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The Principal

**QUIZ ON EARTHQUAKE TIPS**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

1. I am writing this letter to inform you regarding the fourth round of quiz on Earthquake Tips which is scheduled to be conducted by National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) at IIT Kanpur. The preliminary round, which will be held in your city or its vicinity, is likely to be conducted during **August to October 2012**. The final, at IIT Kanpur, is proposed to be conducted on **26 Jan 2013**.
2. NICEE was established in IIT Kanpur with the mandate to empower all stakeholders in the building industry in seismic safety towards ensuring an earthquake resistant built environment. NICEE maintains and disseminates information resources on Earthquake Engineering. It undertakes community outreach activities aimed at mitigation of earthquake disasters. NICEE's target audience includes professionals, academics and all others with an interest in and concern for seismic safety.
3. A need has been felt for long to include school children, who are the future builders of the country, in this activity so that the mandate of NICEE is inculcated at the grass root level. As an initial step in this direction, first round of the inter school quiz based on Earthquake Tips by Dr. CVR Murty was conducted on 26 January 2010 with schools from Kanpur, Allahabad, Lucknow and Gorakhpur. With the enthusiasm in the participants, this quiz has now become an Annual Event of NICEE.
4. For the fourth round of quiz, the registering schools will be given 50 copies of "Earthquake Tips" which can be used for selecting a team of four participants from each school from Class VIII to Class XI. The last date for registration is **May 15, 2012**. After the preliminary selection rounds, the final round of the quiz will be held on 26 January 2013. A nominal registration fee of **Rs. 500/- per institute** will be charged. The registration fee can be paid by cash or through a cheque/ DD payable to "National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering" payable at Kanpur. An official receipt for the same will be issued from NICEE. Attractive cash prizes will be given to the finalists. **The members of the teams which had participated in the previous rounds of the quiz are not be allowed to participate in this round. In case of default, the schools team will be summarily debarred.**
5. It is requested that participation of your esteemed institution for the above mentioned quiz may please be confirmed latest by May 15, 2012.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

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