

Writing Contest: Indonesia, Its Beauty, Diversity and Challenges

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Education Division, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia
in collaboration with
The Center for Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Michigan

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the United States of America have made a commitment to strengthen their bilateral partnership in the area of higher education. This mutual partnership should be enhanced through elevating the understanding about Indonesia in American society and vice versa. In response to the importance of promoting Indonesia into the broader U.S. community, the Education Attaché of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Washington DC in collaboration with the Center for Southeast Asian Studies at The University of Michigan announce a writing contest to promote Indonesia among American citizens.

The Writing contest is an opportunity for anyone (US citizens) interested in Indonesia. The winner will receive a week vacation in Indonesia. Three prizes will be awarded, **two for the Indonesian language essay and one for the English language essay**. Essays will be judged by a panel of experts drawn from U.S. universities and the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

To register, please submit the Entry form, essay, and official transcript (for students) to:

Reny Cordelia at the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia.

Email: reny.cordelia@embassyofindonesia.org.

Please submit all documentation in pdf format, with contestant's name as document title.

Theme: Indonesia: Its Beauty, Diversity and Challenges

Categories: A. English Language essay

For students currently enrolled in an institute of higher education, it consists of two categories:

1. Undergraduate Student category
2. Graduate Student category

B. Indonesian Language essay

It consists of two categories

1. Non-student category (open for public)
2. Student Category (Students in higher education)

Prize: Three winners will receive a certificate from the Center for Southeast Asian Studies of the University of Michigan and seven days vacation in Indonesia, arranged by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia. The embassy will

provide round trip transportation from the U.S to Indonesia and accommodations and transportation during stay in Indonesia.

Timeline: Contest is open from **September 6, 2011** to **October 31, 2011**. All entries must be received by midnight on **October 31**. The panel of judges will make their decision by **November 4** and announcement of winners will be on **November 7, 2011**

Selection: A panel of judges drawn from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and Indonesian language experts and instructors from University of Michigan and from other U.S. universities will evaluate the essays. The panel of judges will evaluate the entries on the basis of literary quality and according to the below criteria.

Criteria: Entries:

- represent the writer's best work
- meet acceptable standards in grammar, mechanics, punctuation, and usage.
- essay length is between 1,000 and 4,000 words
- indicate the approximate number of words on the first page of the entry, upper right corner.
- although not required, essays must include proper documentation if needed

Competition Rules:

1. Winning essays will be published on the website of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and on the website of The Center for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Michigan
2. Only one entry per contestant.
3. Contestant must be U.S. citizens.
4. Entries must be accompanied by a fully completed entry form.
5. Entries will not be returned, nor critiqued.
6. All contestants should make and keep copies of their entries.
7. If the judges feel that no entry has sufficient merit, they may choose not to award prizes.
8. Decisions of the panel of judges are final.
9. The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia reserves the right to publish or broadcast the winning entries, in part or in whole, with proper acknowledgement to the author, without fee or permission from the author.
10. The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia reserves the right to share the winners' contact details to the media, unless requested in writing not to.
11. Winners will travel to Washington, D.C. or another U.S. city, to be announced later, to receive their prize. Travel expenses will be borne by the Indonesian Embassy.

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ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Originality Statement:

I, the undersigned, certify that this essay is my own original work which has not been published. The title of my essay is: _____

Signed _____ Date _____