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Dear Prof. Suyanto,

Subject: Essay Competition on "Achieving Food Security in times of crisis"

I would like to inform you that FAO Staff Cooperative has launched an Essay Competition as one of its activities to mark World Food Day in 2009, the theme is the "Achieving Food Security in times of crisis". We would greatly appreciate your assistance in distributing to the junior and senior high schools and encouraging them to join the completion which will be done every two years.

I attach herewith the Information Note for 2009 issued by the World Food Day Secretariat which gives some important background which could be useful to the students who wish to participate. The essays should give their own ideas and vision on Achieving Food Security in times of crisis and also their suggestions for combating hunger in the world. The details of the competition are given in the sheet attached to this letter. The deadline for submission is on **9 November 2009**.

An important innovation this year is that the competition is divided up into two age groups, namely junior and senior secondary school levels. The essay should be sent to our office, preferably by email attachment.

Your kind cooperation is highly appreciated.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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FAO Representative in Indonesia

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International Essay Competition for Secondary Schools on WFD 2009 theme

- Title:** Achieving food security in times of crisis
- Launch:** 10 August 2009
- Deadline for receipt of essays:** 15 November 2009
- Where:** All Secondary schools in Italy and in FAO Member States
- Languages:** English, French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic, Chinese and Russian
- Age groups:** **Two categories:** (a) **11 to 14 years;** and (b) **15 to 17 years**
- Posting of results:** **January 2010.** The 12 winning essays will be published in the FAO Casa Gazette.
- Prizes (two sets):** 1st – US\$ 500 and WFD 2009 bronze medal
2nd – US\$ 400 and WFD 2009 bronze medal
3rd – US\$ 300 and WFD 2009 bronze medal
- Consolation prizes:** 4th – WFD 2009 bronze medal and books to school library
5th – WFD 2009 bronze medal and books to school library
6th – WFD 2009 bronze medal and books to school library
- Structure of essays:** 450 words
Name and surname of students
Name and complete address of secondary school
Introduction – body of essay – conclusion with suggestions and/or proposals for achieving food security
Essays should be neatly and clearly handwritten or typed
Date and signature of student at end of essay

Background material

World Food Day 2009 Newsletters and material in the seven languages and the cartoon publication titled “the Right to Food” published in 2007.

Additional important details

A maximum of 10 essays will be accepted from each secondary school participating. It is therefore important that teachers/schools screen essays and choose the best for submission in the competition. **They should not show marks received from their schools.**

Seven (7) commissions will be established to mark and judge the essays in the seven FAO official languages – at least three (3) qualified persons in each commission. The quantity will naturally depend on the number of essays received in each language – judging from the past experience it is expected that the larger numbers will be in English and French. The criteria for marking and judging the essays and their content will be the same for all languages.