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13th VPA National Convention, Eaglewood Resort, Chicago, Illinois July 4-6, 2013

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VPA 2013 Convention Souvenir - Request for Articles

Dear VPA Members and Friends,

The VPA 2013 Convention will be held at the Eaglewood Resort and Spa in Itasca, Illinois from July 4-6, 2013. This three-day convention will be showcasing the talents and heritage of Vokkaligas. The theme of this convention is **“Sowing the Seeds of Prosperity”**.

To commemorate this occasion, the VPA 2013 Convention Souvenir will be published and it will be mailed to all attendees. This Souvenir provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the literary talents of the Vokkaliga Community. It will consist of articles related to the convention theme and other literary works such as short stories, poems, essays, and articles from authors around the world and will also include the literary works from our youths. The VPA 2013 Convention Souvenir Committee invites you to send your literary works for publication in this Souvenir.

The following will apply when selecting articles for publication in the VPA 2013 Convention Souvenir:

- Preference will be given to articles reflecting the VPA 2013 Convention Theme – **“Sowing the Seeds of Prosperity”**. Suggested topics for this category are: 1) starting a school, community center, or a small scale industry in rural areas, 2) starting a program to improve the lives of villagers.
- Articles sent for publication in VPA 2013 Convention Souvenir should not have been published elsewhere.
- Number of pages should not be more than 8 pages (Font size: 12 (Kannada), 11 (English), single spaced). Exceptions will be made depending on the quality and subject matter of the article.
- Kannada articles should be in Baraha, and English articles should be in MS Word.
- The Souvenir Committee will be responsible for selecting articles for publication in the Souvenir, and its decision will be final.

Please e-mail your articles, including your name, address, phone number, your photograph, and a brief profile about you (including age for Youth authors younger than 21), **before May 31, 2013** to hk.vpa2013@gmail.com.

- **Awards for Theme-Related Articles:** The top six theme-related articles (three from Youths younger than age 21, and three from others) from among the selected articles for publication in the Souvenir will be selected for prizes. The authors of these six articles will receive \$100 each.

We look forward to receiving your articles and seeing you all at the Convention. For all information related to VPA 2013 Convention, please visit the Convention website at: www.myvpa.org/2013/VPAConvention.html.

Thank you,

VPA 2013 Convention Souvenir Committee:

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