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DepED MEMORANDUM
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NATIONAL ESSAY WRITING CONTEST OF THE PHILIPPINE
OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

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

1. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and its Commission for Culture and Olympic Education launched the Third Edition of the Olympic Sports and Literature Competition, through its National Olympic Committee, this January 2009.
2. The Philippine Olympic Committee (POC), a member of IOC, through its Commission on Culture and Arts (CCA), and in coordination with the Department of Education (DepED) will conduct a National Essay Writing Contest from June 23 to July 23, 2009.
3. The theme for this contest shall evolve on Olympic Spirit or one of the Olympic Values: Excellence, Friendship and Respect. The contest is open to all elementary and secondary level students. The POC will provide the prizes, judges honorarium, streamers in front of DepED, and the food of the Judges during the evaluation.
4. All entries must be submitted through courier or any convenient way of transmission to the Philippine Olympic Committee, Philsports Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City not later than July 23, 2009.
5. A copy of the guidelines of the contest is enclosed for reference.
6. For more information, please contact Atty. Josefina De Vera-Saliva, OIC, Commission of Culture and Arts at tel. nos. (02) 635-0116 or thru cellphone no. 0917-5270794.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary

Encl.: As stated
Reference: None
Allotment: 1—(D.O. 50-97)
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CONTESTS
STUDENTS

PHILIPPINE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE
OLYMPIC SPORT AND LITERATURE COMPETITION

Essay Writing Contest

GUIDELINES

1. The Essay Writing Contest winner shall be chosen from among elementary school student who are under 12 years old and secondary school students who are 12 to 18 years of age on August 31, 2009.
2. The contestant should express his/her ideas and feelings on the themes: Olympic Spirit or one of the Olympic Values: Excellence; Friendship; Respect.
3. The Contest will start on June 23, to coincide with the OLYMPIC Day and end on July 23, 2009.
4. All entries must be submitted to the Philippine Olympic Committee, PhilSports Bldg. Pasig, Metro Manila, not later than July 23, 2009.
5. All the entries must be written in English and on a maximum of four A4 size pages, consisting of at least 1500 words, double spaced, font 12 – times new roman.
6. The criteria for judging include:

Substance and originality	-	50%
Style and Language	-	30%
Organization	-	<u>20%</u>
Total	-	100%
7. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.
8. The first prize winner of the national competition will receive a special IOC Trophy and diploma. The second and third prized winners will receive special IOC diplomas.
9. The organizers shall have the right of ownership over the winning manuscripts.
10. The manuscript of the first place winner shall be sent to the International Olympic Committee, with the completed registration form, an abstract of maximum half a page in English and an electronic photo of the winner.
11. The contest shall be managed by the Commission on Culture and Arts of the Philippine Olympic Committee.
12. Awarding of winners will be on September 4, 2009.