



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
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Pasig City

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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DECS MEMORANDUM

No 322 s 1999

DECS-RCBC SHORT STORYWRITING CONTEST ON ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION

To Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Elementary School Principals Public and Private



- 1 The Department of Education Culture and Sports (DECS) in collaboration with the Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) will conduct the *6th Kuwentong Kalikasan Katha ng Kabataan* a storywriting contest among elementary school children
- 2 The contest which is open to elementary school children in both public and private schools is part of the commitment of the RCBC to promote environmental protection and conservation while honing the skills of elementary pupils in communication skills in both Filipino and English through short storywriting
- 3 The entries will be divided into two segments or groupings and in two categories English and Filipino

	<u>Segment</u>	<u>Categories</u>
Grades I IV	Segment A	Filipino English
Grades V VII	Segment B	Filipino English

- 4 Every entry should have as its theme **Environmental Preservation** Entries should address issues on the Philippine environment like pollution land erosion cutting of trees endangered species among others
- 5 Each Schools Division will organize a selection committee composed of three members one for English and one for Filipino headed by a Division Supervisor The Division Committee will select the three (3) best entries from Segment A and Segment B in both English and Filipino categories A total of 12 entries 6 in English and 6 in Filipino will be submitted to any RCBC branch nearest their place Validation will be conducted by the sponsors whenever necessary to determine the authenticity of the pupils entries

- 6 Forty (40) finalists will be chosen from which four grand winners will be chosen
One winner will be declared for each segment and for each category
- 7 Prizes will be the following
 - For the 40 finalists savings account worth P2 000 and Certificate of Recognition
 - For the grand winners P25 000 cash and a trophy and the winning entry will be printed in the RCBC nature stories

The school of the grand winner will also be given P15 000 and a trophy
- 8 Deadline for submission of entries from the division will be on or before November 19 1999 The contest mechanics are found in the enclosure
- 9 Immediate dissemination of the Memorandum is desired


ANDREW B GONZALEZ FSC
Secretary 

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As stated

Reference

DEC's Memorandum No 306 s 1998

Allotment 1--(DO 50-97)

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

CONTESTS
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
PROJECTS

DECS-RCBC SHORT STORYWRITING CONTEST on
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and CONSERVATION

I Technical Rules

- 1 The contest is open to all students of public and private elementary schools nationwide
- 2 Contestants should accomplish the official entry form which can be obtained from all RCBC branches nationwide schools and DECS offices
- 3 The entry form should be signed by the student's Filipino/English teacher and the school principal to certify that the participant is a bona fide student of the school he/she represents and that the entry is a true work of the child
- 4 Every entry should have as its theme *Environment Preservation* Entries should address issues on the Philippine environment like pollution land erosion cutting of trees endangered species among others
- 5 There will be two categories English and Filipino
- 6 Only one entry either in English or in Filipino must be submitted by the student/participant
- 7 There will be two segments Segment A - Grades I-IV and Segment B - Grades V-VII
- 8 Entries for Segment A should have at least 80 words but not more than 150 words Entries for Segment B should have at least 200 words but not more than 800 words
- 9 Stories may be either fiction or non-fiction
- 10 The official entry form should be attached to the story The story should not bear the contestant's name school or level The official entry form can be photocopied
- 11 Entries should be typewritten and double spaced if possible However hand written entries will be accepted as long as they are printed and double spaced Contestants must submit five (5) copies of the story with attached official entry forms

II Submission of Entries

- 1 Deadline for submission of entries to school principals is on November 5 1999
- 2 School principals will screen the entries and choose the best entries for each segment and each category to get a total of 4 best entries School principals must submit the screened entries to their respective DECS district offices on or before November 12 1999
- 3 DECS District offices will screen the entries and choose the best entries for each segment and each category **Each district will have a total of 4 screened entries** The district supervisors must submit the screened entries to their respective DECS Division Offices on or before November 19 1999
- 4 DECS Division offices must screen the entries and choose the best entries for each segment and each category **Each division will have a total of 4 screened entries** The division supervisors must submit the screened entries to their respective Regional Offices on or before November 26 1999
- 5 DECS Regional offices must screen the entries and choose the best entries for each segment and each category **Each region will have a total of 4 screened entries** The regional directors must submit the screened entries to the nearest PCBC branch on or before December 3 1999
- 6 PCBC branches must submit all screened entries to the Corporate Communications Department of the RCBC Head Office on or before December 10 1999
- 7 For proper monitoring the school principals district superintendents division supervisors and regional directors must note total number of entries they have received from each succeeding DECS office

III Selection

- 1 Judging shall be done in two phases
 - a *Preliminary judging* - There will be a total of 64 finalists (4 from each of the 16 regions) to be chosen from entries received by DECS from district division and regional offices nationwide These finalists will advance to the second phase (final judging)
 - b *Final judging* - There will be a total of 4 grand prize winners One winner will be declared for each segment and for each category Interview with the finalists will be done by the committee as part of the final screening

Judging of entries shall be on January 12 2000

IV Winners and Prizes

- 1 Winners will be notified through telegram and their names will be announced through print ads
- 2 Prizes will be as follows

Finalists	Savings account worth P2 000 as token prize Plus Certificates of Recognition
Grand Prize Winners	Student - P25 000 cash and trophy winning entry will be printed in the next RCBC Nature Stories book
School	P15 000 and trophy
- 3 All winning and non winning entries will become property of RCBC
- 4 Employees and relatives to the second degree of consanguinity and affinity of Rural Commercial Banking Corporation its PR and advertising agencies are disqualified to join

For more information please contact RCBC Corporate Communications Department
891 08-94 or 894-90 00 loc 2711 or 2730

(Inclosure No 2 to DECS Memorandum No 322 s 1999)

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
DECS-RCBC SHORT STORYWRITING CONTEST on
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION and CONSERVATION**

Year 1999

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| 21 July (Monday) | Launch of Kuwentong Kalikasan Kahta ng Kabataan Short Storywriting Contest |
| 5 November (Friday) | Deadline for submission of entries to school principals |
| 12 November (Friday) | Deadline for submission of screened entries by school principals to DECS District Supervisors |
| 19 November (Friday) | Submission of screened entries by DECS District Offices to DECS Division Offices |
| 26 November (Friday) | Submission of screened entries by DECS Division Offices to DECS Regional Offices |
| 3 December (Friday) | Submission of screened entries by DECS Regional Offices to nearest RCBC branch |
| 10 December (Friday) | Deadline of RCBC branches to turnover screened entries to RCBC Head Office |

Year 2000

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| 12 January (Tuesday) | Judging of entries |
| 25 February (Friday) | Awarding Ceremony |