

Maliksi ng Pilipino
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
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DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

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HOLDING OF A NATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

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

1. A grand festival of Philippine music featuring the compositions of the eminent composer, Dr. Ilisio M. Pajaro, in observance of his thirtieth anniversary as a professional composer will be held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines from January to December 1978.

2. The theme of the festival is "The Achievements of the New Society."

3. As the culminating activity of the grand festival, the Department of Education and Culture will hold a National Choral Festival in December 1978. The festival shall feature competitions in choral singing to be participated in by elementary and secondary schools. All public and private schools are enjoined to participate in the contest.

4. The contest pieces for the choral festival shall be taken from "Himig Filipino ng Bagong Lipunan," a book compilation of the musical works of Dr. Pajaro. The contest piece for the elementary level is "Ang Aking Manukan" (My Chicken Coop) found on page 12 of the book, and the contest piece for the secondary level is "Kabiusyong Lunti" (Green Revolution), the last song in the book.

5. Aside from the contest piece, each choral group will sing two other songs on the Bagong Lipunan. One of the two songs will be "Mabuhay ang Bagong Pilipino," the first song in Dr. Pajaro's book. The second song may be taken from any other compilation available.

6. The competition will be conducted in three levels:

- a. Division level - Choral groups in the schools (elementary and secondary) from the various towns within the division will compete and the winners (elementary and secondary) will represent the division at the regional competition.

- b. Regional level - The winning choral groups (elementary and secondary) from each division will compete to choose the winners (one from the elementary category and one from the secondary category) to represent the region at the National Grand Finals.
- c. National grand finals - The winners from each of the regions will come to the Cultural Center for the National Competition which is scheduled for Saturday, December 16, 1978.
7. There will be three prizes and two consolation prizes for each of the elementary and secondary levels for the grand finals. First prize will be five thousand pesos (P5,000); second prize will be three thousand pesos (P3,000); and third prize will be two thousand pesos (P2,000). Two consolation prizes of one thousand pesos each (P1,000) will be awarded to the fourth and fifth placers in the contest.
8. It is desired that this Department Memorandum be given the widest publicity for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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