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YOUTH ACROSS ASIA ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) shall conduct the Youth Across Asia Essay Writing Competition with the theme "Sports as a Culture and a Way of Life".
2. The competition is open to all young people between 12-18 years of age, from 45 participating National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in the 16th Asian Games.
3. There are two (2) age categories: a) 12-14 years old for the young writer's category; and b) 15-18 years old for the senior writer's category.
4. The following are the requirements for the entries:
 - a. The essays should reflect the vision of the Asian Games- Thrilling Games, Harmonious Asia;
 - b. The entries should cover topics such as Sports Competitions, Asian Culture and Volunteers for the Asian Games, etc.;
 - c. These must be subject-specific, concise and fluent, having realistic significance and demonstrating children's character and style of composition;
 - d. There is no restriction in the style of entries;
 - e. Prose and argumentation are encouraged;
 - f. Titles of the essays can be named by the participants;
 - g. Only essays in English will be accepted;
 - h. In the young writer's category, the entries should be between 600 to 700 words long;
 - i. For the senior writer's category, the entries should be between 800 to 900 words;
 - j. Entries should be submitted to designated email box or through official website in electronic format; and
 - k. Entries should reflect the sole effort of the participant. Plagiarism is not allowed.
5. The rules of the competition are as follows:
 - a. The collection of entries starts from February 15, 2010 while the closing date is April 30, 2010;
 - b. The date the electronic copy with the attachment is sent will be treated as the final submission date;



- c. Each participant is entitled to submit only one (1) entry;
 - d. Participants, together with their guardians should fill in the entry form (downloadable at website address: Youth Across Asia Art and Essay Writing Competitions column of the official website of the 16th Asian Games: www.gz2010.cn;
 - e. Participants who fail to meet all the requirements stated are considered ineligible;
 - f. The electronic copy of the essay together with the entry form, should be submitted to the email address of the Philippine Olympic Committee philolympic@smartbro.net; and
 - g. The competition is non-profitable. There is no entry fee required. Winning entries will be informed electronically.
6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.



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Secretary

Reference:

None

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

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