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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK 2011

ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

The American Center and EducationUSA Advising Center of the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi invite currently enrolled Vietnamese high school students residing in northern Vietnam* to participate in an essay contest honoring International Education Week.

Exciting prizes include

- First Place - Apple iPod Touch**
- Second Place - Apple iPod Shuffle**
- Third Place - USB Thumb Drive**

Winners will also receive certificates from the U.S. Embassy Hanoi and will be invited to read their essay at an awards ceremony during International Education Week.

Essay Topic and Deadline

Topic: *"During International Education Week, we celebrate the diversity foreign students bring to campuses around the United States. When foreign students sit side-by-side with American students in classrooms around the world, they exchange new ideas, challenge old stereotypes, and gain immeasurable knowledge from and about each other."*

-- Assistant Secretary Janice Jacobs, Bureau of Consular Affairs,
U.S. Department of State

***In your opinion, what are some of the benefits of studying abroad?
Provide specific reasons and details to support your response.***

Deadline: Sunday, November 6, 2011 Midnight (Hanoi time).
Early submissions are welcome!

Word Count: 500 word maximum.



<http://iew.state.gov/>

A joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education, International Education Week (IEW) aims to promote international understanding and build support for international educational exchange.

Essay Format and How to Submit

- Typed in Microsoft Word, Times New Roman, font size 12.
- Do not include your name on the essay pages.
- Submit your essay using the online form: <http://creator.zoho.com/pashanoi/form/196>
- Winners will be required to show identification (i.d.) to collect their prize.

Contest Guidelines and Regulations

- Contest participation is free of charge.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- All entries must be written in English and edited by the named participant, without assistance from others.
- Essays exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.
- Points will be awarded for originality, clarity, appropriate language use, effectiveness of argument and relevance to the topic.

- The Public Affairs Section is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible email or for any computer-related, or technical malfunctions that may occur in the submission process.
- Submissions are considered void if illegible, incomplete, damaged, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, or obtained through fraud, theft or plagiarism.
- By participating in this contest, the winner grants the Embassy permission to use, copy, or quote from his/her essay in promotion materials related to International Education Week with attribution but without further compensation.

* Only currently enrolled high school students (grades 10, 11, 12) from northern Vietnam are eligible. For the purposes of this competition, northern Vietnam includes Quang Tri and all of the provinces north of Quang Tri. (Students from provinces south of Quang Tri province are not eligible.)

Awards ceremony will take place on November 18, 2011.
Winners will be required to show identification (i.d.) to collect their prize.