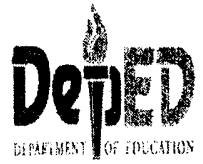




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Department of Education



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DepED MEMORANDUM
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CFBCI NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Secondary School Heads/Principals

1. The Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc. (CFBCI), in partnership with the Department of Education-Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (DepED-CSCA), shall conduct the National Essay Writing Contest for secondary students, School Year 2005-2006.

2. With its theme, "*Youth on Patriotism: How Far Would You Go For Your Country?*", the competition hopes to highlight the celebration of Philippine Independence and to instill on the young peoples' mind the love of country so that they can lead a new generation who value freedom and who can be the best resource for national development.

3. The contest aims to:


- a. promote the development of values that will inspire devotion to the country and inspire action among the youth;
- b. cultivate in the youth the sense of social responsibility towards the pursuit of national pride and development; and
- c. foster the sense of nationalism and patriotism which are lacking in today's youth.

4. The contest guidelines and the entry form are attached as Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2 respectively.

5. All entries must be submitted to, and received by, the Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (CSCA), Attention: Mr. Joey G. Pelaez, Executive Director, on or before August 31, 2005.

6. For inquiries, please get in touch with the CSCA at tel. nos. (02) 631-8495 or 636-3603.

7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.


FLORENCIO B. ABAD
Secretary

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As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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CONTESTS
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The
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GUIDELINES

I. INTRODUCTION

During the early years of our Republic, our Independence Day was being commemorated to celebrate our freedom as a people. It was a time when the patriotic fervor of the Filipino youth was at its highest. It was a time when the passion and desire to improve the plight of our countrymen flowed through their veins. Sadly, this is not the case today. Our youth today have forgotten what it is like to love our country. They have become apathetic and indifferent to the conditions that plague our Motherland. It is with this in mind that the Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc., in cooperation with the Department of Education, is holding a National Essay Writing Contest.

A. Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc. (CFBCI) Profile

Presently with 400 members, the CFBCI was conceived in 1998. Its members comprise the pillars of Chinese Filipino trade and commerce. Leaders in the construction and manufacturing business also join the roster. The organization is also an active supporter of the Government's economic policies and programs, participating and organizing activities such as trade missions, tax consciousness campaign, etc. It also serves as a forum for exchange of ideas with government officials on several social issues and concerns.

B. Rationale

This competition aims to enhance the awareness and appreciation of patriotic values among the youth of today.

II. THEME

The theme of the competition is "***Youth on Patriotism: How Far Would You Go For Your Country?***"

III. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the contest are:

- A. To promote the development of values that will inspire devotion to our country and inspire action among the youth;
- B. To cultivate in the youth the sense of social responsibility towards the pursuit of national pride and development; and,
- C. To foster among the youth the sense of nationalism and patriotism which are lacking in today's youth.

IV. CONTEST GUIDELINES

The contest guidelines are as follows:

- A. The contest is open to all Filipino high school students currently enrolled in any public or DepEd –recognized private school in the Philippines.
- B. The contest shall be conducted in the high school level only and each school shall have one (1) entry only.
- C. All entries shall be written in English with a minimum length of Nine Hundred (900) words and a maximum length of One Thousand Five Hundred (1,500) words.
- D. Essays must be typewritten or computerized on A4 bond paper (8.27" x 11.69"), 1.5 line spacing, For computerized entries, use 12 point Arial Font. No identifying marks must be written on any of the entries for submission.
- E. All entries shall have been the declared winner of a school-based competition to determine the school's official entry. The entry shall also be endorsed by the School Principal as the official entry of the school and certified as the original work of the contestant and that it has not been previously submitted in a similar contest. Furthermore, the participant shall sign the Honor Pledge included in the Entry Form to certify to the authenticity and originality of the submitted entry. Failure to do so shall mean forfeiture of the entry. Please see attached Entry Form.
- F. All entries must be accompanied by a duly accomplished entry form (please see attached). Entry forms are available at DepEd Division Offices. Please accomplish five (5) copies and enclose them in a short brown envelope. All entries must be submitted to and received on or before 31 August 2005 addressed as:

Attention: Mr. Joey G. Pelaez
Executive Director
Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs
Rm. 111 Mabini Building,
DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue,
Pasig City 1600

- G. All submitted entries would undergo screening and preliminary judging by a panel of judges appointed by the CFBCI to determine the ten (10) finalists. The finalists will be notified by telephone, text, mail or e-mail on or before 12 October 2005.
- H. The finals will be an on-the-spot essay-writing contest to be held during the school break on 26 October 2005. The venue will be announced later
- I. The guidelines and theme for the on-the-spot essay-writing contest will be announced during the contest proper.
- J. The ten (10) finalists will be invited to come to Manila together with their teacher-advisers. Transportation and accommodation expenses will be shouldered by the CFBCI.
- K. The decision of the panel of judges is final and irrevocable.
- L. The deadline for submission of entries is on 31 August 2005.

V. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

A. Content 35%

This covers the accuracy of the data cited, relevance of the message and how the piece focuses on the theme.

B. Organization 30%

This covers the coherence of the sentences and paragraphs and the organization of the thoughts presented by the piece.

C. Style 20%

This includes the originality, creativity of the author and the tone of the language used throughout the piece.

D. Mechanics 15%

This covers the accuracy of spelling, capitalization, punctuation marks, sentence construction and grammar. It also includes strict compliance with the contest rules and guidelines.

VI. PRIZES

Prizes will be as follows:

First Prize (1 Winner)	PhP50,000.00, trophy and certificate for the student PhP50,000.00, trophy and certificate for the school Certificates for the Coach and School Principal
Second Prize (2 Winners)	PhP25,000.00, trophy and certificate for each of the winning students. PhP25,000.00, trophy and certificate for each of the winning schools Certificates for each of the coaches and School Principals
Third Prize (2 Winners)	PhP20,000.00, trophy and certificate for each of the winning students. PhP20,000.00, trophy and certificate for each of the winning schools Certificates for each of the coaches and School Principals
Consolation Prize	PhP5,000.00, trophy and certificate for each of the non-winning finalists. PhP5,000.00, trophy and certificate for each of the corresponding schools Certificates for each of the coaches and School Principals

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Student					Age	Gender	Civil Status
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<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>		<i>Middle Name</i>				
Home Address					Date of Birth	Place of Birth	
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<i>House No.</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>Subdivision</i>	<i>Barangay</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Province/City</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i> <i>Year</i>
Phone No. (Please include area code)					Mobile Number	E-mail Address	Parents' Name
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							Occupation
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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School (Complete)					Year Level		
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Address							
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<i>Street</i>	<i>Baranggay</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>Province/City</i>			
Name of Principal					Phone No. (Please include area code)	Mobile Number	
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<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>		<i>M.I.</i>	<i>Position Title</i>			
Name of Trainer					Phone No. (Please include area code)	Mobile Number	
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<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>		<i>M.I.</i>	<i>Position Title</i>			

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that _____ is a bonafide student of _____. The essay entitled _____ is an original composition by my student and was specifically written for the Chinese Filipino Business Club, Inc. National Essay Writing Contest. This essay has never been submitted as an entry to any other essay writing competition and that my student did not receive any assistance from anybody connected with this school. This piece has also been adjudged the winner in a competition held in this school as stipulated in the contest guidelines.

Name of Principal
Signature Over Printed Name

HONOR PLEDGE

I solemnly swear on my honor, that this piece is my creation and mine alone, and I did not receive any assistance in any form whatsoever in the composition of this piece. Furthermore, I have been declared the winner in a school-wide contest to determine my school's official entry to this competition. I therefore affix my signature and that of my parent/guardian to attest to the accuracy and truthfulness of this entry form.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2005.

Name of Contestant
Signature Over Printed Name

Name of Parent/Guardian
Signature Over Printed Name

