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THE YOUTH SPEAKS PROJECT

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

1. In conjunction with the Asia-Pacific (ASPAC) Jaycee Conference, the Manila Jaycees, Inc., in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Culture, will hold a National Oratorical Contest in Manila on May 26, 1981. The contest, which will form part of the conference activities/schedule, will be participated in by representatives from the ASPAC countries.

2. This Office is officially endorsing this Project in line with the policy of the government on leadership development of the nation's youth as well as giving them the opportunity and the forum to speak out and be heard on various topics of general interest. All schools, colleges, and universities are therefore enjoined to participate in the contest.

3. Provincial/city and regional elimination contests will be conducted by the Jaycees and the Ministry of Education and Culture. The national contest will be held in Manila on May 26, to select the Philippine champion. Competitors will speak on the general topic "Asia in the Year 2000," with subjects of international significance such as energy conservation, the Year of the Disabled, reforestation, food production, etc. Representatives of the Manila Jaycees, Inc. and other Philippine chapters will coordinate the contests in the provinces and cities.

4. Each ASPAC member-country will be represented by a national, 15-20 years of age as of May 31, 1981. Participants must be fluent in spoken English as this will be the

medium of expression. Competitions will be in two (2) categories, the prepared topic delivery and the extemporaneous speaking portion. Each contestant will participate in both categories. In the prepared text delivery, each contestant will speak for no more than ten (10) minutes while in the extemporaneous speaking portion, each participant will speak for no more than five (5) minutes.

5. For further particulars of the Project, please contact Mr. Jose Ma. J. Fernandez, President, Manila Jaycees, Inc., Corner Arquiza and Grey Streets, Ermita, Manila, Tel. Nos. 58-86-30; 58-86-52; and 40-10-21, Local 466.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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

Reference:

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

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