



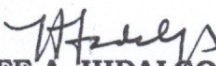
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DepED MEMORANDUM  
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12<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

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

1. The Department of Education shall conduct the National ASEAN Essay Writing Contest in connection with the holding of the ASEAN Summit, of which the Philippines is the host. This year's theme is "Young Minds and ASEAN Convergence Theories: Building A Community of Sharing Societies".
2. The contest aims to develop awareness among young students about the role of the Philippines as an ASEAN member and to motivate them to be actively involved in pursuing the vision of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit which is to create a community of caring societies and to promote regional partnership in pursuit of peace and prosperity.
3. The contest is open to all Filipino third and fourth year high school students who are currently enrolled in any public and private school.
4. The guidelines of the contest and the reproducible entry form are enclosed. The deadline for submission of entries is on October 30, 2006.
5. For more information, please contact the Office of Assistant Secretary Vilma L. Labrador, DepED Central Office, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. nos. (02) 633-7224, (02) 631-9641.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
FE A. HIDALGO  
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

## 12<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

### I. INTRODUCTION

The 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit which will be hosted by the Philippines is a significant event for all the ASEAN member-countries. To make this event truly significant, related event initiatives will be undertaken by different government agencies.

Among the various activities that have been lined up is the ASEAN Essay Writing Competition which will be handled by the Department of Education in September 2006.

Through this activity, our students would be encouraged to read more about ASEAN and understand the role that the Philippines play a member of the Association. Likewise, they would be given the voice and opportunity to express in writing thoughts and feelings about the topic.

### II. OBJECTIVES

The contest aims to develop awareness among young students about the role of the Philippines as an ASEAN member. This is also to motivate them to be actively involved in pursuing the vision of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit which is to create a community of caring societies and to promote regional partnership in pursuit of peace and prosperity.

Specifically the contest aims to:

- gauge how much the youth knows about ASEAN, its importance in establishing regional cooperation and how the Philippine hosting of the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit would benefit the country
- provide students with a venue to express their views and concern; and to
- generate fresh and novel ideas from the young generation.

### III. THEME

The theme of the contest is "Young Minds and ASEAN Convergence Theories: Building a Community of Sharing Societies"

### IV. CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. The contest is open to all Filipino third and fourth year high school students who are currently enrolled in any public or private school.
2. Each school shall have one (1) entry only.
3. The essay shall be written in English, computer-typed, double spaced on a bond paper (8.27' x 11.69') and 12 point Arial Font. No identifying marks must be written on the entry for submission.
4. Length of the essay shall be a minimum of nine hundred (900) and a maximum of one thousand five hundred (1,500) words.

5. The entry together with a duly accomplished entry form shall be placed in a brown envelope.

Deadline for submission is on or before October 30, 2006.

6. All entries shall become and remain the property of the Department of Education.
7. Names of winners as well as the date and venue for the awarding ceremony will be announced later.

#### V. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Content	40%
- accuracy of data	
- relevance to the theme	
- thoughts presented	
Organization	25%
- coherence of the sentences and paragraphs	
Mechanics	15%
- accuracy of spelling, capitalization, punctuation marks	
- grammar	
Impact/Writing Styles	20%
- originality	
- creativity	
- tone of language used	

#### VI. PRIZES

Winners will receive the following prizes:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	- PhP20,000
School and coach	- Gift items
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	- PhP15,000
School and coach	- Gift items
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	- PhP10,000
School and coach	- Gift items

12<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST

# Entry Form

**P E R S O N A L I N F O R M A T I O N**

NAME OF STUDENT

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

HOME ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH

No

Street

City

Province

Mo.

Day

Year

I am currently enrolled as :

Third Year

Fourth Year

Telephone No.

Age :

Complete Name of School : \_\_\_\_\_

Gender

Female

Male

School Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. No. : \_\_\_\_\_

**S T U D E N T C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT \_\_\_\_\_ IS A BONAFIDE STUDENT OF  
(Name of Student)

\_\_\_\_\_ AND IS CURRENTLY  
(Name of School)

ENROLLED AS \_\_\_\_\_ (Course / Level)

Name in Print : \_\_\_\_\_  
HEAD OF SCHOOL / UNIVERSITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**A U T H O R I Z A T I O N**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, A QUALIFIED CONTESTANT OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN SUMMIT NATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST, AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS WHICH SPECIFY THAT :

- My essay is an original and unpublished manuscript.
- I am allowing public access and granting the Department of Education freedom to publish my work.
- My manuscript shall automatically remain with and become the property of the Department of Education.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Signature  
STUDENT

Date : \_\_\_\_\_