



2 July 2012- To commemorate the 151st birth anniversary of our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, the *Sentro Rizal* of the Philippine Embassy in Muscat organized an on-the-spot essay writing contest at the Philippine School Oman last June 24.

The contest, the first of its kind in Oman, offered the students a unique opportunity to examine the life and teachings of Rizal.

The contest was open to all Philippine School students, Filipinos and expatriates, in the elementary and secondary levels.

The essay questions for the elementary level were: What would you consider important to learn about Philippine national hero Jose Rizal? Name as many as you wish to learn about him, and why?

The essay question for the secondary level was: More than 120 years ago, the national hero of the Philippines Jose Rizal, made this famous quote: "Genius has no country. It blossoms everywhere. Genius is like the light, the air. It is the heritage of all." Explain what the quote means to you and describe if and how the quote is relevant to the present times.

The number of participants which totaled to 124 showed the very strong interest of the students to join in the said activity.



First prize winners Ms. Madeleine Shea Sabile (left photo) and Ms. Rhea Eloisa S. Cruz (right photo) receive their certificates and cash prizes from Ambassador Jimeno.

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*Proud winners of the essay writing contest pose for a souvenir photo
Rizal*

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