

Republika ng Pilipinas
(Republic of the Philippines)
MINISTRI NG EDUKASYON AT KULTURA
(MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE)
Maynila

August 22, 1980

MEC M E M O R A N D U M
No. 175, s. 1980

1980-1981 REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCES

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

1. The regional secondary schools press conferences, preparatory to the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC), scheduled in February 1981, shall be conducted and managed by every region.
2. The theme of the conferences will be "The School Paper and Its Supportive Role in Educational Development for the 1980s."
3. The regional conference, which may be held for three or 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 on the following:
 - a. News Writing in English and in Pilipino
 - b. Feature Writing in English and in Pilipino
 - c. Editorial Writing in English and in Pilipino
 - d. Copyreading and Headline Writing in English and in Pilipino
 - e. Sports Reporting in English
4. 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.

5. The writers of the best ten (10) entries in each of the contests shall be declared regional winners and, together with their teacher-advisers, authorized to attend the NSSPC. These winners shall participate on the national level in the same contests where they won on the regional level.

6. A maximum registration fee of ₱20.00 may be charged each delegate and adviser to defray the expenses for the conduct of the conference. It is understood that all expenses incident to the attendance in the conference will come from local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing regulations. The private schools may have their own arrangements regarding the expenses of their delegates.

7. The participation of as many public and private secondary schools as possible should be encouraged. Schools, particularly barangay high schools, that plan to put up a school paper may send delegates to the conference.

8. Inclosed are the rules of the contests and sample programs of activities of the regional conference.

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

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

Incls.:

As stated

Reference:

MEC Memorandum: No. 228, s. 1979

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

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

CONFERENCES	SCHOOLS
CONTESTS	SCHOOL PAPER
OFFICIALS	STUDENTS
PRIZES or AWARDS	TEACHERS
PUBLICATIONS	

(Inclosure No. 1 to MEC Memorandum No. 175, s. 1980)

RULES ON INDIVIDUAL WRITING CONTESTS

1. Participation in the individual writing contests shall be limited to students enrolled in the four-year secondary course, both public and private.

2. A student may participate in not more than three contests.

3. A school is allowed to enter only one participant in each contest.

4. The names of the ten winners in each contest, both in English and in Pilipino, shall be sent directly and immediately to the: Ministry of Education and Culture, Arroceros, Manila, Attn.: The Chief, Information and Publication Service.

5. Failure to comply with these rules may prejudice the region's participants to the NSSPC.

(Inclosure No. 2 to MEC Memorandum No. 175, s. 1980)

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

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)
Pilipino) Simultaneous

- 3:30- 3:45 - Snacks
- 3:45- 4:45 - Contests in Feature Writing

English)
Pilipino) 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)
Pilipino) Simultaneous

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

English)
Pilipino) Simultaneous

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

*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- 3:45 - Game
- 3:45- 4:45 - Contest in Sports Reporting (English)
- 2:45- 4:45 - 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

- 2:00-4:00 - Closing Ceremonies:

- Announcement of Winners
- Awarding of Prizes

Note: The contests are over 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 SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCES

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- 3:30 - Contests in News Writing

English)
Pilipino) Simultaneous

- 3:30- 3:45 - Snacks
- 3:45- 4:45 - Contests in Feature Writing

English)
Pilipino) Simultaneous

- 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)
Pilipino) Simultaneous

- Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Contestants

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

Afternoon Session

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

English) Simultaneous
Filipino)

- Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Contestants

2:30- 2:45 - 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

9:00- 9:15 - Snacks

9:15-10:15 - Game

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

- Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers and Non-Contestants

Afternoon Session

1:30- 4:30 - Organizational Meetings

A. Teacher-Advisers Group

B. Students Group

Fourth Day

8:00-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

#