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From: Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council
To: Supervising Officers i/c Ministries/Departments

POWC ESSAY COMPETITION 2020

The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated annually to acknowledge the contribution of the public service in the development of the community. It aims to recognise innovations, reward good achievements in the public sector and motivate public officers to enhance professionalism in the public service. In this context, the Public Officers’ Welfare Council (POWC) is organising its annual Essay Competition on the theme:

‘Action Today, Impact Tomorrow: Innovating and Transforming Public Services and Institutions to realise the Sustainable Development Goals.’

1. Participation is open to all public officers. A set of guidelines pertaining to the competition is annexed.
2. Cash prizes of Rs 10,000, Rs 7,000 and Rs 5,000 together with souvenir trophies will be awarded respectively to the best three entries. The date of the prize-giving ceremony will be communicated in due course.
3. Participants will have to submit with the essay scripts, a photocopy of a recent payslip or of the top part of the payslip, indicating the name, paysite code and National Identity Card number or any written document/ evidence attesting that the participant is a serving public officer.
4. Participants should also submit, in a separate sealed envelope, the following information: name, Ministry/Department/Division, Designation, office address, residential address, contact numbers and email address. The sealed envelope together with three copies of the essay and soft copy, as specified in the set of guidelines, should be addressed to the Organising Secretary, Public Officers’ Welfare Council, 6th Floor, Atom House, 16, Royal Street, Port Louis by Wednesday, 22nd July 2020 by 1500 hours at latest.
5. It would be appreciated if the content of this circular letter could be brought to the attention of all officers serving in your Department/Ministry.
6. This circular has also been posted on the website of the Public Officers’ Welfare Council: http://powc.govmu.org
7. For any additional information, the undersigned may be contacted on telephone numbers: 208-6658 or 208-0157.

V. Ramburuth
Organising Secretary

Copy to: Presidents of Staff Welfare Associations
Title: ‘Action Today, Impact Tomorrow: Innovating and Transforming Public Services and Institutions to realise the Sustainable Development Goals.’

**Guidelines**

1. The Essay Competition is open to Public Officers only.
2. The Essay should be between 2000 and 2500 words (excluding bibliography) in English, type written and double line spacing, using any one of the following fonts with font size 12
   - Times New Roman
   - Arial
   - Calibri
3. Any reference to relevant printed material and to full text online database should be appended under bibliography.
4. The essay should be submitted in three hard copies and one soft copy.
5. Each participant should use a pen name which should be written at the top right hand corner of the first page.
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7. The essays will be assessed by a panel of adjudicators. The decision of the panel will be final and binding.
8. The main criteria for the marking of scripts will be on the basis of:
   (a) Relevance
   (b) Language and style
   (c) Presentation;
   (d) Originality; and
   (e) Research
9. The submitted essays will become the property of the POWC which will have all rights thereon, including its publication.