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DepEd MEMORANDUM  
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THE SPECIAL NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MINISTERIAL MEETING  
(SNAMMM) ON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION  
FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 238, the Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is hereby designated as the Lead or his designated Undersecretary as alternate to organize and carry out the scheduled activities relative to the Special Non-aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting on Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation for Peace and Development. This is in cooperation and with administrative support from all the government units in the cities of Manila, Pasay and other places where the Special Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial meetings/events might be held on December 1-3, 2009.
2. Interfaith initiatives have always been the cornerstone of Philippine policy. This will mark the first time that Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) will harness the great potentials of interfaith dialogue and cooperation to advance the cause for a durable and lasting peace and sustainable development not only in the Philippines but to the 118 member states/governments as well.
3. The participation of the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects and Legislative Liaison and Special Events Unit in coordination and sponsorship of the Special Non-Aligned Movement Ministerial Meeting (SNAMMM) National Organizing Committee (NOC) will be highlighted by a nationwide Essay Writing Contest for high school students on interfaith dialogue to heighten public awareness, especially among the youth. Enclosed are the guidelines and entry form of the contest.
4. Likewise, this Department will support the SNAMMM's undertaking by conducting innovative and creative activities to promote human rights and religious freedom through the following school activities:
  - a. Class discussion in all subject areas to enrich the dignity of every human person that will guarantee full respect of human rights;

- b. Schoolbased poster making and slogan contests;
- c. School plays/programs;
- d. Teacher-student dialogues;
- e. School based oratorical contests; and
- f. Bulletin board displays.

5. In order to properly document said activities, the schools are requested to send accomplishment reports to the Division Office (copy furnish the regional office and the Central Office) addressed to:

**Hon. Jonathan E. Malaya**

Assistant Secretary

Special Projects and Legislative Liaison, DepEd

c/o Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa

Head, Special Events Unit

6. Travel expenses of the winners (3) and their coaches (3) during the awarding ceremonies shall be charged to local funds while the prizes, board and lodging of the participants, honoraria of the board of judges, and other miscellaneous expenses relative to the activity shall be charged to SNAMMM-NOC funds. Travel expenses of the DepEd Secretariat, trophies, certificates, documentation and communication, supplies and materials, and other operational expenses shall be charged to OSEC funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

7. For additional information, please contact the Special Events Unit located at Room 505 Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at tel. nos.: (02) 637-5832 and (02) 637-5834 or visit the website [www.snammm.org.ph](http://www.snammm.org.ph).

8. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**RAMON C. BACANI**  
Undersecretary

Encl.: As stated

Reference: None

Allotment: 1- (D.O. 50-97)

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**Essay Writing Contest**

**CONTEST MECHANICS**

1. The Essay Writing Contest is open to all high school students enrolled in any public and private secondary school nationwide during SY 2009-2010. The school should be duly recognized by the Department of Education.
2. The contestant should express his/her ideas and feelings on the theme: **"Interfaith Initiatives: "What It Means to Me and to My Country"**
3. All entries must be written in English, typewritten, double-spaced, and with a minimum of 1,200 words and a maximum of 1,500 words.
4. All entries must be submitted via email at osec\_seu@yahoo.com and ccse.deped@gmail.com; and via mail addressed to:

Hon. Jonathan E. Malaya  
Assistant Secretary  
Special Projects and Legislative Liason  
c/o Ms. Luzviminda F. Dela Rosa  
Head, Special Events Unit  
Rm. 505, Bonifacio Bldg. DepED Complex,  
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

5. All entries must be accompanied by the following requirements:
  - a. a certification from the principal that the contestant is enrolled in the current school year (SY 2009-2010);
  - b. scanned image of the students school ID or any valid ID; and
  - c. the accomplished entry form.
6. The criteria for judging include:

Substance and Originality	-	50%
Style and Language	-	30%
Organization	-	<u>20%</u>
		100%

7. The organizers have the right to own and publish the winning entries.
8. The prizes are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	-	P20,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	-	P15,000.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	-	P10,000.00
7 Consolation Prizes	-	P2,000.00 each

9. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.
10. The winners shall be notified via mail/ e-mail and shall be awarded on December 1-3, 2009 during the course of the SNAM Ministerial Meeting.

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**ENTRY FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year & Section: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_

We certify that the above information is true and correct  
to the best of our knowledge:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student over Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Coach over Printed Name

Endorsed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal (Signature over Printed Name)