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Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary

September 28, 2000

DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 435, s. 2000

2000-2001 "VOICE OF OUR YOUTH (VOY)" NATIONAL IMPROMPTU
SPEAKING CONTEST

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Secondary Schools Principals

1. The Allied Banking Corporation, the nine (9) Rotary Districts nationwide and the Rotary Club of Bagumbayan-Manila, with the support and cooperation of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, will conduct the 2000-2001 "Voice of our Youth" National Impromptu Speaking Contest.
2. The VOY is open to all Filipino high school students, 15-18 years old (by January 1, 2001) from private and public schools nationwide.
3. The contest aims to develop the Filipino youth towards world-class proficiency in English, in furtherance of universal understanding and cooperation. Specifically, the contest aims to help develop the Filipino students' ability to think constructively and to articulate their thoughts clearly and effectively in English. Enclosed are the Contest rules and regulations.
4. The contest will involve three (3) competitions levels:
 - a. Club Level Competition (Elimination Round);
 - b. District Level (Semi-Final Round); and
 - c. National Level (Grand Finals)
5. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Encl.: As stated
Reference: DECS Memorandum: No. 360, s. 1998
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

~~CONTESTS~~
~~Course of Study, SECONDARY~~
~~STUDENTS~~



6th National Impromptu Speaking Competition 2000 - 2001

APPLICATION FORM

1. To be accomplished by the CONTESTANT:

Name: (Surname, Given Name, Middle)
High School Year:
Name of School:
School Address:
Mailing Address:
Home Address:
Tel. No. / Fax No.:
Nationality: Sex: Age:
Birthdate: Birthplace:
Father's Name:
Mother's Name:
Guardian's Name (if applicable):
Academic Honors / Awards:
Extra-Curricular Activities:
Career Aspiration:

Date Signature of Contestant

2. To be accomplished by the PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I, parent/guardian of hereby give my consent to the participation of my child/ward in the "VOICE OF OUR YOUTH" National Impromptu Speaking Competition.

Date Signature of Parent/Guardian over printed name

3. To be accomplished by the SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:

I, the principal of hereby certify that is currently enrolled as a year high school student of our school, and that he/she may participate and represent our school in the "VOICE OF OUR YOUTH" National Impromptu Speaking Competition.

Date Signature of Principal over printed name

PRIZES

Winners in the National and District Level Competitions will each receive a trophy plus a cash prize, viz:

Table with 2 columns: Prize Category, Amount. National Champion: P50,000; Runner-Up: 40,000; District Winners: 15,000

Note:

- 1. The prizes for the winners in the District Level Competitions will be awarded during the National Level Competition. Failure on the part of a District Level winner to participate in the National Level Competition will result in the forfeiture of the prize.
2. Winners in the ten District Level Competitions and their official chaperons (one chaperon per winner) will be provided free transportation, hotel accommodation and meals for two days for purposes of their participation in the National Level Competition.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- 1. Interested students should submit their duly accomplished application form with three photocopies thereof and four passport size colored ID photos to the Rotary Club nearest their school, not later than October 31, 2000.

2. Qualified applicants will be notified by the Rotary Club concerned as to the specific date, time and venue of the Club Level Competition at least seven days before the contest date. Any change will be disseminated accordingly at least three days before the contest date.
3. For purposes of their participation in the District Level Competition, the respective Club Level winners will be similarly notified at least 15 days before the contest date. Any change will be disseminated accordingly at least seven days prior to the contest date.

FOR INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:



VOICE OF OUR YOUTH

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 National Coordinator

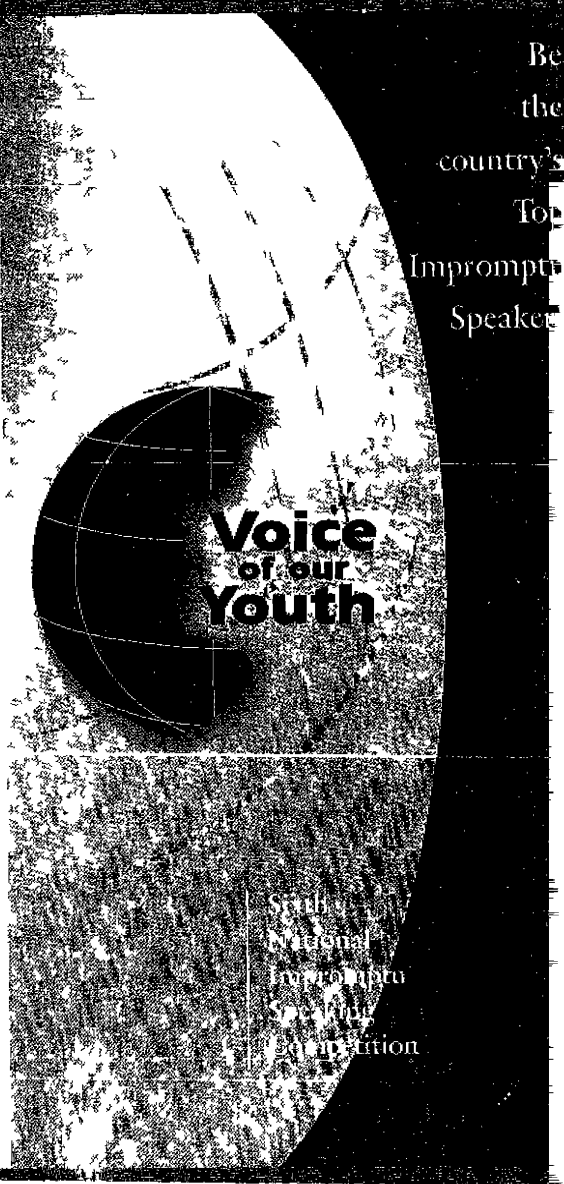


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 3820, 3830, 3850, 3860, 3870

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Voice of Youth is an impromptu speaking contest open to Filipino high school students from public and private schools nationwide. It seeks to develop the students' ability to form their point of view on a particular topic within a limited preparation time and to powerfully convey their message to an audience through the effective use of plain English. It is intended to inspire the Filipino youth to attain world-class proficiency in English communication, in furtherance of universal understanding and cooperation.

COMPETITION LEVELS

Club Level Competition (Elimination Round)

- to be participated in by students from schools within the territory of a Rotary Club
- to be managed by the various Rotary Clubs within each Rotary District; each club to select one official representative to the District Level Competition
- to be held not later than November 25, 2000 //

District Level Competition (Semi-final Round)

- to be participated in by the official entries of the various Rotary Clubs within each Rotary District
- to be managed by each of the 10 Rotary Districts; each district to select two official representatives to the National Level Competition
- to be held not later than January 12, 2001

Note:

There should be at least 15 contestants in each District Level Competition. Otherwise, the district level winners of the Rotary District concerned will not qualify to participate in the National Level Competition

National Level Competition (Grand Finals)

- to be participated in by the 20 district level winners
- to be managed by the National Secretariat, to select the National Champion and one runner-up
- to be held on February 16, 2001, 2:00 pm, at the Philamlife Auditorium, United Nations Avenue, Ermita, Manila

CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

(Applicable to club, district and national level competitions)

1. A common topic will be the subject of the contestants' speeches in each competition. The topics to be chosen will be within the competence of an average high school student. These shall be respectively prepared by the Rotary Clubs/Districts and the National Secretariat.
2. Shortly before the start of each competition, the contestants will be asked to draw a number to determine their speaking sequence and thereafter, will be isolated in a place outside hearing distance of the proceedings.
3. The contestants will be individually informed of the chosen topic after every five minutes, in accordance with their speaking sequence. They will be given 15 minutes to prepare. The contestants may write notes in preparing their speeches but no notes or codes will be allowed on stage.
4. Each contestant's speech should not be less than four minutes but not more than five minutes. A signal will be given on the fourth minute to guide the contestants. Points may be lost if a contestant falls below or exceeds the time requirement.
5. The contestants will be judged according to the following criteria:
 - substance of speech;
 - relevance and originality of ideas presented;
 - effective use of the English language; and
 - spontaneity and overall effectiveness of delivery.

The contest is not a debating, elocution, nor an acting competition. Thus, irrelevant humor or sarcasm, use of dramatics, or unnecessary gestures should be avoided by the contestants.
6. The decision of the Board of Judges of the Club, District, and National Level Competitions shall be final and cannot be appealed.
7. Any queries or matters of concern that may be raised regarding the interpretation of the contest rules and guidelines in the conduct of the Club, District, and National Level Competitions shall be respectively decided on by the Club Presidents, District Governors and National Secretariat, whose decision will be final.
8. The contest sponsors reserve the right to release to media materials on contest results and proceedings.