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T O : REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL EXECUTIVES
R E : **UNESCO INTERNATIONAL ESSAY CONTEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**
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The Goi Peace Foundation and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) are inviting the Girl Scouts of the Philippines to participate in the International Essay Contest for Young People with the theme *"The Power of Culture to Create a Better Future"*. This is in context of their advocacy to promote world peace through acknowledging and respecting each other's cultures. This competition also aims to know the perspective of the youth on what aspects of their culture they take pride in and how they will use these to transcend all the boundaries of race and belief between each country.

The essay-writing contest is open to anyone ages 4 to 25 years in one of the two age categories. These are the Children's category (ages 4 up to 14) and Youth category (ages 15-25). Essays must be 700 words or less in English. It must be original and unpublished. It must also be written by one person only. Co-authored essays will not be accepted by the organizers.

Entries must also have a cover page indicating the category (if Children or Youth), essay title, name of the participant, address, phone number, e-mail, nationality, age as of June 30, 2013, gender, school name, and word count. ***Please note of the required information because entries missing any one of those will not be considered.***


The awards for the Children's category and Youth category are as follows:

- 1st Prize – Certificate and prize of US\$1,140 (1 entrant)
- 2nd Prize – Certificate and prize of US\$570 (2 entrants)
- 3rd Prize – Certificate and gift (5 entrants)
- Honorable Mention – Certificate and gift (25 entrants)

The 1st prize winners will be invited in Tokyo, Japan for the awarding ceremony scheduled in November 2013. Travel expenses will be covered by the organizers. All prize winners will be announced on the Goi Peace Foundation website (www.goipeace.or.jp) and UNESCO website (www.unesco.org/youth) on November 2013.

Please encourage our girls to join. Entries must be emailed to nhqprogram@gmail.com on or before June 25, 2013. The GSP Program Division will be responsible for sending all entries to the organizers.

For your information/action.


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