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'Lakbayin Natin ang EU' introduces European culture to Filipino children

Filipino children are given the opportunity to learn about the culture, art, and history of the European Union (EU) and its member states, at this year's edition of Lakbayin Natin ang EU (Journey to EU) Children's Festival on Saturday, May 12, at the Museo Pambata, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.



“For the past 10 years we have had the honor of collaborating with EU Member States embassies and cultural institutes and Museo Pambata in spearheading this cultural exchange for children between the EU and the Philippines,” says European Union Ambassador Franz Jessen. “Children take centerstage at Lakbayin Natin ang EU because they deserve to be educated and equipped well as our future leaders. It is a privilege to play even a little part in that.”

The educational activities (cultural presentations, traditional games, arts and crafts) will be presented by the EU Delegation to the Philippines, the Embassies of Italy through the Philippine Italian Association, Netherlands, Sweden, Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, France, and Spain and Instituto Cervantes. Student volunteers from the University of the Philippines (UP EURO) and Lyceum University of the Philippines (LPU–PAIR) are also to share their knowledge of European languages and culture with the children.

The children will get a glimpse of each member country's rich culture, including Italy's puppet show and storytelling by the National Library; introduction of Dutch games Koekhappen (bite the cake), Ezeltje Prikje (Pin the Tail on the Donkey), and Zaklopen (sack Race); a special demo of football, Germany's most popular sport; presentation with popular cartoon character Krtek by the Czech Republic; and many more from the other EU member countries.

For further information on Lakbayin Natin ang EU, visit <http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/philippines> and the EU in the Philippines Facebook page.

Kids take centerstage once again in this year's Lakbayin Natin ang EU (Journey to EU)

Meanwhile, the EU Delegation to the Philippines is also inviting children to join an on-the-spot drawing contest at the Museo Pambata. The contest will also be held on May 24, open to all Filipino children aged 9 to 12 years old and are enrolled in public or private schools in Metro Manila.

The theme of the art contest is "Europa, Kaibigan ko ito" (Europe, my friend and partner) and will be evaluated by a panel of judges composed of respected artists and officials from the EU Delegation to the Philippines.

Criteria for judging include: relevance to theme - 50%, technique - 25%, and composition - 25%. In the spirit of fairness, the competition will be held on the spot for a maximum of three hours with a required medium and materials (pastel colors on illustration board measuring 18" x 24"). Participants will be requested to provide their own materials but details will be announced in the EU Delegation FB.

A total of five winners will be chosen from the entries, and each will receive a trophy and a medal plus special prizes and freebies from the EU Delegation to the Philippines. Winning artworks will be exhibited at Museo Pambata during the week following the awarding ceremony.

These activities form part of Viva Europa 2018 in celebration of the European Year of Cultural Heritage. Philstar.com is an online media partner.

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