 6.) Finalists from the different divisions will be brought to a venue to undergo a one hour and half (1 1/2) on-the-spot competition. They will be furnished with pieces of information about the veterans, from which they will base their essay. The finalists are encouraged to conduct their own research.
- 7.) The winners from each region will receive seven thousand pesos (P7,000.00). And the three national winners will receive twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00) for the first place, fifteen thousand pesos (P15,000.00) for the second and ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) for the third.
- 8.) The decision of the Board of Judges will be final and irrevocable.

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- 9.) Winners will be announced by the Board of Judges through the Committee, on the awarding ceremony on April 5, 2000 at 11 PM. Venue will be announced later.
- 10.) All entries shall automatically become the property of Philippine Veterans Bank (PVB). PVB has the right to publish, re-publish, print or reproduce copies of the winning entries.

Further inquiries on the contest may be addressed to:

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