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3rd RAMON MAGSAYSAY ESSAY COMPETITION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Secondary School
All Others Concerned

1. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation will hold the 3rd Ramon Magsaysay Essay Competition with the theme **"Inspiring Me To Make A Difference: Personal Lessons From A Magsaysay Awardee"**.
2. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation continues to look to the competition as an avenue for inspiring the youth to imbibe the "greatness of spirit in service to the people" which the Magsaysay Awardees exemplify. Since 1958 when the first awards were given, 229 individuals and organizations across Asia have received the award. English, History and Values Education teachers may assign their students to write an essay about these remarkable men, women and organizations.
3. Qualified to join the competition are bonafide Asian college (collegiate level) and high school (high school level) students. Entries must be submitted on or before **July 30, 2003** to the following:

NCR - Prof. Erlita P. Mendoza
Centre for Inter-Cultural Studies, 5/F Central Library
University of Sto. Tomas
España Boulevard, Manila
Telefax: (02) 740-9716
Email: erlipm@angelfire.com

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214 San Jose St., Molo
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Ateneo de Davao University
Davao City
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4. One award will be given for the year 2003 to support the research fellow in the dissemination of his/her research, travel expenses to Canada (one month) and some SEAMEO member countries (20 days) with health/travel insurance. Enclosed are the rules for the competition and the entry form.

5. For other details, contact Mr. L. K. Mercado-Balbin, Communications Officer or Ms. Sandy Dela Cruz, Communications Assistant, at tel. nos. (02) 521-3166 to 85 or 180, fax no. (02) 521-8105 or emails lmbalbin@rmaf.org.ph or adelacruz@rmaf.org.ph.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



EDILBERTO C. DE JESUS
Secretary

Encls.:
As stated

Reference:
None

Allotment: 1 – (D.O. 50-97)

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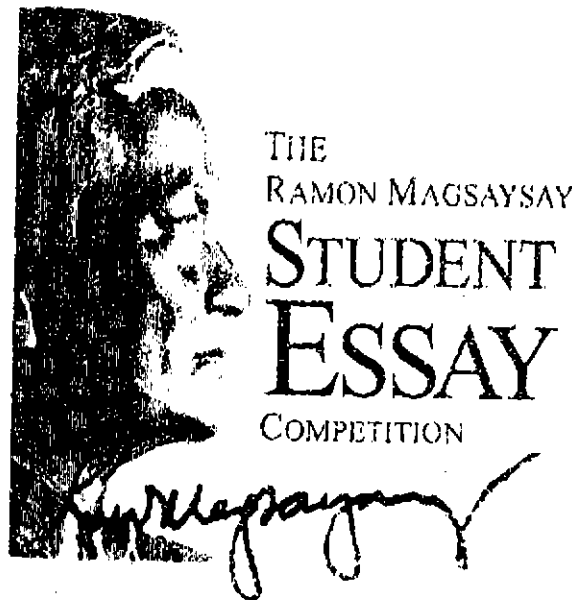
CONTESTS
PRIZES or AWARDS

R U L E S - F O R C O M P E T I T I O N

Write an essay about a Ramon Magsaysay Awardee and you can win prizes for yourself and your school in this year's Ramon Magsaysay Student Essay Competition.

Theme: "Inspiring Me To Make A Difference: Personal Lessons From A Magsaysay Awardee"

1. There are two levels of competition: Collegiate and High School, open to all bonafide Asian students.
 2. The essay must be written in English, typewritten or computer-typed, double-spaced on 8.5" x 11" bond paper with one-inch margins on all sides. If computer-typed, use 12 pt. Times New Roman or Book Antiqua. No name or any identifying marks must be written in any of the submitted essays.
 3. All essays must be between two (2) and four (4) pages, thus about 500-1,000 words, in length. Submit five copies of the essay in one manila (brown) envelope. Photocopies will be accepted. Only one entry form per contestant is allowed. All entries must be accompanied by a fully accomplished entry form which is available from your school, from the internet or from the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation. Entry forms may be reproduced.
 4. Only original and unpublished work may be entered. Essays which have won in previous contests may not be entered. All entries shall become and remain the property of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation.
 5. First and second-degree relatives of employees of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation are disqualified from joining.
 6. Deadline for submitting entries is on 30 July 2003, the same date for receiving mailed entries.
 7. There are two streams of judging: regional and national. The Regional Boards of Judges classify the entries into geographical clusters (Metro Manila, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao). At this first stage of elimination, three essays each are selected for the highschool and college levels per region. From this selection, the National Board of Judges will choose the eight regional finalists (four high school; four college); and thereon determine the grand prize winners, one for each level.
 8. The grand prize winners, one each from high school and college selected from the regional finalists, will be announced at the awards ceremonies in August, during the Magsaysay Festival Month, at the Ramon Magsaysay Center, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.
- For information on Magsaysay Awardees, please visit: www.rmaf.org.ph
 - Or refer to the Foundation's *Book of Record* (Volumes 1 to 12), a compilation of short biographies of Awardees from 1958 to 1993. Please check with your school library or the Regional Chair-Judges below.
 - You can also visit The Asian Library at the Ramon Magsaysay Center, 1680 Roxas Boulevard, cor. J. Quintos Sts., Malate, Manila.
 - Entry forms and information materials on the essay writing competition can be photo-copied.



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PRIZES

Hewlett-Packard personal computers for eight regional finalists and their schools
Ps 100,000.00 for two grand prize winners - 1 secondary & 1 college level

The computer systems were generously donated by Hewlett-Packard Philippines and the BPI Foundation, Inc.



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THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

Handwritten signature of Ramon Magsaysay

RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION

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Entry Form

In Partnership with Hewlett-Packard Philippines, HPI Foundation, Inc., Nestle, & PLDT

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME OF STUDENT: LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

HOME ADDRESS: (No.) (Street) (Barangay/Municipality) (City/Province) (Region) DATE OF BIRTH: Month Day Year

I am currently enrolled as: High School: College: Grade: [] First Year [] Second Year [] Third Year [] Fourth Year [] Other: Telephone No.: ()-() Area Code Tel. No. Other Contact No. Age: Gender: [] Female [] Male Religion: (No) Single (Yes) Married

Complete Name of School: School Address: (No.) (Street) (Barangay/Municipality) (City/Province) (Region) Tel. No.

STUDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT _____ IS A BONAFIDE STUDENT OF _____ AND IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS _____ Name in Print: _____ HEAD OF SCHOOL/ UNIVERSITY SIGNATURE Date: _____

AUTHORIZATION

I, _____ A QUALIFIED CONTESTANT OF THE RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD FOUNDATION'S STUDENT ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION 2003, 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 sponsors of the contest the freedom to publish, edit and exhibit my work or selections thereof from time to time. My manuscript shall automatically remain with and become the property of the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation upon submission. I hereby agree that the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation, its trustees and officers, and the academic institution I am currently enrolled in, are free from any liability whatsoever arising from the infringement of copyright in case of the essays' publication. I THEREFORE SET MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE CONDITIONS THIS _____ DAY OF _____ IN THE PRESENCE AND WITH THE FULL CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN, WHOSE SIGNATURES ALSO APPEARS BELOW. Name and Signature STUDENT Name and Signature PARENT/GUARDIAN Date: _____