



**October 4, 2013**

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**  
No. 601, s. 2013

**THE THIRD BAYAN AT BATAS NATIONAL CUP FOR ESSAY WRITING**

**To: OIC, Assistant Superintendents  
Division Supervisors/Coordinators  
Secondary School Heads  
Heads, Private Secondary Schools**

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 623, s. 2013, dated October 1, 2013, entitled, "The Third Bayan at Batas National Cup for Essay Writing."
2. Immediate and wide dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum is desired.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
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TO: Schools Division/City Superintendents  
OIC's of Regular and Interim Divisions  
School Heads of Public and Private Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned


1. Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Eldrige Marvin B. Aceron from Aceron Punzalan Vehemente Avila & Del Prado Law Offices, host of "BAYAN AT BATAS" radio program at DZRB 738 KHZ every Sunday at 7:00-8:00 pm, that discusses famous trials and current legal issues and answers legal queries, inviting all interested public and private high schools in Region VII to join the "Third Bayan at Batas National Cup for Essay Writing".
2. With this year's theme, "*The Philippines, A Hundred Years Hence,*" the essay-writing contest is an invitation for high school students to speak of their ideas, perspectives, and experiences about the prevailing peace and justice issues in the country or in their community.
3. This year, BAYAN AT BATAS challenges the participants to imagine and envision the Philippines in 2114, write what they see and communicate their message to the youth of the Philippines in 2114. All entries to this contest will be printed, bound in book form and placed in a time capsule to be buried in a strategic place with instructions to future generations to have them read in June 12, 2114. It will be proposed to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines that the burying of the time capsule will be made to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Apolinario Mabini. All participants in the contest will be invited to the burying of the time capsule.
4. Contest Mechanics:
  - The contest is open to all Filipino high school students.
  - There is no maximum number of words.
  - Entries can be written in any language: English, Filipino, or any regional language.
  - Published entries may still be submitted as long as it was published in 2013.
  - Authors can only submit one entry each.
  - Entries should be encoded, double-spaced and saved in PDF format and Microsoft Word. Font should be Arial 12. Entries emailed which do not conform to the rules may still be re-submitted before the deadline of submission by indicating it as a re-submission of an earlier non-conforming entry.

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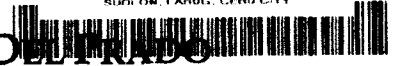
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- Criteria for judging are as follows:
  - Content and Substance - 40%
  - Relevance to the Theme - 30%
  - Organization - 20%
  - Coherence and Unity - 10%
- Entries may be submitted from September 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013 by e-mail to: [essay@bayanatbatas.org](mailto:essay@bayanatbatas.org). Please email a scanned copy of your High School ID, as well.
- Details showing the name of the writer, contact numbers, email and mailing addresses should be placed on a separate sheet. All submitted entries shall be considered property of BAYAN AT BATAS.
- All winning entries shall be read on air. The top 3 essays shall receive the following prizes:
  - First Prize - Php 15,000.00
  - Second Prize - Php 10,000.00
  - Third Prize - Php 8,000.00
- Winners will be announced at 7:00 pm on December 29, 2013 on the Facebook page of Bayan at Batas and during the show or podcast that will be uploaded on <http://bayanatbatas.podbean.com>. Winners will also be notified through e-mail, a text message, and a phone call. Prizes shall be given after proper verification of the identities of the winners.
- For further details, please call (02) 584-5685 and 584-5683, look for Mary Ann Ureta or Jenny Samson.

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Dear Dr. Dulangon,

Greetings!

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**BAYAN AT BATAS** is sponsoring the **THIRD BAYAN AT BATAS NATIONAL CUP FOR ESSAY WRITING**. The theme for this year is, *"The Philippines, A Hundred Years Hence."* This essay-writing contest is an invitation for high school students to speak of their ideas, perspective and experiences about the prevailing peace and justice issues in the country or in their community. Since its inception in 2011, the contest has received over 5,000 entries from high school students nationwide. Young essayists from Tuguegarao to Butuan City have been recognized and awarded prizes. In 2011, our first prize winner was Lorraine Pingad from Cagayan National High School; in 2012, it was Scott Lee Chua from Xavier School.

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**BAYAN AT BATAS** is inviting your school to participate in the essay-writing contest. Should your school be interested to join, we are sending posters and flyers detailing the mechanics of the contest. We hope that you can put up the posters and flyers in your school's bulletin boards and help spread the word to your students. Should there be any inquiries, you may reach us through the contact information provided in the posters.

We are looking forward to your participation and sincerely hope that your school would take part in this undertaking.

Thank you very much and more power.

Sincerely,



**ELDRIGE MARVIN B. ACERON**