

USAID/TIMOR-LESTE ACCOUNTABILITY AND INTEGRITY MECHANISM ACTIVITY (AIM) IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PROVIDOR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE (PDHJ)

PROUDLY ANNOUNCE A CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE

“ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION ON GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION THEMES”

OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

FROM 14 OCTOBER TO 5 NOVEMBER 2024

ANNOUNCEMENT: This is a call for young Timorese presently enrolled in any registered educational institution, public or private, or a young Timorese professional, to submit an essay on her/his personal concept of good governance or corruption and its effects on her/him, her/his family and/or community, and share how she/he can personally contribute to the fight against corruption.

What are the objectives of the program:

- To promote and nurture the power of young Timorese minds in exploring innovative solutions to good governance or anti-corruption challenges.
- To increase levels of awareness of young Timorese of basic issues involving integrity, good governance and anti-corruption, and the importance of their involvement in the national effort against corruption and provide concrete opportunities for them to get involved.
- To harness the creativity of young people in expressing their thoughts and ideas via written expression regarding pressing issues pertaining to integrity, good governance and anti-corruption.
- To recognize and highlight diverse youth ideas and opinions regarding values of integrity, honesty, good conduct, and ethical behavior.
- To create more incentives and recognition for ethical governance, accountable public service, trustworthiness, and honest actions.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all students of any registered educational institution in Timor-Leste, or a young professional, at the time of submission.
- Must be between 18 years to 35 years of age at the time of submission.
- Must be a citizen of Timor-Leste.
- Women and people from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Essay writing is limited to original works that have not formerly been released as any printed, web-based, or other advertisement done before.

Benefits to winner

- Strengthen learning and networking opportunities.
- Greater access to opportunities for professional development.
- Winner will receive a prize to be provided by the government sponsor.
- Potential Involvement in anti-corruption workshops, seminars and a youth congress on integrity and accountability.
- Recognition as the essays of all the winners will be published on the PDHJ website and other social media.

Essay Writing Guidelines

- Essays must be in TETUM (INL STANDARD), typed or handwritten and should be between 2000 to 2500 words count, not including footnotes and bibliography.
- Essay font type must be in Times New Roman and with single line spacing.
- The essay must be original, unpublished online/offline and not previously submitted to any other contests.
- The selection criteria will be based on; originality, personal vision, relevance and responsiveness to the theme, quality of analysis and quality of language (writing style, spelling, and layout).
- All submissions must detail in cover page the author's; Name, Age, University or School and contact information (e-mail address, telephone number).
- The essay should have the following structure:
 - Introduction: Introduce the subject and state your theory. (the focus of your paper).
 - Context: Provide a brief overview of the country or community context when it comes to the issue of good governance or anti-corruption.
 - Body: Develop your arguments and assertions using research and analysis, and address the themes stated. (Remember to identify the sources of your information or ideas using a standard citation method).
 - Conclusion and possible recommendations.
 - Recommendations (Optional).

Additional Compliance Documents

- CV or short resume.

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