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**2012 AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS PHILIPPINES
NATIONWIDE SELECTION**

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

1. The AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines, 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, will hold the **AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines Nationwide Selection** in various parts of the country in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd).

2. The AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines Nationwide Selection aims to screen, select and orient deserving Filipino students and teachers to represent the country in its various programs, namely:

- a. AFS Core Program;
- b. Kizuna Project;
- c. Kamenori Foundation Grant High School Year Program;
- d. Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (K-L YES);
- e. Gateway to Discovery Grant High School Year Program; and
- f. Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP).

3. The Selection is a whole day event from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The applicants must dedicate the whole day for the selection process. Activities such as orientations, panel interviews, group activities, discussions and presentations will be covered at different times during the day.

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

5. The applicants shall be given assistance by the school, division or regional office where the student/teacher belongs. They shall be excused from their classes/responsibilities and shall be given enough time to make up for missed quizzes and assignments during their absence by reason of their participation in the selection and in the actual program implementation (period of travel to include pre and post activities).

6. The regional directors (RDs), schools division/city superintendents (SDSs) and school heads (SHs) are requested to give full support to the selection. The division and regional supervisors in-charge of the Student Government Program (SGP) 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.

7. For more information, all concerned may contact the Local Chapter Coordinators, AFS Philippines, AFS Intercultural Programs Philippines, Unit 1607 16/F Antel Global Corporate Center, Doña Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, telephone no.: (02) 584-2002 or send a message through e-mail address: **info.philippines@afs.org** or the DepEd-CSCA, Attention: **Executive Director Joey G. Pelaez** at telephone nos.: (02) 636-3603 or (02) 631-8495.

8. The AFS Sending Programs, Schedule and other details of the Selection are contained in the enclosure.

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


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary 

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum: No. 144, s. 2011

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

PROGRAMS
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1429-July16, 2012

(Enclosure to DepEd Memorandum No. 137, s. 2012)

AFS Sending Programs 2012-14:

- **AFS Core Program** to AFS Global Network Partners (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, USA, Venezuela)
 - Duration:** 11 months, 5 months, 3-4 months, or short-term from 2012-2013
 - Departure:** July up to September 2012; Return May up to July 2013
 - Program content:** Paying program for high school, university, community service, language study, cultural study, internship, immersion, or English teaching
 - Eligibility:** Open to high school or university students and adults in the Philippines from 15 & above during time of application; must meet basic qualification and requirements of AFS program applicants
- **Kizuna (bond) Project** Japanese government launches the Youth-Exchange Project with Asia-Oceania and North America (Kizuna 'bond' Project). Under this project, approximately 9,000 youths from the Asian/Oceanian region are going to have an opportunity to participate in the related programs; short-term visit to Japan, long-term stay in Japan, and short-term visit to Asia/Oceania. This project is a part of Japanese reconstruction plans and aims at promoting global understanding of Japan's revival efforts in response to the Great East Japan Earthquake. The project was approved by the Japanese Diet as a part of the third supplementary budget in November 2011, and will be implemented by the end of March, 2013. Participants are required to visit the affected areas of the Great East Japan Earthquake except for the restricted area and deliberate evacuation area three times during their stay to see and learn about the situation of Japan's reconstruction from the disaster.

-Kizuna Project Long-term stay (SM)

-**Duration:** 6 months, from August 24, 2012 up to February 3, 2013

-**Pre-Departure Orientation:** August 22-23, 2012

-**Re-Entry Orientation:** February 4-5, 2013

-**Participants:** 3 Filipino high school students

-**Eligibility:** Full scholarship open to Filipino high schools students; must meet Japanese Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) and student visa regulations with birthdate between April 2, 1994 and April 1, 1997; must have a valid passport; must meet health and academic requirement of Japan; must submit application by May 1, 2012 to AFS PHI (request detailed implementation guidelines and program timeline from info.philippines@afs.org)

Applicaton for Kizuna SM 2012 is closed as of May 10, 2012.

-Kizuna Project Short-term stay (VS)

-**Duration:** December 3-12 2012 (as of June 21)

-**Pre-Departure Orientation:** December 1-2, 2012

-**Re-Entry Orientation:** December 13-14, 2012

-**Participants:** 30 participants (22 students & 2 educators)

-**Eligibility:** Full scholarship open to high school students, ages 15 & 18 of age on December 2, 2012, as well as educators (request detailed implementation guidelines and program timeline from info.philippines@afs.org)

- Kamenori Foundation Grant High School Year Program** The Kamenori Foundation aims to foster friendly relations and mutual understanding through exchange between the youth of Japan and the youths of other countries in Asia and Oceania.

 - Duration: 1 year, from March 20, 2013 up to February 9, 2014
 - Pre-Departure Orientation: March 18-19, 2013
 - Re-Entry Orientation: February 10-11, 2014
 - Participant: 1 Filipino high school student
 - Eligibility; Full scholarship open to Filipino high schools students with excellent academic performance and strong motivation towards Japan study and culture; must meet Japanese Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) and student visa regulations with birthdate between April 2, 1995 and April 1, 1998; must have a valid passport; must meet health and academic requirement of Japan; must submit application (request detailed implementation guidelines and program timeline from info.philippines@afs.org)
- Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study Program (K-L YES) Program** is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - US Department of State, in partnership with lead grantee American Councils for International Education and AFS-USA consortium. The program provides full scholarships to high school students from 39 countries with significant Muslim populations to spend one academic year in the United States of America. Students live with host families, attend high school, engage in activities to learn about American society and values, acquire leadership skills, and help educate Americans about their countries and cultures. In the Philippines, there are 334 YES scholars since 2004.

 - Duration: one year, August 2013 to July 2014
 - National Selection and Orientation: November 2012
 - Parent and School Orientation (Chapter Level): December 2012
 - National Intensive English Workshop: June-July 2013
 - Pre-Departure Orientation: August 2013
 - Parent and School Re-Orientation (Chapter Level): May-June 2014
 - Re-Entry Orientation: June-July 2014
 - Participants: 30 Filipino high school students from Mindanao
 - Eligibility: Full scholarship open to 3rd year Filipino high school students, including students with physical disabilities (blind/sight-impaired, deaf/hearing-impaired, crutches/ wheelchair-user, or person of short stature); must meet US J-1 visa regulation; must have birthdate between August 2, 1995 and August 1, 1997; must meet health and academic requirement of USA; must have Secondary Language English Proficiency (SLEP) scaled score of 45 points or higher (SLEP Test administered by AFS PHI)
- Gateway to Discovery Grant High School Year Program** was made possible by an anonymous donor. This donor asked AFS International to design a scholarship program that would provide young people from Muslim and non-Muslim cultures the opportunity to get to know each other and their respective cultures in an in-depth, lasting way through an intercultural exchange program.

 - Duration: one year, starting 2013 up to 2014
 - Pre-Departure Orientation: Dates to be announced
 - Re-Entry Orientation: Dates to be announced
 - Participant: 1 Filipino high school student who professes to be Muslim to be hosted in a predominantly non-Muslim country with homestay in non-Muslim school
 - Eligibility; Full scholarship open to Filipino high schools students; they must meet host country and student visa regulations with must not be over 17 years old; must have a valid passport; must meet health and academic requirement of host country; must submit application (request detailed implementation guidelines and program timeline from info.philippines@afs.org)

AFS PHI grant funding application to AFS INT has not yet been confirmed.

- **Philippine Youth Leadership Program (PYLP)** is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - US Department of State. The program aims to enhance leadership skills, examine the important role of volunteerism in civil society, and introduce participants to American institutions that promote tolerance, cultural and religious diversity, peace education, conflict resolution, community development, civic engagement and citizen empowerment, collaborative learning communities, service learning, social entrepreneurship and innovation.
 - Duration: 3 to 4 weeks, between January to June 2013
 - US Visa Interview Appointment: Dates to be announced
 - Pre-Departure Orientation: Dates to be announced
 - Re-Entry Orientation: Dates to be announced
 - Alumni Follow-On Activity: Dates to be announced
 - Participants: 24-27 Filipino 3rd-year high school and 1st-year university students and 4-5 adults community leaders in Mindanao
 - Eligibility: Full scholarship open to Filipino high school and university students and adults from Mindanao; must meet US J-1 visa regulation; must meet health and academic requirement; must have Secondary Language English Proficiency (SLEP) scaled score of 45 points or higher (SLEP Test administered by AFS PHI)
- Application to PYLP Year 10 2013 is not officially open, please email info.philippines@afs.org.

Basic qualifications and requirements for AFS program applicants:

1. Must be top 25% of academic performance in grade level;
2. Must present the original & photocopy of most recent Form 137 or transcript of records
3. Must be present original & photocopy letter of recommendation of school principal (for students) or supervisor/employer (for adults)
4. Must present latest original & photocopy school ID (for students) or valid government ID (for adults)
5. Must be meet eligibility and age requirements of AFS program applied for
6. Must bring pre-application form with passport-size ID photo (please request forms from AFS Philippines or printed submitted application from <https://www.afsglobal.org/AFSGlobal/onlineapplication> for Participant)
7. Must be open to new experiences and opportunities for learning to be an Ambassador of Goodwill
8. Must be willing to travel, study & live abroad for the duration of the AFS program applied for
9. Must be interviewed by trained AFS volunteer raters on screening & selection panels on scheduled selection camp dates
10. Must comply with and complete all pre-program, on-program, post-program documentation and responsibilities of the AFS program applied for
11. Preferably, must have a valid passport, or NSO authenticated birth certificate and DSWD travel clearance (for minors)
12. Must pay the one-time non-refundable Pre-application Interview fee and other program fees of the program applied for, which may apply

Important Note: All immediate family members of AFS Philippines-administered sponsored programs scholars & alumni (ASEAN, ACCU-UNESCO, Akiko's Wish, Egypt educator, JENESYS, AFS INT Diversity, K-L YES, PYLP, AAI Journalism Grant, corporate scholarships, among others) up to the first degree (by birth or by marriage), as well as AFS Philippines staff and board members up to the third degree (by birth or by marriage), are regretfully automatically disqualified to apply for any of the full scholarship exchange programs.

AFS PHI Nationwide Selection Camp Schedule and Contact Information:

The selection will be a whole day event from 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM. Interested applicants must be dedicate the whole day for selection, because several activities (orientations, panel interview, group activity/discussions/presentation) will be covered at different times during the day. Lunch or snacks are not covered by the fee.

Selection Day Agenda

- 08:00 AM - 09:00AM - Arrival & Registration
- 09:00 AM - 09:30AM - Opening, Welcome & Introductions
- 09:30 AM - 10:00AM - AFS Organization & Programs Orientation
- 10:00 AM - 10:30AM - Selection Process & House Rules, Q & A
- 10:30 AM - 11:00AM - Proctored Essay
- 11:00 AM - 12:00NN - Panel Interview
- 12:00 NN - 01:00PM - Break
- 01:00 PM - 02:30PM - Group Activity 1
- 02:30 PM - 04:00PM - Group Activity 2
- 04:00AM - 04:30PM - Administrative Reminders, Q & A
- 04:30 PM - 05:00PM - Closing

For more detailed information please contact:

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or contact the nearest recognized AFS local chapters below:

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1. Bacolod City	phi.bacolod@afs.org	Jun 14
2. Baguio City	phi.baguio@afs.org	Jul 19
3. Batangas City	phi.batangas@afs.org	-
4. Cagayan De Oro City	phi.cagayandeoro@afs.org	Jul 26
5. Cebu City	phi.cebua@afs.org	-
6. Cotabato	phi.cotabato@afs.org	Jun 28
7. Davao City	phi.davao@afs.org	-
8. Iligan City	phi.iligan@afs.org	-
9. Iloilo City	phi.iloilo@afs.org	-
10. Jolo, Sulu	phi.jolo@afs.org	-
11. Marawi City	phi.marawi@afs.org	-
12. Metro Manila (NCR)	phi.NCR@afs.org	Aug 24
13. Naga City	phi.naga@afs.org	Aug 16
14. Puerto Princesa City, Palawan	phi.puertoprincesa@afs.org	Aug 9
15. Jolo Chapter	phi.logo@afs.org	-
16. SOCSARGEN in Gen. Santos City	phi.SOCSARGEN@afs.org	Jul 5
17. Subic Bay in Olongapo City	phi.subicbay@afs.org	Aug 20
18. Tacloban City	phi.tacloban@afs.org	Jul 12
19. Zamboanga Peninsula (incl. Basilan, Jolo & Tawi_Tawi)	phi.zamboangapeninsula@afs.org	Jun 21

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