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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Manila

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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM
No. 148, s. 1977

REGIONAL SEMINARS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
Coordinator, State Colleges and Universities
Schools Superintendents

1. The National Plan of Action in Education for the Development of Children and Youth launched at the President's First National Conference for the development of Children provides, "Special classes and activities shall be organized in every school to meet the needs of the mentally gifted, mentally retarded, the physically handicapped and other children with special problems."

2. In view of this directive, Department Order No. 10, s. 1977, designating regional and division general education supervisors in charge of special education was issued in March 7, 1977. This has in turn triggered numerous questions about special education programs in Philippine schools.

3. In addition to this, teacher trainees in special education have long been requesting for conferences/dialogues to help them thresh out some of the problems obtaining in their particular division/school. Frequently asked questions pertain to:

- a. Organization, administration and supervision of special education
- b. Identification of exceptional children
- c. Program for the different exceptionalities
- d. Parent education
- e. Instructional materials

4. To assist the supervisors-designate and the special education teachers solve or at least minimize their problems, a regional conference/dialogue will be held. Regional supervisors-designate, with the assistance of the division supervisor-designate, trainees in Organization, Administration and Supervision (OAS) of special education programs and the special education teachers in every region, will organize the conference or the proposed dates indicated in the schedule below. Inclosed is a sample program of activities.

Regions	Venue	Proposed Dates
I	San Fernando, La Union	Jan. 10-11, 1978
II	Tuguegarao, Cagayan	Jan. 13-14, 1978
III	San Fernando, Pampanga	Nov. 17-18, 1977
IV-A	Butuan City	" 21-22, 1977
V	Laguna City	Dec. 5-6, 1977
VI	Cebu City	Nov. 10-11, 1977
VII	Cebu City	" 7-8, 1977
VIII	Iloilo City	" 14-15, 1977
IX	Zamboanga City	" 3-4, 1977
X	Cagayan de Oro City	" 7-8, 1977
XI	Davao City	Dec. 1-2, 1977
XII	Iligan City	Nov. 10-11, 1977

5. Expenses incurred in connection with attendance in the seminar will be charged against local funds.

6. It is desired that this conference be given wide publicity so that the greatest number may benefit from the topics to be taken.

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

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

Department Order: (No. 10, s. 1977)

Allotment: 1-2-3-4-- (D.O. 1-76)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

CONFERENCES /
OFFICIALS /
PROGRAM, SCHOOL /
SEMINARS /
SPECIAL EDUCATION /
TEACHERS /

SUGGESTED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

First Day

8:00-9:00 A.M. Registration
9:00-9:30 " Opening Session
9:45-12:00 Noon Lecture-Discussion and
Open Forum - Special
Education Unit Repre-
sentative assisted by OAS
in Special Education
trained in the region
12:00-1:30 P.M. L U N C H B R E A K
1:30-4:00 " Lecture-Discussion by
Teacher Trainee - Identifi-
fication of Exceptional
Children
Lecture-Discussion by
Local Supervisor - Parent
Education in SPEE

Second Day

~~8:00-11:00 A.M.~~ Lecture-Discussion by OAS
trainee - Programs for
Exceptional Children
Lecture-Discussion by
Teacher Trainee - Instruc-
tional Materials
11:00-12:00 Noon Open Forum
12:00-1:30 P.M. L U N C H B R E A K
1:30-5:00 " Clearing House and Closing
Session