



2020

Philippine Youth Essay Contest on Atrocity Prevention

Theme

Youth & Atrocity Prevention in
the Philippines in the Context
of the COVID-19 pandemic

10,000 PHP

Cash prize for the authors of the **top 2 essays of each category**
plus a certificate of high merit and the opportunity to participate in a
youth panel webinar to express the ideas in their essay



About the Theme

Youth are not only the leaders of the future, but the leaders of today. Young people can and will act to protect vulnerable communities, safeguard human rights, and prevent violent conflict and atrocity crimes. Some contribute at an international scale (such as on the youth, peace, and security or YPS agenda and UN advocacy); others work at a local level, making change within their communities. What could atrocity prevention look like in the Philippines? How can atrocity prevention work even during the COVID-19 pandemic? This contest is an opportunity for young people to share their views.

The following questions may serve as guides for the essay:

- What is atrocity prevention?
- Why is it important to prevent atrocities now in the time of a pandemic?
- What is the role of the youth in atrocity prevention, most especially, in situations of complex emergencies (i.e. convergence of armed conflict, natural disasters, and pandemics)?

Essays may also explore UN or other international mechanisms, or approach the task from a more local project / peacebuilding point of view. They can be written as an academic style paper, or as practical project concepts, or as a personal reflection. All must address the key theme of atrocity prevention in the Philippines context.

Applicants may wish to consider issues such as:

- the human rights situation in the Philippines,
- recent legal developments
- active violent armed conflicts,
- underlying risk factors of atrocity crime,
- gender,
- extremism,
- the youth, peace, and security (YPS) agenda.
- transitional justice,
- the need for greater awareness and support for the UN principle of R2P.

However, other topics that address the atrocity prevention theme are also encouraged.

Submission by

On or before **10 December 2020**. Winners will be announced on the AdMU Polsci website and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/admupolsci>) and notified via email 1-3 weeks after the deadline.

Categories

- o Youth aged **15-23** on or before 10 December 2020
- o Youth aged **23-30** on or before 10 December 2020

Eligibility & Guidelines

- o The contest is open to those who are 15-30 years old on or before 10 December 2020. Author age must match the category entered in.
- o Essay must be in English or Filipino
- o 1500 words maximum
- o Entry with duly filled **application form and a scanned copy of any government ID that shows the applicant's date of birth** should be sent via email to apr2p.ph@gmail.com in .PDF format
- o Only the title and word count should be included in the essay. Personal details of the author/s should NOT appear on the actual essay document.
- o For full guidelines and the application form, please go to the following link: tiny.cc/2020PHYouthEssayContest

Inquiry

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