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MEC MEMORANDUM  
No. 228, s. 1979

1979-1980 REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

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

1. Starting this school year, the regional secondary schools press conferences, preparatory to the National Secondary Schools Press Conference which will be held sometime in February 1980, will be conducted and managed by every region.
2. The theme of the conferences will be "The School Paper as an Instrument of Development."
3. These regional conferences, which may be held for three to five days depending upon local needs and resources, may consist of lecture-discussions, workshop sessions on the various aspects of newspaper work, and individual writing contests or the following:
  - a. News Writing in English and in Filipino
  - b. Feature Writing in English and in Filipino
  - c. Editorial Writing in English and in Filipino
  - d. Copyreading and Headline Writing in English and in Filipino
  - e. Sports Reporting in English
4. Participation in the individual writing contests should be limited strictly to students enrolled in the four-year secondary course.
5. The writers of the first ten (10) best entries in each contest shall be adjudged winners in the regional conference; however, only the first three (3) winners in each contest are qualified to participate in the same contest on the national level.







6. Under the direction of the regional director, the schools superintendent of the host division may issue rules and regulations relative to the conduct of the regional conference which may not be live-in so as not to disrupt the classes in the host division.

7. Prizes for the winners should be as inexpensive as possible, like certificates, pennants, etc.

8. Enclosed are sample programs of activities of the regional conference.

9. The names of the first three (3) winners in each individual writing contest, both in English and in Pilipino, shall be sent directly and immediately after the regional conference to the:

Ministry of Education and Culture  
Arroceros, Manila  
Attn.: Acting Chief  
Information and Publication Service

10. Consultant services will be available from the Information and Publication Service for guiding the host division in the preparation and in the conduct of the conference.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all those concerned, in both the public and private secondary schools, is desired.

(Sgd.) OMAR F. CORPUS

Minister of Education and Culture

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

MEC Memorandum No. 270, s. 1978

Allotment: 1-2-8-0--(O.O. 1-76)

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

CONFERENCES

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(Enclosure to NEC Memorandum No. 228, s. 1979)

SUGGESTED THREE-DAY PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE REGIONAL  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

First Day

Morning Session

7:00- 9:00 - Registration of Delegates and Teacher-Advisers

9:00-10:00\* - Opening Ceremonies

10:00-12:00 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on News Writing

Afternoon Session

1:30- 2:30 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Feature Writing

2:30- 3:30 - Contests in News Writing

English } Simultaneous  
Filipino } Simultaneous

3:30- 3:45 - Snacks

3:45- 4:45 - Contests in Feature Writing

English } Simultaneous  
Filipino } Simultaneous

4:30- 4:45 - Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-  
Contestants

Second Day

Morning Session

7:45- 8:45 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Editorial  
Writing

8:45- 9:45 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Copyreading  
and Headline Writing

9:45-10:00 - Snacks

10:00-11:00 - Contests on Editorial Writing

English } Simultaneous  
Filipino } Simultaneous

11:00-12:00 - Contests in Copyreading and Headline Writing

English } Simultaneous  
Filipino } Simultaneous

10:00-12:00 - Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-  
Contestants

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\* Snacks may be served before the Opening Ceremonies.







Afternoon Session:

1:30- 2:30 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Sports Reporting  
2:30- 2:45 - Snacks  
2:45- 3:05 - Game  
3:05- 4:45 - Contest in Sports Reporting (English)  
2:45- 5:45 - Cont. Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and  
Non-Contestants

Third Day

Morning Session

7:45- 9:45 - Organizational Meetings

- A. Teacher-Advisers Group
- B. Students Group

9:45-10:00 - Snacks  
10:00-12:00 - Free Time (For sightseeing, shopping, etc.)

Afternoon Session:

12:00- 1:00 - Closing Ceremonies

- Announcement of Winners
- Awarding of Prizes

Note: The contests will end on the third day to give ample time  
to the judges to select the winners.







SUGGESTED FIVE-DAY PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE REGIONAL,  
SECONDARY RQHDOSS PRESS CONFERENCE

First Day

Morning Session

7:00- 9:00 - Registration of Delegates and Teacher-Advisers  
9:00-11:00 - Opening Ceremonies

Briefing on Conference Procedures

11:00-12:00 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on News Writing

Afternoon Session

1:30- 2:30 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Feature Writing\*

2:30- 3:00 - Contests in News Writing

English      ) Simultaneous  
Filipino    )

3:30- 3:45 - Snacks

3:45- 4:45 - Contests in Feature Writing

English      ) Simultaneous  
Filipino    )

2:30- 4:45 - Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Contestants

Second Day

Morning Session

8:00- 9:00 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Editorial Writing\*

9:00- 9:15 - Snacks

9:15-10:15 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Copyreading and Headline Writing

10:15-11:15 - Contests in Editorial Writing

English      ) Simultaneous  
Filipino    )

- Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Contestants

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\* Except for the language, there is actually no difference between news feature and editorial writing in English and in Filipino, but the students writing it Filipino may need the pointers and examples given in Filipino.







Afternoon Session

1:30- 2:30 - Contests in Copyediting and Headline Writing

English      ) Simultaneous  
Filipino     )  
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- Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Courtestants

2:30- 3:45 - Snacks

2:45- 3:45 - Development Communication/Journalism

3:45- 4:45 - MEC Regulations and Policies on School Publications

Third Day

Morning Session

8:00- 9:00 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Sports Reporting

ing

9:00- 9:15 - Snack

9:15-10:15 - Gears

10:15-11:15 - Contest in Sports Reporting (English)

- Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Courtestants

Afternoon Session

1:30- 4:30 - Organizational Meetings

A. Teacher-Advisers Group

B. Students Group

Fourth Day

9:00 am-1:00 pm - Educational Trip

2:00- 3:00 pm - Free Time (Shopping for Souvenirs, etc.)

3:00- 5:00 pm - Cultural Program

Fifth Day

Morning Session

9:00-12:00 noon - Closing Ceremonies

Announcement of Winners

Awarding of Prizes





