

**Youth Across Asia Essay Writing Competition
of the 16th Asian Games, January 1 – July 25, 2010**

I. Proposed Themes:

Sports as a Culture and way of Life
The Asian Games: A gathering of Sports Culture across Asia
Asia: A family in Harmony
My Sporting Life

2. Participants:

The Competition is open to all young people, between 12 -18 years of age, from 45 participating NOCs in the 16th Asian Games.

There are two (2) age categories:

a)12 – 14 years

b) 15 – 18 years

3. Requirements for the Entries:

Essays should reflect the vision of the Asian Games - Thrilling Games, Harmonious Asia. Entries can cover topics, such as Sports Competitions, Asian Culture and Volunteers for the Asian Games, etc., and are ought to be subject-specific, concise and fluent, having realistic significance and demonstrating children's character and style of composition.

There is no restriction in the style of entries. Prose and argumentation are encouraged. Titles of the essays can be named by the participants. Only essays in English will be accepted. In the young writer's category(12-15years old). Entries should be between 600 to 700 words long. For the senior writer's category (16-18) years old), entries should be between 800 and 900 words.

Entries should be submitted to designated email box or through official website in electronic format.

Entries should reflect the sole effort of the participant. Plagiarism is not allowed.

4. Competition Rules:

The collection of entries starts from February 15, 2010 while the closing date is April 30, 2010. The date when email with electronic copy attachment is sent will be treated as the final

submission date. Each participant is entitled to submit only

one (1) entry.

Participants, together with their guardians should fill in the Entry Forms (download address: Youth Across Asia Art and Essay Writing Competitions column of the official website of the 16th Asian Games: www.gz2010.cn). Participants who fail to meet all the requirements above, are considered ineligible.

The electronic copy of essay, together with the Entry Form, should be submitted to the email address of the Philippine Olympic Committee: philolympic@smartbro.net.

The competition is non-profitable. There is no entry fee required.

Winning entries will be informed electronically.