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U. S. Embassy Manila to Conduct a Writing Workshop in Davao City for Filipino High School Students from Luzon and Mindanao

The U.S. Embassy Manila will hold an English Writing Workshop for high school students from Luzon and Mindanao on October 25-29, 2010 at the Brokenshire Resort in Davao City. The students are scholars of the U.S. State Department's English Access Microscholarship Program.

The workshop, which is funded by the U.S. State Department, aims to increase the students' competence in English writing. The English Access Microscholarship Program provides a foundation of English language skills to 14-18 year old students worldwide through afterschool classes and intensive summer learning activities.

During the workshop, the students will be mentored by accomplished young Filipino alumni from the Philippine Youth Leadership Program and the Youth and Exchange Study Program, both exchange programs of the U.S. Government.

The workshop will culminate with the selection of the winning essays on the topic "How I can contribute to a better world." There will be a book of essays, a compilation of all the students' essays on the topic, fostering the ideals of community service, volunteerism, hard work, education, and employment pursuits. Also, the workshop participants and organizers will have a tree planting activity in Calinan, Davao City.

Kasilak Development Foundation, one of the Embassy's current partners for the English Access Microscholarship Program, is the Embassy's program partner for this project.

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