

Republic of the Philippines  
(KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA  
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)  
Manila

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM  
No. 122, s. 1976

THIRD YMCA-DEC NATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

To the: Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities  
Schools Superintendents

1. The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of the Philippines and the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) are jointly sponsoring this year's Third National Speech Contest on the subject "Youth and the Challenge of Development."
2. Inclosed are the rules and procedures governing the speech contest. The contest is open to all high school students throughout the country.
3. Competitions will be held in all secondary schools on or before August 26, 1976; on the provincial/city level on or before September 25, 1976, and on the regional level on or before October 30, 1976. The National Grand Finals will be held in Manila on November 12, 1976.
4. It is requested that this Department Memorandum be given immediate and wide publicity.

(SGD.) JUAN L. MANUEL  
Secretary of Education and Culture

Incl.:  
As stated

Reference:

Department Memorandum No. 88, s. 1975

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THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST  
Jointly Sponsored by the  
Young Men's Christian Association  
of the Philippines and the  
Department of Education and Culture

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES

Theme: "YOUTH AND THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPMENT"

I. Theme: shall be the subject of all speeches.

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II. Participants: Any bonafide student regularly enrolled in a public or private HIGH SCHOOL duly recognized/authorized by the government is eligible to participate in this contest, EXCEPT the national finalists in previous YMCA/YEC sponsored National Speech Contest.

III. Language and Style of Delivery: All speeches must be in English, spoken. Style of delivery may be conversational, oratorical, or a combination of both.

IV. Length of Speech: The speech must not exceed SEVEN (7) minutes.

V. Manuscripts: Each contestant shall submit four (4) copies of their speech. School, Provincial or City Division, Regional, and National levels. It should be received seven (7) days before the date of the contest. Manuscripts shall become the property of the Contest Committee. Every contestant will use the same speech he/she submitted previously in writing at all contest levels. Any plagiarist discovered or any change made in the speech after it has been submitted and accepted without the previous permission of the corresponding Contest Committee shall be cause for disqualification. The speech must be typewritten double-spaced on standard size bond paper: 8-1/2 by 11 inches.

VI. The Board of Judges and Basis for Judging:

1. The Board of Judges shall be selected and appointed by the corresponding Contest Committee.
2. There shall be five members of the Board of Judges.
3. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final.

A. Rules for Judging:

- a. Content and organization . . . . . 35%
- b. Stage presence . . . . . 15%
- c. Delivery (style, voice, pronunciation, etc.) . . . . . 25%
- d. Language (grammar and diction) . . . . . 25%

VII. Four Levels: The contest shall be conducted on four geographical levels, namely: (1) Local High School (2) Provincial or City Division; (3) Regional; and (4) National.

A. On the High School Level:

1. The Principal or Head of the High School is requested to be the Chairman of the Contest Committee with the power to appoint the members of the committee and to appoint the members of the committee.
2. The contest shall be held on or before August 22, 1976.
3. The Contest Committee shall be responsible for determining and soliciting appropriate prizes for the winners of the first, second, and third places.
4. The first place winner in the contest shall be the official representative in the inter-provincial or inter-city division contest. All expenses of the representative in the corresponding provincial or city division contest shall be borne by either the High School Contest Committee or local sponsors.

B. On the Provincial or City Division Level:

1. The Provincial or City Division Superintendent of Schools is requested to be the Chairman of the Provincial or City Contest Committee with authority to appoint the other members of the committee. Should there be a city in the city where the superintendent holds office and/or in any other locality within his jurisdiction, the presidents of the local clubs or his/her representative/s shall be appointed as vice-chairman and/or member/s of the committee.

2. All the first place winners in the contests conducted in the different high schools within the province or city shall be the contestants in the corresponding intra-provincial and intra-city division contests. All the first place winners in the intra-provincial and intra-city division contests shall be the contestants in the provincial contests.
3. The contest shall be held on or before September 25, 1978, at any place within the province or city chosen by the Contest Committee.
4. The Contest Committee shall be responsible for determining and soliciting appropriate prizes for the winners of the first, second, and third places, and if so desired by the Committee, consolation prizes for some or all of the other contestants.
5. The Provincial or City Contest Committee shall see the rules or rules for necessary arrangements for the accommodations, board, and other expenses of the contestants incident to their participation in the provincial or city contest.

C. On the Regional Level:

1. The President of the MGC and the Regional Director in the most city or town are requested to be co-chairman of the Regional Contest, with authority to appoint the other members of the committee. In the case of Region No. IV: MGC, the President of the UIC of Manila and the Regional Director for Greater Manila are requested to be co-chairman of the Regional Contest Committee. And, in Region No. IV-A: Southern Leyte, the President of the UIC of Quezon province and the Superintendent of Schools of Lucena City and Quezon province are requested to be co-chairman of the Regional Contest Committee. They shall have the authority to appoint other members of their respective committees. In the case of Regions Nos. VII and II where there are no



Oriental Mindoro, Occidental  
Mindoro, Lublan, Palawan,  
Balabac City, Lipa City,  
San Pablo City,\* Cavite City,\*  
and Zambo City\*

V. North

Samarina Bay, Samarinas      Legazpi City\*  
Norte, Albay, Masbate,  
Sorsogon, Calabidongan,  
Naga City, Iriga City, and  
Legazpi City\*

VI. Western Cebu

Marina Occidental, Iloilo,      Iloilo City\*  
Antique, Capiz, Aklan,  
Guimaras, Bacolod City,\*  
San Carlos City,\* Guila City,  
La Carlota City, Armas City,  
Sibal City, Sopo City, and  
Iloilo City\*

VII. Central Visayas

Cebu, Bohol, Negros Oriental,      Cebu City\*  
Siquijan, Zamboanga City,  
Lapu-Lapu City, Tolosa City,  
Mariano City, and Cebu City\*

VIII. Eastern Visayas

Leyte, Western Samar,      Tacloban City  
Eastern Samar, Northern Samar,  
Southern Leyte, Biliran,  
Cebuayog City, Ormoc City,  
and Tacloban City

IX. Western Mindanao

Zamboanga del Sur, Sulu,      Zamboanga City  
Tawi-Tawi, Basilan,  
Pagadian City, and  
Zamboanga City

X. Eastern Mindanao

Misamis Oriental, Agusan, Cagayan de Oro City\*  
Occidental Mindanao,  
Surigao del Norte, Agusan  
del Norte, Agusan del Sur,  
Compostela, Surigao City,  
Davao del Norte, Davao City,  
Davao del Sur, Zamboanga,  
Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga,  
Digos City, Surigao City,  
and Cagayan de Oro City\*

XI. Southern Luzon

Davao, Davao del Sur, Davao City\*  
South Cotabato, Davao Occiden-  
tal, Surigao del Sur, Marikina  
Santos City, and Davao City\*

XII. Eastern Visayas

Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Cebu City\*  
Sur I (Zamboanga), Lanao del  
Sur II, Agutaynan, Sultan  
Khairat, North Cotabato,  
Illigan City, Marikina City,  
and Cebu City\*

3. The Regional Contests shall be held on or before October 30, 1976.
4. The name of the finalist, his/her school, and coach-chaperone, if any, shall be given to the National Speech Contest Committee, 1500 Repatriation Office, Manila, not later than November 3, 1976.
5. The National Contest Committee shall award each regional contestant with a certificate, and to the winners of the first, second, and third places, a gold, a silver, and a bronze medal, respectively. The Regional Contest Committees may award additional prizes as they see fit.
6. Arrangements for the expenses incidental to the board and lodging of contestants in the regional contest shall be borne by the corresponding Regional Contest Committee in cooperation with the local ISOCs. The Regional Committee shall set the rules or make provisions for the board and lodging of their contestants in the National Contest. However, the National Speech Contest Committee shall provide for the board and lodging of the contestants each with a coach-chaperone coming from the children's region, outside of Greater Manila during their stay in Manila for the period covering the day before, contest, and including the day after the contest.

D. On the National Level:

1. The National Speech Contest Committee shall take charge of the National Grand Finals. The Chairman of this Committee is the President of the YMCA of the Philippines with the Undersecretary of Education and Culture and a National YMCA Board member.
2. The National Grand Finals shall be held in Manila on November 12, 1976, at an appropriate place and time which will be announced in due time.
3. The following prizes shall be awarded:

First Place . . . .	Gold Medal, ₱1,000.00, and Certificate of Merit
Second Place . . . .	Silver Medal, ₱500.00, and Certificate of Merit
Third Place . . . .	Bronze Medal, ₱300.00, and Certificate of Merit
Other Finalists . . . .	₱100.00 and a Certificate each.
4. The President Marcos' three-legged trophy to the school represented by the first place winner.  
First, second, and third prize trophies to the schools represented by the first, second, and third place winners.  
An Appreciation Trophy sent to all the other schools represented in the National Grand Finals.  
Aside from the above prizes, other appropriate prizes in kind will be given to all contestants in the Grand Finals.
5. The board and lodging of the contestants, each with a speech-chaperon (except those from the Greater Manila Area) during their stay in Manila for the period covering the day before, until, and including the day after the contest shall be borne by the National Speech Contest Committee.
6. All contestants in the National Grand Finals should be in Filipino attire. No school uniform or any identifying badge should be worn except those to be given by the National Speech Contest Committee.



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