



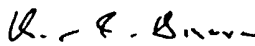
DepED MEMORANDUM
No. **144**, s. 2006

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RICE IS LIFE: A SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

To: Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public Secondary Schools

1. The Asia Rice Foundation and the Alpha Phi Omega Service Sorority in collaboration with the Department of Education (DepED) shall conduct the **Short Story Writing Contest entitled "Rice is Life"**.
2. The objectives of the short story contest are to:
 - a. make the young Filipinos aware of the significance of rice in their daily lives;
 - b. help them understand the role of rice as a part of life itself; and
 - c. instill in their minds the importance of rice and rice farmers in the lives of the Filipinos' past, present and future.
3. The contest is open to all Filipino high school students aged 12-17, enrolled during the School Year 2006-2007.
4. Enclosed are the background information of the sponsors (Enclosure No. 1), guidelines of the contest (Enclosure No. 2) and the application form (Enclosure No. 3). Accomplished application form together with the short story and its illustrations shall be submitted on or before August 15, 2006 to Asia Rice Foundation, College 4031, Laguna with e-mail address: **asia_rice@agri.searca.org**.
5. For more information, please contact Dr. Carmen M. Paule, Asia Rice Foundation at telefax no. (049) 536-2285.
6. Wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


RAMON C. BACANI
Undersecretary
Officer-in-Charge

Encls.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)

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

CONTESTS

STUDENTS

Model:rice is life

Enclosure No. 1 to DepED Memorandum No. 144, s. 2006

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS
"RICE IS LIFE": A SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST**

The Asia Rice Foundation and the Alpha Phi Omega Service Sorority, in collaboration with the Department of Education, invite participation in A Writing Contest: Short Story on "Rice is Life"

About the Project

The present generation of young Filipinos is generally not aware of the significance of rice in their daily lives. A writing contest: short story on "Rice is Life" would help in making the Filipino youth aware of the role of rice, not just as food but a part of life itself. The project aims to instill in the mind of the young the importance of rice and rice farmers in the lives of Filipinos past, present and future.

About the Asia Rice Foundation

The Asia Rice Foundation is a regional nonprofit organization that works for an Asia that can feed itself, treasures the rich heritage of its rice cultures, cares about the well-being of both its rice consumers and producers, and values its rice-growing land as a precious commodity to be shared with future generations.

About The Alpha Phi Omega Service Sorority

The Alpha Phi Omega Service Sorority, Theta Chapter, a duly recognized organization in the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, is a group young college women who share a common goal of promoting the principles of **Leadership, Friendship and Service.**

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GUIDELINES ON "RICE IS LIFE": A SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

1. Contestants: The Contest is open to all Filipino High School students aged 12-17, enrolled during the school year 2006-2007.
2. Entry: An entry must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Submitted by an individual or a team of qualified students (maximum of 3). No more than one entry per school.
 - b. Entry must consist of a short story text and illustrations portraying the theme on "Rice is Life". "Rice is Life" theme includes all aspects of rice from production to harvesting, marketing and consumption, and the rice cultural heritage like beliefs, rituals and festivals.
 - c. This must be endorsed by a school official (Principal and/or Faculty).
 - d. Text is written in English or Filipino.
 - e. Text must not exceed 4,000 words, typewritten, double space, Times New Roman, font size 12.
 - f. Illustrations may be either black and white or colored and should be presented on letter-size paper, one illustration per sheet. No limit on the number of illustrations. The original illustration must be made by one of the team members.
 - g. Entry must be submitted in **hardcopy and in electronic file** (in diskette, CD or sent via-e-mail).
 - h. Guidelines and application form may be downloaded at www.asiarice.org.
 - i. Entry must be received at the following address via mail or hand carried, not later than **15 August 2006**.

Asia Rice Foundation
College 4031, Laguna
Email: asia_rice@agri.searca.org
Website: <http://www.asiarice.org>

3. Winners and Prizes: Winning entries will be announced on 16 October 2006, during the World Food Day. All entries will be the property of the Asia Rice Foundation.

a. There will be 6 winners. Three winners for the English Category and another three for the Filipino Category, Each shall receive a trophy and cash prize (see below). The corresponding school will receive a token and a plaque of appreciation.

	<u>English</u>	<u>Filipino</u>
First prize :	PhP 20,000.00	PhP 20,000.00
Second prize :	PhP 10,000.00	PhP 10,000.00
Third prize :	PhP 5,000.00	PhP 5,000.00

4. Judges: A committee of judges will decide on the winning entries. The decision of the judges is final.

5. Awarding Ceremony. The venue and program will be announced later.

Note: Entries that do not adhere to the above guidelines shall automatically be disqualified.

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'RICE IS LIFE": A SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST

APPLICATION FORM

	Signature Over Printed Name	ID#	Home Address
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Title of Short Story English Filipino

Name and address of school

Year Level in High School

First Year Second Year Third year Fourth year

Endorsed by: _____
Signature over printed name and ID Number

Position: _____

Date: _____

Please attach 2 x 2 photo of contestant/s