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MEC MEMORANDUM
No. 209, s. 1979

CCP FILIPINO LITERATURE FESTIVAL

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges
and Universities

1. In line with the recent organization of the MEC-CCP Cultural Development Program and in recognition of the need to develop an awareness of the nation's cultural heritage among teachers and students, the Cultural Center of the Philippines, in celebration of its tenth anniversary, will hold a "Filipino Literature Festival."
2. To celebrate this festival, a Filipiniana Book Exhibit and Sale featuring the private Filipiniana rare book collection of Professor Leopoldo Yabes; the puppet collection and children's books of Professor Arelia Lapeña; books from the CCP Library; the Adarna series of Mr. Virgilio Almarino; and the book exhibit and sale put up by leading bookstores in Metro Manila will be opened to the general public at 10:00 A.M. on September 14, 1979 at the lobby of the CCP Little Theater.
3. The winning entries to the 1979 CCP Literary Contest will be awarded their respective prizes by the First Lady, Madame Imelda Romualdez-Marcos. Ceremonies are to be held at the Buiwagang Gantimpala. Inclosed is a list of the winning entries.
4. To cap the festival, a three-day lecture series on the theme, "The Filipino Experience As Reflected in Literature" will be held starting September 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., at the CCP Little Theater. On the succeeding days, September 15 and 16, the lectures will take place from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The Programme for the lecture series is also inclosed.
5. Attendance at this festival is encouraged. Supervisors of English and Filipino; instructors/professors of English and Filipino, the Humanities, Mass Communication; student-teachers majoring

in English/Filipino literature and those who are enrolled in the Humanities and Mass Communication courses are enjoined to attend the lecture series.

6. Schools and offices concerned should arrange schedules to allow attendance at this lecture series. To facilitate arrangements for the lecture series and certification of attendance, interested schools should send a list of participants to the Bureau of Higher Education, Attention: Dr. Corazon R. Escabanan. For further details on the festival, please contact the Festival Coordinator, Prof. Priscilla B. Jacanay at the CCE, telephone No. 57-39-61.

7. The immediate dissemination of the contents of this Memorandum to all concerned is enjoined.

(SGD.) CONFERE D. CORPUZ
Minister of Education and Culture

Incls.:
as stated

Reference:
None

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

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(Inclosure No. 1 to MEC Memorandum No. 209, s. 1979)

LIST OF AWARD-WINNING ENTRIES IN THE
1979 CCP LITERARY CONTEST

I. Biography

- A. English - Honorable Mention - ₱3,000
Lydia Tugle, Edades: Kites and Visions
- B. Filipino - Honorable Mention - ₱3,000
Lamberto Ma. Gabriel
Padre Gregorio L. Crisostomo, Mirang Filipino

II. Criticism

- A. English - Full Prize - ₱10,000
Lucila Rosillos, Criminality as Vengeance:
The Filipino Cultural Achievement in Literature
- B. Filipino - Full Prize - ₱10,000
Virgilio S. Almario, Ang Modernismo sa Panulaang
Tagalog, 1900-1978

III. Novel

- A. English - Prize split between two at ₱3,000 each:
F. Sionil Jose, Tree
Edith L. Tiempo, His Native Coast
- B. Filipino - Full Prize - ₱10,000
Dominador B. Mirasol, Ginto and Kayumangging Lupa

IV. Three-Act Play (in Filipino only) - Full Prize - ₱10,000
Jose M. Buhain, Salubong

V. Epic Narrative (in Filipino only) - Full Prize - ₱10,000
Gloria Villaraza Guzman, Mandog ng Kulayaan

VI. Special Adaptation Play (in Filipino only)
(Not yet in)

Chairman, Literary Awards Committee, Prof. A.S. Rufan

Board of Judges:

I. Biography

- A. English Category - Adrian E. Cristobal, Chairman
B. Filipino Category - Hilario S. Francia, Chairman

II. Criticism

- A. English Category - Francisco Arcellana, Chairman
- B. Pilipino Category - Silvino V. Epistola, Chairman

III. Novel

- A. English Category - Nick Joaquin, Chairman
- B. Pilipino Category - Patricia H. Melendrez-Cruz, Chairman

IV. Three-Act Play (in Pilipino only) - Tony Espino, Chairman

V. Epic Narrative (in Pilipino only) - Domingo P. Landicho, Chairman

VI. Special Adaptation Play - Lamberto V. Avallana, Chairman

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PROGRAMME

September 14 - Opening Day - Lobby of CCP Little Theater

9:00 A.M. - Registration of writers (fictionalists, poets, playwrights, essayists)

10:00 A.M. - Arrival of First Lady, Madame Imelda R. Marcos
Reception: Dr. Lucrecia P. Kasilag
Mrs. Betty Benitez
Chairman Adrian Cristobal
Ms. Carmen Guerrero Nakpil
National Artist Nick Joaquin

10:05 A.M. - Opening of Bulwagang Sentimpala

10:10 A.M. - Opening of Filipiniana Book Exhibit and Sale
Blessing of Exhibit - Fr. Bernardo Perez

10:30 A.M. - 1979 CCP Literary Awards Ceremony
Welcome Talk - Dr. Lucrecia P. Kasilag
Opening remarks on competition - Prof. A.G. Rufana
Two-minute summation of six categories of the literary contest by the Chairman of the Board of Judges
Awarding of Prizes by the First Lady, Madame Imelda R. Marcos assisted by Chairman Adrian Cristobal and Dr. Lucrecia R. Kasilag

11:30 A.M. - Address - First Lady, Madame Imelda R. Marcos

11:45 A.M. - Sneak Preview of Jose Y. Buhain's three-act play, "Salubong," prize-winning play of the 1979 CCP Literary Contest, directed by Tony Fapejo

12:00 Noon - CCP Luncheon - Silangan Restaurant

LECTURE-SERIES

2:00 P.M. - Opening Remarks - A.G. Rufana, Moderator
National Artist Nick Joaquin - Contemporary Philippine Literature

2:30 P.M. - Dramatic Reading - A stage adaptation of Nick Joaquin's "Difficulties of a Diplomat" performed by Lamberto Avallana, Daisy H. Avallana and Nick Agudo

3:00 P.M. - Honorable Adrian Cristobal, Executive Director, Presidential Center for Special Studies - "The Filipino Experience as Reflected in Literature"

September 15

- 9:00 A.M. - Introduction of Speakers - Mr. Arnold Azurin, Moderator
Mr. Rolando Tinio - "Contemporary Philippine Dramaturgy"
- 10:00 A.M. - Poetry Reading (c/o Bert Florentino)
- 10:30 A.M. - Prof. Francisco Arcellana, Director, Creative Writing
Institute, U.P., "Contemporary Fiction"
Lectures to be attended by university and college stu-
dents in literature, Filipino and humanities as per
arrangement.
- 12:00 Noon - Noon Break
- 2:00 P.M. - Introduction of Speakers - Prof. Francisco Arcellana,
Moderator
Prof. Asiri J. Abubakar - "The Oral and Written Tradi-
tion of Muslim Literature"
- 3:00 P.M. - Mr. Juan Hidalgo, Jr. - "Contemporary Ilokano Literature"
- 3:30 P.M. - Poetry Reading - Ilokano poems - Mr. Arnold Azurin
- 4:00 P.M. - Book Launching of 1978 books
1. Virgilio Almaraz - "Anak Pavis" M
2. Francisco Sionil Jose - "My Brother, My Executioner"
3. Jose Ayala - book of poems and anthology
4. Federico Licsi Espino
Guests of Honor: Ms. Carmen Guerrero Nakpil
Prof. Noreen Gamboa Fernandez
Marienda: Mrs. Betty B. Benitez (Host)
- 7:00 P.M. - Host: Director Gregorio Gendaña
National Media Production Center
Philippine Plaza

September 16

- 9:00 A.M. - Introduction of Speakers - Prof. Arsenio Manuel, Moderator
Prof. Edgar Saragan - "Contemporary Filipino Drama"
- 10:00 A.M. - Dramatic Reading (c/o Bert Florentino)
- 10:30 A.M. - Prof. Lucila Rosillos - "Hiligaynon Literature"
- 12:00 Noon - Noon Break

- 2:00 P.M. - Introduction of Speakers - Prof. Edgar Maranan
Prof. E. Arsenio Manuel - Philippine Ethno-Epics
Poetry Reading - Muslim Poetry - Prof. Asiri J. Abubakar
- 4:00 P.M. - Closing Remarks - Dr. Lucrecia R. Kasilag
President, CCP
- 7:00 P.M. - Testimonial dinner for writers to be hosted by
His Excellency, Ferdinand F. Marcos
President of the Philippines

