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MEMORANDUM
No. 47, s. 1981

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL WATCHERS

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

1. The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs, Inc. is holding the First National Convention of Environmental Watchers on April 20-25, 1981 at the Leyte National High School, Tacloban City on the theme "Energy and Environment - Science Clubs and the Community." The Society is the national confederation of all science clubs in the country.

2. The convention aims to enable the participants to gain insights for a more effective Philippine environmental management. Specifically, it aims to:

- a. gain information and knowledge on the roles of the different environmental agencies in the Philippines;
- b. identify roles of science clubs as delivery media in the Environmental Watching Program;
- c. develop in the science club members/ environmental watchers a sense of responsibility and commitment regarding urgent environmental protection and conservation; and
- d. develop the leadership and research skills of the science clubbers as environmental watchers.

3. Inclosed is a copy of the General Guidelines for the conference.

4. Regional secondary Science and Math supervisors, one from each region, and science club advisers, two from each region, are authorized to attend this convention. Their travel expenses shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

5. It is requested that this Memorandum be immediately disseminated to all concerned.

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

Incl.: As stated

Reference:
None

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

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CONVENTION
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(Inclosure to MEC Memorandum No. 47, s. 1981)

PHILIPPINE SOCIETY OF YOUTH SCIENCE CLUBS, INC.
c/o Science Foundation of the Philippines
PTRI Bldg., Bicutan, Taguig, Metro Manila

ACTIVITY: FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL
WATCHERS

VENUE : Leyte National High School, Tacloban City

DATE : 20-25 April 1981

THEME : "ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT - SCIENCE CLUBS
AND THE COMMUNITY"

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. BACKGROUND

Environmental Watching has been conceived as a tool both for promoting science consciousness and for skill development in scientific research and community leadership. Members of the science clubs, if given the adequate training and guidance will develop personal commitments and positive attitudes toward formulating and implementing programs in the Philippines.

Cognizant of this principle, the youth particularly the science club members numbering around two hundred thousand (200,000) throughout the country conceived of this project, with the objectives of working out one of the country's national thrusts - that of environmental management and conservation.

This project on environmental watching designed for a five-year period had its inception during the 7th National Youth Science Camp in Nasugbu, Batangas in November 1977. In this activity, science club members, led by the PSYSC officers had live-in sub-camps in different barangays. The purpose was to have a first-hand information and observation experience on the prevailing conditions there. As an outgrowth of their tasks to the different barangays, they realized the need for a truly serious involvement in the Environmental Watching Program.

B. SIGNIFICANCE

The first of the series of environmental watching symposia-workshops on a tri-regional level was conducted by the PSYSC Executive

Council Officers on 1-2 February 1979 at the Philippine Science High School, Quezón City. Subsequent symposia-workshops were laid out and implemented in the different regions.

These symposia-workshops conducted involved the science club members as environmental watchers in environmental management program - one of the current thrusts of the government. They also develop among the participants an awareness of and concern for the social and economic development of their communities through recognition of environmental problems and commitments to formulating solutions to such problems. These activities likewise sought to determine the participation and involvement of the participants in carrying out their roles as environmental watchers utilizing the maximum available natural resources.

As a culminating activity to these symposia-workshops, a National Workshop on Environmental Watching was conducted in Batac, Ilocos Norte from 26-30 September 1979. It involved the outstanding participants in the regional levels based on the research projects/proposals they submitted as outputs. The participants were able to formulate a workable country-wide Action Program, designed for a five-year period. Hence, the need for a National Convention of Environmental Watchers.

C. QUALIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATION:

1. PSYSC Sponsored:

1.a. Science Club Member:

- 1.a.1. One (1) incoming PSYSC Regional Chairman
- 1.a.2. One (1) outgoing PSYSC Regional Chairman (chargeable to PSYSC Regional funds)
- 1.a.3. One (1) Bb. Agham regional winner (chargeable to Bb. Agham proceeds as stipulated in the guidelines)

1.a.4. One (1) outstanding science club president (chargeable to Bb. Agham proceeds as stipulated in the guidelines)

1.b. Science Club Adviser:

1.b.1. One (1) SCAAP Regional Chairman (chargeable to SCAAP regional funds)

2. Privately sponsored:

2.a. Science Club Member (five per region)

2.b. Science Club Adviser (two per region)

D. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION:

I. For All Participants:

- a. Application form
- b. Parental consent
- c. Medical certificate

II. For PSYSC Sponsored participants:

- a. Incoming PSYSC Regional Chairman
- b. Bb. Agham Regional Winner:
 - 1. Certification as winner attested by SPP-DSPO and MEC Regional Science and Math Supervisor
 - 2. Bb. Agham project completion report

* All participants should fill up Convention Application form together with parental consent, medical certificate and letter of recommendation from school head.

E. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. All participants (PSYSC sponsored and self-sponsored) should come in groups led by the PSYSC Regional Chairman and SCAAP Regional President.

2. All participants should be at the Leyte National High School, Tacloban City, not later than the noon of 19 April 1981.
3. All PSYSC regional incoming chairperson from Luzon Visayas should travel by boat/bus and take the most direct and economical route from their point of origin to the convention site. Reimbursement of traveling expenses will be made at the convention site upon submission of supporting papers (receipts/tickets)

VERY IMPORTANT:

All PSYSC Regional incoming chairperson should bring with them a filled-up Philippine Airlines Certificate for Student's Fare for their airfare discount to Davao City to attend the 11th National Youth Science Camp.

Such forms should include the following information:

ORIGIN : Tacloban City
Destination: Davao City
Date of Travel: April 26

Airfares with student discount could only be reimbursed in Davao City. If possible, secure a ticket with student discount for April 26 from Tacloban City to Cebu City then to Davao City. Reimbursements for Tacloban City - Davao City - Point of Origin travelling expenses will be reimbursed in Davao City. This will be SFP counterpart. Point of origin to Tacloban City fare can be reimbursed in Tacloban City with the following arrangements:

Luzon and Visayas participants - bus/boat

Mindanao participants - may take the plane with student discount

Plane fares from Luzon and Visayas regional incoming chairpersons to Tacloban City will not be reimbursed. Only corresponding boat fare shall be reimbursed.

4. Self-sponsored participants may take the plane if they wish to.

5. Leyte National High School is located at the heart of Tacloban City. It is only 20-minute ride from the Domestic Airport.

Specific travel guidelines will be mailed to Convention participants at least a week before.

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