

A WRITING CONTEST: SHORT STORY ON “RICE IS LIFE”

REVISED GUIDELINES¹

1. **Contestant:** The Contest is open to all Filipino High School students aged 12-17, enrolled during the 2006-2007 school year.
2. **Entry:** An entry must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Submitted by a student or a team of qualified students (maximum of 3). No more than one entry per school.
 - b. Entry must consist of text and illustrations, under the theme of “Rice is Life,” and endorsed by a school official (Principal and/or Faculty). The Rice is Life theme includes all aspects of rice from production to harvesting, marketing and consumption, and the rice cultural heritage like beliefs, rituals and festivals.
 - c. Text is written in Filipino or English.
 - d. Text must not exceed 4,000 words, typewritten, double space, Times New Roman font size 12.
 - e. Illustrations may be either black and white or colored and should be presented on letter-size paper, one illustration per sheet. No limit on the number of illustrations. The illustration must be original and made by one of the team members.
 - f. Entry must be submitted in hardcopy **and** in electronic file (in diskette, CD or attached file via e-mail).
 - g. Application form maybe downloaded at www.asiarice.org
 - h. Entry must be received at the following address via mail or hand carried, no later than **16 October 2006**, the World Food Day.

The Asia Rice Foundation
College 4031, Laguna
Email: asia_rice@agri.searca.org
Website: <http://www.asiarice.org>

3. **Winners and Prizes:** **Winning entries will be announced by 8 December 2006.** There will be 6 winners, each receiving a Trophy and Cash prize (see below). The corresponding school will receive a plaque of appreciation.

	English	Filipino
First prize	: PhP 20,000.00	PhP 20,000.00
Second prize	: PhP 10,000.00	PhP 10,000.00
Third prize	: PhP 5,000.00	PhP 5,000.00

All entries will be the property of the Asia Rice Foundation.

4. **Judges:** A committee of judges will decide on the winning entries. The decision of the judges is final.

NOTE: Entries that do not adhere to the above guidelines shall automatically be disqualified.

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