

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION
J. Rosales Avenue, Butuan City



REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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2019 INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZED BY THE GOI PEACE FOUNDATION

To: Schools Division Superintendents
This Region

1. The field is hereby informed that the Goi Peace Foundation, a Japanese non-government organization, and the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), are inviting entries to the **2019 International Essay Writing Contest for Young People** for children (up to 14 years old) and youth (ages 15-25 years old), with the theme, " **Creating Society Full of Kindness.**"
2. The details of the competition, instructions, and other information is hereby attached. Interested participants are highly encouraged to visit The Goi Peace Foundation website, www.goipeace.org. Or. Jp, for more information.
3. In view of this, the Schools Division Offices are requested to disseminate the information to schools and youth organization. Entries must be received on or before June 15, 2019. Winners will be invited to Tokyo, Japan for the awarding ceremony on November 23, 2019.
4. For more information, all concerned may contact the DepEd International Cooperation Office (ICO) at telephone number (02) 637-6463, or through email address ico@deped.gov.ph.
5. Immediate dissemination of this memorandum to all concerned is desired.

[Signature]
FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS, CESO V
OIC- Regional Director

Encls.: As stated

References: Memorandum OM-PFO-2019-00466

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

CONTEST ESSAY STUDENTS

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Theme	“Creating a Society Full of Kindness” What does “Kindness” mean to you? How do you think we can create a kinder society? Carry out ten acts of kindness, and then use your experience as inspiration in writing your essay (your essay does not need to be about your acts of kindness).
Guidelines	As a special edition, this year’s contest involves action in addition to writing, so that participating in the contest directly contributes to creating a better world. Please note, however, that only the essay itself will be considered in the selection process. 1. Essays may be submitted by anyone up to 25 years old (as of June 15, 2019) in one of the following age categories: a) Children (ages up to 14) b) Youth (ages 15 - 25) 2. Essays must be 700 words or less in English, French, Spanish or German, or 1600 characters or less in Japanese, excluding essay title and cover page. Essays may be typed or printed. 3. Entries may be submitted by postal mail or online. * IMPORTANT: To send your essay online, you must go to the <u>online registration page</u> and follow the required steps. * Since the online registration page is expected to experience high traffic towards the June 15 deadline, we suggest that you submit your essay as early as possible.

Entries submitted by postal mail must include a cover page indicating (1) your name (2) category (Children or Youth) (3) age as of June 15, 2019 (4) gender (5) nationality (6) address (7) e-mail (8) phone number (9) school name (if applicable) (10) your essay title (11) language (12) word count (13) list of ten acts of kindness you performed (describe briefly).

4. Teachers and youth directors may submit a collection of essays from their class or group. Please enclose a list of participants' names, ages and the name and contact information of the submitting teacher or director.

* Entries missing any of the above information will not be considered.

* [A cover page template is available to download](#). You may also create your own cover page with all items (1)-(13) above.

* We are unable to confirm receipt of essays.

5. [Essays must be original and unpublished. Plagiarized entries will be rejected.](#)

6. [Essays must be written by one person. Co-authored essays are not accepted.](#)

7. [Copyright of the essays entered will be assigned to the organizer.](#)

8. [If you have questions, please consult the FAQ section below.](#)

Deadline

Entries must be received by **June 15, 2019 (23:59 your local time)**.-

The following awards will be given in the Children's category and Youth category respectively.

1st Prize: Certificate, prize of 100,000 Yen (approx. US\$900 as of Feb. 2019) ... 1 entrant

2nd Prize: Certificate, prize of 50,000 Yen (approx. US\$450 as of Feb. 2019) and gift ... 2 entrants

3rd Prize: Certificate and gift ... 5 entrants

Honorable Mention: Certificate and gift ... 25 entrants

Awards

* 1st prize winners will be invited to the award ceremony to be held in Tokyo, Japan on November 23,

2019 and will receive the Minister of Education Award. (Travel expenses will be covered by the organizer.)

* Additional awards (Recognition for Effort, Best School Award, School Incentive Award) will be given if applicable.

* All prize winners will be announced on October 31, 2019 on this website. Certificates and gifts will be mailed to the winners in December 2019.

* We are unable to answer individual inquiries concerning contest results.

Mail
Address

If you wish to submit your entry by postal mail, send to:
International Essay Contest c/o The Goi Peace Foundation
1-4-5 Hirakawacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0093, Japan

For further inquiries concerning the International Essay Contest for Young People, please contact essay@goipeace.or.jp