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2010 AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS PHILIPPINES SELECTION CAMPS

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

1. AFS is an international, voluntary, non-governmental and non-profit organization which provides intercultural learning opportunities to help people develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world. In partnership with the Department of Education-Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (DepED-CSCA), AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines will hold the AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines Selection Camps nationwide from April to May 2010.

2. The AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines Selection Camps aim to choose, screen and orient deserving Filipino students and teachers to represent the country in various AFS scholarship programs for School Years 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013; namely:

I. Student Category

a. Partners for Learning Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Program

This is fully funded by the US Department of State, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, for countries with significant Muslim populations as a result of the events of September 11, 2001. Since 2004 AFS Philippines has sent 237 students (Muslims and non-Muslims from urban poor, indigenous groups and students with disabilities) to the USA on full scholarship. Each YES scholar will experience living with an American host family and study in American high school for one (1) year.

This is open for School Years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 to incoming third year high school students and incoming second year high school students, respectively.

Forty (40) student-qualifiers will be sent to the United States of America for one year every school year.



b. Year Program (YP)

This is open to 30-50 high school students. Qualifiers will be sent to their country of choice from 80 destinations for one year. Each participant will live with a host family and will be placed with a host school or organization.

c. Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Program

This is fully funded by the Japanese Government and in partnership with the ASEAN Secretariat. It aims to deepen understanding of the different facets of the Japanese society among ASEAN member-nations and Japan. Since 2007, AFS Philippines has sent 140 participants. Each JENESYS scholar experience either a two-week or a year of intercultural exchange, study tour of three (3) Japanese cities, a homestay with a Japanese family and attend a Japanese high school.

This is open for School Years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 to incoming fourth year students and incoming third year students, respectively. Sixty (60) student-qualifiers will be chosen every year for a two-week short program and four (4) student-qualifiers for one (1) year program.

II. Educator Category

a. Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) Program

Six (6) high school teacher-qualifiers will be chosen for every school year of implementation available for School Years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

b. AFS International Diversity Scholarship

One (1) teacher-assistant, age 18-25 years old, will be sent to the Kingdom of Thailand this year.

3. The selection camp dates and venues are as follows:

April 8	Batangas City (University of Batangas)
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Cebu City (Cebu City National Science HS)
	Cotabato City (El Comedor, Sinsuat Avenue)
April 12	Baguio City
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Tacloban City (UP Tacloban)
	Zamboanga City


April 16	La Union
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Bacolod City (University of La Salle-Bacolod)
	Cagayan de Oro City
April 27	Tuguegarao City
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Legaspi City (Bicol University)
	Gen. Santos City (Mindanao State University)
May 1	Quezon City (AFS National Office)
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Iloilo City (Iloilo City National High School)
	Davao City (DepED-NEAP)

4. Interested applicants are encouraged to visit the website of AFS Philippines thru **www.afs.ph** for the details of the scholarship programs, qualifications and application procedures, including particulars on the venue and exact schedule of the selection camps. Expenses for the participation in the selection camps shall be charged against local funds, local school board funds or sourced from solicitations from private organizations.

5. Regional Directors, Schools Division/City Superintendents and School Heads are requested to give full support to the selections camps. The Division and Regional Supervisors in-charge of the Student Government Program or *Araling Panlipunan* shall be responsible for disseminating the contents of this Memorandum to the schools and for coordinating participation of interested students and teacher-applicants.

6. For queries and coordination, please contact AFS Philippines thru office address AFS Philippines, 2/F UP-ISSI Building, Jacinto St., University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City and contact numbers (02) 928-3432 or 929-5750 or email – **info.philippines@afs.org** or the DepED-CSCA c/o Executive Director Joey G. Pelaez at telephone numbers (02) 636-3603 or (02) 631-8495.

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


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 Officer-in-Charge

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