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### **MAMA SITA FOUNDATION OPENS CONTEST “MGA KUWENTONG PAGKAIN” TO FILIPINOS ABROAD**

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago wishes to invite all foodies to join “**Mga Kuwentong Pagkain**”, an annual contest by the Mama Sita Foundation (MSF) to gather and make a valuable compilation of Philippine food preparations, stories and recipes.

This year, MSF is accepting entries from overseas Filipinos, including Filipino-Americans or those who are of Philippine descent with an interesting encounter with Filipino food. With the theme of “Regional Food Heritage”, such entries may include detailed accounts of local or regional recipes, ingredients, food preparations, and rituals or personal experiences. Full information on the abovementioned competition may be found in the attached flyer and contest rules and mechanics.

Interested applicants can also access the MSF’s Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain/](http://www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain/) or message them through their email address [mgakuwentongpagkain@gmail.com](mailto:mgakuwentongpagkain@gmail.com). Kindly take note that the deadline for submission of applications is on or before **26 January 2018** (Philippine time).

For more information, please contact the Consulate General’s Cultural Officer, Ms. Anna Liza F. Alcantara, using the following details:

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Teresita "Mama Sita" Reyes  
Kulaykaya, Isa at Kalikera



# Ano ang Mga Kuwentong Pagkain nyo?

## Ano'ng mga kwentong pagkain sa inyo?

Search for regional food stories:

- Rare Ingredients, plants and proteins
- Small-town cooking practices and recipes
- Legends, myths, rituals and beliefs on food
- Local food terms and origins

Deadline of submission: **January 26, 2018**

### HOW TO JOIN MKP



#### Think food

Think of a local or regional food, dish or ingredient in your area. You can talk about its origin, how it is prepared, served or its actual ingredients and recipe.

#### Tell your story

Write your food story, draw or take a video. It can be in English or in Filipino.



#### Fill-up & e-mail

Fill up the entry form (ask your school or office for the form or download it from [msita.com](http://msita.com) or [mamasitafoundation.com](http://mamasitafoundation.com)) and send it together with your entry. Send it via email to:

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-or-

#### Send via post mail

Mail it in a short brown envelope addressed to:

Kusina ni Mama Sita  
131 F. Manalo St., San Juan,  
Metro Manila, Philippines 1500

#### Like us!

Like our Facebook page at [facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain](https://www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain) to be updated about the contest results



#### PRIZES

Winners will receive a plaque, a certificate, a cash prize, and a special gift.

#### ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to all Filipino citizens and residents in the Philippines.

Entries will be judged on the basis of their originality, creativity, and clarity.

#### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

50% Content - This criterion measures the accuracy and relevance of the story to the contest theme.

30% Creativity - This criterion measures the originality and clarity of the story.

20% Presentation - This criterion measures the clarity and appeal of the story's presentation.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be notified through the contest details and through the Mga Kuwentong Pagkain Facebook Page.

For more information, please visit the Mga Kuwentong Pagkain Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain](https://www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain).

Submit your entries by the deadline mentioned in the entry form, or at the Mga Kuwentong Pagkain Facebook page.

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### PRIZES

Win: Php 20,000 cash prize, a culinary tour in Luzon, medal, special gift items, accommodations and round trip air tickets for the awarding!

### ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to all interested participants\* who have true, authentic, and one-of-a-kind Philippine culinary stories to tell.

\*Except for employees of Mama Sita and their family or persons living within the same households.

### CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

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**30% Presentation** – This criterion validates the entry's accuracy whether it features genuine regional food heritage. How true is the entry to that region's local culinary culture?

**20% Originality** – This criterion judges the entry's creative originality based on the topic and perspective. How creative is the entry?

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be notified through their contact details and announced at the Mga Kuwentong Pagkain Official Facebook Page; (<https://www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain>), Mama Sita Website ([www.msita.com](http://www.msita.com)), and through the Media.

Submit your entries! For the complete mechanics and entry forms, visit the MKP Facebook page or [www.mamasitafoundation.com](http://www.mamasitafoundation.com).



Inspired by Teresita "Mama Sita" Reyes' own passion of writing her culinary adventures and experiences, "Mga Kuwentong Pagkain (MKP)" was launched as a nationwide contest aimed to encourage everyone to share authentic, one-of-a-kind and little known stories on Philippine cuisine and cooking.

MKP is ongoing and open to all who want to share their memorable encounters with Philippine food, cooking and dining. The underlying objective of the contest is to gather as many stories as possible to make a valuable and detailed compilation of Philippine food, especially since so many Philippine food preparation stories and recipes are being forgotten.

STORY TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

ORIGIN OF STORY (Province/City/Municipality) \_\_\_\_\_

THIS STORY IS ABOUT (brief explanation)  
\_\_\_\_\_

### MGA KUWENTONG PAGKAIN ENTRY FORM

#### PARTICIPANT INFO

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age / Gender \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. old     m     f

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_

FORMAT		ATTACHMENT(S)	
A. Written Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Photo	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Homemade Video	<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Video	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Poem	<input type="checkbox"/>	C. Artwork	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### WAIVER

I have read and understood the mechanics of the contest, Mga Kuwentong Pagkain, and by submitting my entry hereby agree to the terms and conditions therein.

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SIGNATURE & DATE SIGNED



Teresita "Mama Sita" Reyes  
Kababayan, Ina at Kwina



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Deadline of submission: January 26, 2018

**MULA SA KUSINA NI MAMA SITA:  
MGA KUWENTONG PAGKAIN  
THEME: REGIONAL FOOD HERITAGE  
Official Rules and Complete Mechanics**

**"NO PURCHASE, USE, NOR MENTION OF MAMA SITA'S PRODUCTS IS NECESSARY TO ENTER THE CONTEST. ANY PURCHASE, USE, OR MENTION OF MAMA SITA PRODUCTS WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING."**

**DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS ON JANUARY 26, 2018.**

**1. RATIONALE**

MGA KUWENTONG PAGKAIN (MKP) is a project of the Mama Sita Foundation (MSF) as a way to preserve and promote our Philippine culinary heritage, echoing the mission of Teresita "Mama Sita" Reyes's advocacy throughout her life. In celebration of Mama Sita's 100<sup>th</sup> birth centennial, the MSF launches Mula sa Kusina ni Mama Sita: Mga Kuwentong Pagkain with the theme on Regional Food Heritage.

**2. OBJECTIVES**

The contest aims to:

1. Gather regional food heritage stories and recipes from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao featuring heirloom food (local food sources and ingredients; dishes passed on through generations) and culinary traditions (old cooking methods, food norms, rituals, food beliefs, local food etiquette, etc.) by tapping SMEs, local communities, schools and universities, different regional or provincial government offices and even Filipinos living abroad.
2. Increase awareness of the public on Philippine heirloom food and culinary traditions by publishing selected entries on different print and social media channels and showcasing these stories in different Mama Sita Foundation initiatives.
3. Preserve these food stories and recipes by printing selected entries in a book format and publishing all the entries online, creating a heirloom food story bank which the public can access.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

- a. The contest is open to all interested Philippine residents or of Philippine descent —either based in the Philippines or abroad—but who must have true and authentic regional or provincial food heritage stories to tell.
- b. **NO PURCHASE, USE NOR MENTION OF MAMA SITA'S PRODUCTS IS NECESSARY TO ENTER THE CONTEST. ANY PURCHASE, USE OR MENTION OF MAMA SITA'S PRODUCTS WILL NOT INCREASE THE ENTRANT'S CHANCES OF WINNING.**
- c. Those who fall under the following are Non-Eligible:
  - i. Employees of Marigold Manufacturing Corporation and volunteers of the Mama Sita Foundation;

- ii. Affiliates and subsidiaries of Marigold Manufacturing Corporation and of the Mama Sita Foundation;
- iii. Immediate family of employees (spouse, parent, child, sibling, and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live); and/or
- iv. Persons living in the same household of abovementioned individuals, whether or not related.

#### 4. TERM/DURATION PERIOD

- a. The contest duration is from June 8, 2016 until January 26, 2018. Thus, all entries must be submitted on or before January 26, 2018.
- b. In addition, it must be noted that all entries become the property of Mama Sita Foundation and may be displayed, exhibited, and used by the Foundation without compensating and/or notifying the owner/author.

#### 4. HOW TO JOIN

##### WRITING THE ENTRY

- a. Entries must tell a true story on a particular regional or provincial food heritage—heirloom food or culinary traditions of their hometown.
- b. Entries must answer any or all of the following
  - i. What is the dish called?
  - ii. Where did it originate and how?
  - iii. What is the culinary tradition about or how is it prepared?
  - iv. Why is it practiced? What is it for?
- c. Entries are encouraged to be accompanied by at least one (1) of following visuals/ references:
  - i. Original Photo
  - ii. Original Drawing/ Painting/ Diagram
  - iii. Original Video
  - iv. Cited Secondary Sources – (Please acknowledge sources of borrowed photos, visuals, articles, quotes, books and publications and artifacts).
- d. Entries may be written in Filipino or English and can cite regional dialects provided that their English or Filipino counterpart is provided.
- e. Entries, if in essay format, must **NOT be more than 500 words or 2 pages, typed or handwritten.**

##### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- a. Get a copy of the entry form from [facebook.com/mgakuwentongpagkain](https://www.facebook.com/mgakuwentongpagkain) OR download the form from [mamasitafoundation.com](https://www.mamasitafoundation.com) OR [mamasitas.com/msita.com](https://www.mamasitas.com/msita.com).

- b. Duly accomplish the entry form by inputting all information required. Otherwise, the entry will not be processed.
- c. Together with the entry form, submit your entry to any of the following:
  - i. **MAILING ADDRESS:**

Kusina ni Mama Sita  
131 F. Manalo St., San Juan City,  
Metro Manila, 1500 Philippines
  - ii. **EMAIL ADDRESS:**

[mgakuwentongpagkain@gmail.com](mailto:mgakuwentongpagkain@gmail.com) OR  
[mgakuwentongpagkain@msita.com](mailto:mgakuwentongpagkain@msita.com)
- d. A confirmation will be sent informing that the contest committee has received your entry.
- e. A participant can submit more than one entry.
- f. Only authentic and original entries are accepted. Plagiarism results to automatic disqualification.
- g. Participants **below 18 years old** should include a **letter of consent** signed by their parents and/or guardians.

## 7. CONTEST PRIZES

- a. 1 grand winner from Luzon, 1 grand winner from Visayas and 1 grand winner from Mindanao.
- b. Each grand winner will receive the following:
  - Php 20,000.00 cash prize
  - An all-expense paid culinary tour in Luzon organized by Kusina ni Mama Sita
  - An all-expense paid accommodations in time for the awarding of the MKP and the culinary tour of Kusina ni Mama Sita
  - A medal and special gift items from Kusina ni Mama Sita
  - For Visayas and Mindano grand winners: 2 round trip air tickets each
- c. Other entries with merit will be awarded a participation in the culinary tour and will receive a Special Citation, a medal and gift items from Kusina ni Mama Sita.

## 8. IMPORTANT:

- a. No prize transfer, assignment, or substitution by winners is permitted. In the event of unavailability, Mama Sita reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal monetary value, determined by Mama Sita's reasonable discretion.
- b. Should a winner make any false statement(s) in any of the documents referenced herein, the winner will be required to promptly return to Mama Sita his/her prize, or the cash value thereof.
- c. An entrant under 18 years old will not be officially declared a winner until the entrant's parent or legal guardian has been contacted and has signed all required documentation or unless all legal documents are signed and submitted.

## 9. JUDGING

- a. All entries will be evaluated using just ONE set of Criteria for all FORMATS:
  - 50% Content- This criterion measures the substance and relevance of the story to Philippine food. How relevant is the entry to Philippine Cuisine?
  - 30% Authenticity - This criterion validates the entry's accuracy whether it features genuine regional food heritage. How true is the entry to that region's local culinary culture?
  - 20% Originality - This criterion judges the entry's creative originality based on the topic and perspective. How creative is the entry?
- b. There will be a panel of reliable and knowledgeable judges who will evaluate all qualified entries using the set of criteria. All entries will be ranked accordingly based on the total percentage each entry has received.
- c. *The decision of Mama Sita Foundation and the judges is final and irrevocable.*

## 9. ENTRANT LICENSES/RELEASES

- a. Mama Sita Foundation is granted a royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, and non-exclusive license to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entries submitted (along with a name credit) in connection to the contest and its promotion in any media.
- b. Entrants (as well as respective parents or legal guardians of those below 18) further hereby waive all moral rights or intellectual property rights. Thus, Mama Sita will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with using the submitted entries for any purpose.



## **10. THIRD PARTY RELEASES**

- a. Participants are responsible for obtaining, prior to the submission of entries, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the entry set forth in the Official Rules without additional compensation. Signature of parents should be submitted for any person appearing below legal age.
- b. Upon Mama Sita Foundation's request, each entrant must be prepared to submit signed releases and/or licenses from all persons who appear in the entry, from copyright owner of any artwork or other copyrighted material that appears in the entry, and from owners of private properties, authorizing Mama Sita Foundation to reproduce, display, and create derivative works from the entries in connection with the Contest and for the promotion of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter known, including, but not limited to: display at a potential exhibition of winners; publication of a book featuring select entries in the Contest.

## **11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- a. By participating, entrants (and their parents or legal guardians) agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless Mama Sita, its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, agents, and their employees, officers, directors, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in this Contest or any Contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder.

## **12. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- a. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES WILL BE MADE VIA:
  - i. MKP OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE  
<https://www.facebook.com/MgaKuwentongPagkain/>
  - ii. WEBSITES: [www.mamasitafoundation.com](http://www.mamasitafoundation.com), [www.msita.com](http://www.msita.com),  
[www.mamasitas.com](http://www.mamasitas.com)
  - iii. MEDIA
- b. ONLINE RELEASES MAY ALSO BE MADE DURING THE CONTEST PERIOD.

## **11. CONDITIONS**

- a. Mama Sita Foundation is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, damaged, mutilated, incomplete, illegible, misdirected, or postage-due mail.
- b. Entries are void if Mama Sita Foundation determines the entry as not original, or if the entries are illegible, incomplete, damaged, irregular, altered, counterfeit, produced in error, or obtained through fraud or theft.

- c. Entrants also agree (i) to be bound by these Official Rules; (ii) that the decisions of the judges are final on all matters relating to the Contest; and (c) that Mama Sita Foundation may use the winning entry and each winner's name, photograph, likeness, and/or voice in any publicity/advertising material or future promotions relating to the Contest without compensation or approval.
- d. In the event that the selected winner/s of any prize is/are ineligible or refuse/s the prize, the prize will be forfeited and Mama Sita, in its sole discretion, may choose whether to award the prize to another winner.

**12. WAIVER**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE MECHANICS OF THE CONTEST, MGA KUWENTONG PAGKAIN, AND, BY SUBMITTING MY ENTRY HEREBY AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE AND DATE SIGNED

For entrants 18 years old and below:

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE MECHANICS OF THE CONTEST, MGA KUWENTONG PAGKAIN. I FULLY GIVE MY CONSENT FOR MY CHILD TO JOIN AND HEREBY AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE AND DATE SIGNED