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CENTERS FOR FACULTY TRAINING IN PILIPINO AS A MEDIUM
OF INSTRUCTION ON THE TERTIARY LEVEL

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

1. In support of the Bilingual Education Policy and in implementation of the provisions of MEC Order No. 22, s. 1978 (Pilipino as Curricular Requirement in the Tertiary Level) which requires the use of Pilipino as a medium of instruction in specified collegiate subjects effective in the 1979-1980 school year in Tagalog areas and effective in the 1981-1982 school year in all schools, colleges, and universities throughout the country, the Language Study Center of the Philippine Normal College and the National Teachers College are hereby designated as national training and development centers for Pilipino in the tertiary level. These centers shall be known, respectively, as the Philippine Normal College Language Study Center Pilipino Proficiency Program (Programa sa Pilipino ng Sentro sa Pag-aaral ng Wika ng Dalubhasaang Normal ng Pilipinas) and the National Teachers College Training Center for Pilipino (Sentro sa Pagsasanay sa Pilipino ng Pambansang Dalubhasaan ng mga Guro).
2. The main objective of these centers is to promote and support the use of Pilipino as a medium of instruction on the tertiary level through such activities as training programs for instructors of courses prescribed to be taught in Pilipino as a medium of instruction, research programs, development of training materials, and development of prototype training programs that can be adopted at similar training centers at regional level.
3. The Philippine Normal College Language Study Center Pilipino Proficiency Program and the National Teachers College Training Center for Pilipino are training centers for the development of communication skills in Pilipino for faculty members of college-level courses in the social sciences.
4. Faculty members in tertiary level institutions teaching the subjects to be taught in Pilipino are eligible to enroll in this program. Participants will be assumed to have a basic mastery and a continuing

interest in their fields of interests or specializations; it will not be the purpose of the centers' program to upgrade these content skills and interest, but rather develop the participants' ability to express such content in Pilipino. Participants will also be assumed to have at least a minimal conversational proficiency in Pilipino.

5. By the end of the 48-54-hour Pilipino Proficiency Program the participants are expected to be able to:

- a. translate a passage from English to Pilipino, the topic to be chosen by the participant on the basis of usefulness to his actual work as a faculty member in a social science program;
- b. engage in informal discussions in Pilipino on a topic of general social interest; and
- c. read a 20-minute talk in Pilipino on the participants' own area of interest during simulated class lecture, such talk to have been prepared by the participant without translating from an English version but written directly in Pilipino.

6. At the Institute for Proficiency of the Language Study Center, Philippine Normal College, the 48-hour program contains the following components:

- a. Applied Linguistics 514 - Translation Techniques (36 hours) credited as two units in relevant M.A. program if other requirements for admission are met.
- b. Discussion meetings and workshops to develop oral proficiency in Pilipino.
- c. Three 48-hour sessions will be offered during the year. Schedule of the 48-hour sessions are as follows:

Session 1: January-March: 12 Saturdays, 4 hours per day

Summer Session a - April: 12 consecutive class days

Summer Session b - May: 4 hours per day in each session

This is the regular schedule to be offered every year. A participant may join any of these sessions.

7. At the National Teachers College Training Center for Pilipino, regular classes will be held based on the following guidelines:

- a. Requirements prescribed for admission in the graduate division for regular students should be complied with.
- b. Class sessions will cover three (3) hours per subject during Saturdays on regular semesters, cover-

ing 17 or 18 weeks a semester as per schedule to be prescribed by the institution.

- c. Units earned in these regular classes can be credited in an appropriate graduate degree course for the Master of Arts in Education providing that units earned will be credited for specialization course for a major on Pilipino or as cognates.
- d. The tuition and other fees for these regular classes are similar to those charged in corresponding graduate courses in the National Teachers College.

8. The Philippine Normal College and the National Teachers College have a core staff of faculty members in Pilipino with accumulated experience and training in translation, lexicography, linguistics, Pilipino language and literature, and teaching materials development. Additionally, the centers can engage the services of faculty from the Social Sciences Department and other units of the colleges whose expertise is in the content areas of social science course as well as acquired experience in teaching their respective courses with Pilipino as medium of instruction.

9. In support of the mentioned objectives, these centers shall enter into agreements with public and private institutions for purposes of faculty development, consortium programs, and other activities.

10. Similar classes can be offered in designated training centers in the country, if all the requirements as to qualified instructors/professors and educational facilities are adequately met and approved by the authorities concerned.

11. The Bureau of Higher Education with the cooperation of other agencies of this Ministry will give assistance towards the successful operation of these centers.

12. This Memorandum should be given proper dissemination for the information and guidance of all concerned.

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