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**Department of Education**

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**SECOND VOICE OF ASIA SPEECH CONTEST**

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd), The Manila Times and The Manila Times College, in cooperation with the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations (COCOPEA), Emilio Aguinaldo College (EAC), and various corporate sponsors, will hold the **Second Voice of Asia Speech Contest** from July 15, 2013 to February 19, 2014. The schedule for this event is as follows:

<b>Schedule</b>	<b>Event</b>
July 29-August 9, 2013	Selection of contestants from high schools
August 14-23, 2013	Selection of contestants from divisions
August 28-September 6, 2013	Selection of contestants from regions
October 16, 2013	<u>National Finals</u> <i>Tanghalang Yaman Lahi</i> Emilio Aguinaldo College Ermita, Manila
February 19, 2014	<u>International Finals</u> <i>Tanghalang Yaman Lahi</i> Emilio Aguinaldo College Ermita, Manila

2. The contest aims to provide Filipino students the opportunity to display their impromptu speaking skills using the English language. The International Finals would also serve as an avenue for inter-cultural discussion among the participants, which will foster goodwill and camaraderie.

3. The contestants in this contest are *bona fide* Third Year or Fourth Year students, or in the case of senior high school model schools, Grade 11 or Grade 12 students who must be Filipino citizens.

4. The selection of school contestants will be done by the concerned school heads, division contestants by the concerned schools division/city superintendents, and regional contestants by the concerned regional directors. Each region is entitled to send two contestants (one from public schools and another from private schools) to the National Finals.

5. The National Finals Winner will represent the country in the International Finals.

6. Prizes in cash and in kind will be awarded to the top five contestants in the National Finals and in the International Finals.
7. The rules and procedures for the contest are contained in Enclosure Nos. 1, 2 and 3.
8. Division contestants are required to submit a completely filled-up information sheet. Please see Enclosure No. 4.
9. Expenses incurred for the transportation and accommodation of regional representatives from public schools to the National Finals may be charged to regional funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.
10. For more information, interested school principals may contact **Ms. Lorie Jurilla** or **Mr. John Lalu** at telephone nos.: (02) 524-5665 local 114 and (02) 485-9799 or through email addresses: [info@themanilatimescollege.com](mailto:info@themanilatimescollege.com); [themanilatimescollege@gmail.com](mailto:themanilatimescollege@gmail.com).
11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Memorandum No. 202, s. 2012

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

CONTESTS  
Learning Area, ENGLISH  
SCHOOLS  
STUDENTS

(Enclosure No. 1 to DepEd Memorandum No. 147, s. 2013)

## **SECOND VOICE OF ASIA SPEECH CONTEST**

### Rules and Regulations

1. The **Voice of Asia Speech Contest** aims to develop the public speaking skills of high school students.
2. Each Regional Office of the Department of Education is entitled to send two contestants to the National Finals: one coming from a public high school and another from a private high school.
3. Every contestant in the national stage of the Second Voice of Asia Speech Contest should be a Filipino Citizen enrolled in Grade 9 (Third Year High School) or Grade 10 (Fourth Year High School), or Grade 11 or Grade 12 in the case of calibrated and model schools. Graduating students (Grade 10 or Grade 12 in the case of calibrated and model schools) by March 2014 are also eligible to join.
4. Contestants in previous editions of the Voice of Asia are allowed to participate in the next editions of the contest, provided that the contestants were not named among the Top Five.
5. The National Finals will be held on October 16, 2013 at the *Tanghalang Yaman Lahi* at the Emilio Aguinaldo College in Ermita, Manila.
6. The International Finals will be held on February 19, 2014 at the *Tanghalang Yaman Lahi* at the Emilio Aguinaldo College in Ermita, Manila.
7. For private high school representatives and foreign participants, all expenses incurred in attending the National Finals and/or the International Finals will be shouldered by the participants or his/her sponsor and/or country.
8. Prizes in cash and in kind with a total of PhP150,000 will be given to the top five National Finalists: PhP50,000 (1<sup>st</sup> prize), PhP40,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), PhP30,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> prize), PhP20,000 (4<sup>th</sup> prize), and PhP10,000 (5<sup>th</sup> prize).
9. Prizes in cash and in kind with a total of USD 15,000 will be given to the top five International Finalists: USD 5,000 (1<sup>st</sup> prize), USD 4,000 (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), USD 3,000 (3<sup>rd</sup> prize), USD 2,000 (4<sup>th</sup> prize), and USD 1,000 (5<sup>th</sup> prize).

10. Each participant will be given three (3) minutes to deliver an impromptu speech about a topic that will be given three (3) minutes before his/ her turn on stage.
11. A general topic will be given a week before the National Finals and two weeks before the International Finals. The finalists will draw lots on stage to determine the order of speech delivery.
12. The criteria for judging shall be 50% for content and 50% for delivery
13. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

(Enclosure No. 2 to DepEd Memorandum No. 147, s. 2013)

## **SECOND VOICE OF ASIA SPEECH CONTEST: NATIONAL FINALS**

### Procedures

1. Registration for the contestants and the coaches will start by 7:00 a.m. at the lobby of the *Tanghalang Yaman Lahi* of the Emilio Aguinaldo College in Ermita, Manila. All contestants have to be in the designated Finalists' room on or before 8:00 a.m. Contestants who will come later than 8:00 a.m. will be excluded.
2. Any means of communication, such as mobile phones, laptops, and tablets, are not allowed inside the Finalists' room. Likewise, contestants are not allowed to bring writing materials with them into the room. Everyone is advised and expected to maintain the highest standards of sportsmanship, fairness and honesty in this regard.
3. At every round, contestants will draw lots onstage to determine the order of speech delivery. No alteration in the order shall be allowed for whatever reason. Any contestant not following the order will be disqualified.
4. The National Finals and the International Finals consists of three stages:
  - a. **ELIMINATION ROUND** – all contestants will be given three (3) minutes to deliver an impromptu speech onstage.
  - b. **SEMIFINAL ROUND** – the top ten contestants, as chosen by the judges, will be given three (3) minutes each to deliver an impromptu speech onstage.
  - c. **FINAL ROUND** – the top five contestants, as chosen by the judges, will be given three (3) minute each to deliver an impromptu speech onstage.
5. **Elimination Round**
  - a. In the Elimination Round, the topic will be given to the contestant three (3) minutes before his or her turn to deliver his or her speech.
  - b. The same topic will be given to all the contestants. Thus, the contestants who are yet to speak will be placed in a sound-proof room to ensure impartiality of the competition.
  - c. The contestant will be given three (3) minutes to speak onstage.
  - d. One (1) minute before the three-minute allotted time is up, a clerk in front of the stage will show a sign indicating that the contestant only has one (1) minute left.

- e. A bell will ring when the contestant's three (3) minutes are up. The contestant will be allowed to finish a sentence he or she has started. If the last sentence is a run-on or if it contains conjunctions, points will be deducted from the score of the contestant. The microphone will also be switched off after the bell rings.

**6. Semi-final Round:**

- a. In the Semi-final Round, each of the contestants will be called three (3) minutes before his or her turn to speak to pick a topic from a box.
- b. The topic will be different for each contestant.
- c. The contestant will be given three (3) minutes to speak onstage.
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**7. Final Round**

- a. In the Final Round, all of the five finalists will be onstage.
- b. A one (1) minute, tape-recorded speech will be played. Immediately after the recorded speech, the first contestant will be given three (3) minutes to deliver a speech, in affirmation or in refutation of the recorded speech.
- c. Immediately after the speech of the first contestant, the second contestant will be given three (3) minutes to deliver a speech, in affirmation or in refutation of the first contestant.
- d. The same process will be followed by the other three contestants.
- e. One (1) minute before the three-minute allotted time is up, a clerk in front of the stage will show a sign indicating that the contestant only has one (1) minute left.
- f. A bell will ring when the contestant's three (3) minutes are up. The contestant will be allowed to finish a sentence he or she has started. If the last sentence is a run-on or if it contains conjunctions, points will be deducted from the score of the contestant. The microphone will also be switched off after the bell rings.

8. A microphone will be provided onstage that the contestant may, if he or she wishes, remove from the microphone stand.

9. All the topics will be about a specific aspect of the general theme, which is "Internationalizing Education".

10. Contestants should speak in English all throughout their speeches. The use of words in languages other than English is tantamount to deduction of points from a contestant's score.
11. The criteria for judging shall be 50% for content and 50% for delivery.
12. Content includes organization, logic, appropriateness of examples, and accuracy of data.
13. Delivery includes correctness of grammar and syntax, consistency of style or level of language, nonverbal communication (posture, gestures, movement, and facial expression), and eye contact with the audience.
14. The decision of the judges is final and irrevocable.

(Enclosure No. 3 to DepEd Memorandum No. 147, s. 2013)

## **SECOND VOICE OF ASIA SPEECH CONTEST: INTERNATIONAL FINALS**

### Procedures

1. Registration for the contestants and the coaches will start by 12:00 p.m. at the lobby of the *Tanghalang Yaman Lahi* of the Emilio Aguinaldo College in Ermita, Manila. All contestants have to be in the designated Finalists' room on or before 1:00 p.m. Contestants who will come later than 1:00 p.m. will be excluded.
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## Information Sheet for SECOND VOICE OF ASIA SPEECH CONTEST

### TO THE PARTICIPANT:

Thank you for joining the Second Voice of Asia! A fully-accomplished information sheet is a PRE-REQUISITE for joining the Second Voice of Asia Speech Contest. For the division round, you will forward this form to your respective Schools Division/ City Superintendents (SDS's). For the regional round, you will forward this form to your respective Regional Directors (RD's) and to the event administrator, *The Manila Times College*, via e-mail ([themanilatimescollege@gmail.com](mailto:themanilatimescollege@gmail.com)). The information will be used in profiling and media coverage. You may use a separate sheet of paper. Good luck!

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name and Nickname:

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Address:

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Birthdate and Birthplace:

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School and School Address/ Year Level:

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Name of Coach:

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School Attended in Grade School:

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Contact Number/s:

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E-mail Address:

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Father's Name:

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Occupation:

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Work Address:

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Contact Number/s:

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Mother's Name:

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Occupation:

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Work Address:

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Contact Number/s:

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

What is your ambition?

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Do you have experience in speech oratorical contests? If yes, what are those?

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Educational honours or citation (separate with semi-colons):

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What are your hobbies or interests?

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In 150 to 250 words, tell us something about you.

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