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1982 POPULATION QUIZ SHOW

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
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. The Commission on Population (POPCOM), jointly with the Population Education Program Unit of the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC-PEP), is launching its 1982 Population Quiz Show from July to November. This show is a nationwide contest on population at the district, provincial/city, regional and national levels which is open to members of the graduating classes of any duly recognized general/vocational high school in the Philippines, both public and private.
2. The quiz show shall be managed and coordinated at the field level (barangay, municipality, district, provincial/city and regional) jointly by the POPCOM regional population office (RPO) and the MEC regional office. At the national level, the national championship of the population quiz show shall be managed and produced by the POPCOM-Central Office through its Information, Education and Communication Division, in cooperation with the MEC-PEP and the Population Center Foundation through its Population Information Division (PCF-PID).
3. The guidelines of the quiz show which include, among other things, its objectives, management, selection of contestants, time frame, and contest rules and mechanics are inclosed. Other details of the show will be discussed by MEC-PEP staff who will visit the MEC regional offices.

4. It is desired that the contents of this Memorandum be disseminated to all concerned for their information and guidance.

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Incl.:

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POPULATION QUIZ SHOW GUIDELINES

I. Concept

The Population Quiz Show is a nationwide contest which seeks to foster public consciousness of the importance of the national population program and inform the public of population issues and current events. Specifically, it aims:

1. to generate awareness of population and development issues among the youth, influential community members and the general public.
2. to promote a better understanding of the national population program.
3. to disseminate information on population and family planning current events, issues, new technology and developments.
4. to strengthen the Population Education Program (PEP) implemented by the Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC).
5. to eventually promote acceptance of the concept and practice of family planning.

II. Coordination Structure

For the purpose of implementing and coordinating the population quiz show, inasmuch as the contest is school-based, the organizational structure of the MEC (i.e., base municipalities/barangays, composition of districts, provinces/cities and regions) shall be followed. At every field level, however, from municipality/barangay, district to province/city, project activities shall be coordinated with the corresponding personnel or structure of the National Population and Family Planning Outreach Project. These field activities, in turn, shall be jointly managed and coordinated at regional level by the POPCOM - Regional Population Office (RPO) and the MEC - Regional Office (MECRO).

At national level, the national championship of the population quiz show shall be managed and produced by the POPCOM - Central Office through its IEC Division, in cooperation with the MEC - Central Office through its PEP Unit and the Population Center Foundation through its Population Information Division (PID).

Accordingly, the IEC Division and the PEP Unit, as they coordinate with PID at national level, shall concurrently coordinate with and monitor their respective regional offices.

Other agencies, public or private, especially participating agencies of the population program, or individuals whose talent, skill and expertise may be necessary in the conduct of the project, can be tapped as co-implementors of the population quiz show at all levels.

III. Selection of Contestants

A. Municipality/Barangay Level

One qualified contestant may be nominated by any duly recognized general/vocational high school in the Philippines, both public and private.

The contest is open only to members of the graduating class. Each contestant must be accompanied by a certification signed by the respective school principal or administrator attesting that he is a bonafide high school student and a member of the graduating class. Failure to submit such certification shall automatically disqualify the contestant. This requirement applies to contestants at all levels.

Employees of the Commission on Population, the National Population and Family Planning Outreach Project and the Population Center Foundation whether regular, temporary or contractual, and their relatives to the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified as contestants in the population quiz show.

B. District Level

This is the first round of the contest.

The contestants nominated from municipalities/barangays shall compete by district. Three winners shall be declared -- first, second, and third prize winners. However, only the first prize winner shall be named as the district contestant, and elevated to the province/city level.

C. Province/City Level

The district contestants shall compete by province or city. Again, three winners shall be declared. Only the first prize winner shall be named as provincial or city contestant, and elevated to the regional level.

D. Regional Level

The provincial and the city contestants shall compete in the regional population quiz show.

As with the previous levels of the contests, three winners shall be declared. The first prize winner shall be named as the regional contestant and shall represent the region in the national championship.

E. Runners-Up

In the event that the first prize winner in any of the above-mentioned levels, becomes incapable to participate in the next higher contest level, the runners-up shall take his place in sequential order of succession.

F. National Level

The regional contestants shall compete in the national championship of the population quiz show, to be held in Metro Manila within the National Population and Family Planning Week celebrated in November each year.

A national champion shall be proclaimed together with a first runner-up and a second runner-up.

IV. Time Frame

The population quiz show shall be conducted annually (per calendar year) as a continuing project, subject to availability of funds.

Groundwork and coordination activities start in January until June. The nomination of contestants opens in July. Henceforth, the population quiz show shall proceed to its various contest levels until the regional contestant is selected not later than October 31.

The contest culminates in the national championship set in November, where the regional contestants from Regions I to XII and the National Capital Region (NCR) shall compete.

V. Formulation of Questions

The subject areas to be used as basis for formulating questions for the population quiz show are:

A. The Philippine Population Program, to include:

1. The Commission on Population
2. The Partner Agencies
3. The National Population and Family Planning Outreach Project
4. History of Family Planning
5. The Different Family Planning Methods

B. The Population Education Program, to include:

1. Population Dynamics and Demography
2. Human Sexuality

C. Population and Family Planning Current Issues and Events, New Technology and Developments.

The RPO shall formulate and validate the set of questions-and-answers for the district, provincial or city, and regional levels. It may, however, opt to formulate the questions-and-answers in cooperation with, or with technical assistance from, population partner agencies including the Outreach Project, except the MEC.

To further maintain the integrity of the contest, the MEC excludes itself from any participation in the formulation and validation of the set of questions-and-answers at all levels of the contest.

The IEC Division shall formulate and validate the set of questions-and-answers for the national championship.

VI. Contest Rules

1. English shall be the official language for the set of questions-and-answers in the quiz.
2. Coaching in any form is strictly prohibited during the actual quiz proceedings.
3. Coaches and chaperones must keep away from their contestants during the actual quiz proceedings.
4. Contestants shall be provided with pen and answer forms on which to write down their answers.

5. Each question will be read twice by the quizmaster. Count-down of time during which questions should be answered, shall start after a question has been read twice.
6. Contestants will be given a maximum of ten (10) seconds to answer a question. However, questions which require only "true" or "false" and "yes" or "no" answers shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) seconds only.

Each correct complete answer in the quiz proper shall be given one (1) point. However, tie-breaker questions shall have individual value points (e.g., tie-breaker no. 1 gives 2 points; tie-breaker no. 2 gives 3 points, etcetera).

No points shall be given to partially correct answers.

No acronyms or abbreviations except those specifically asked for will be allowed. Only full names or titles will be allowed unless otherwise indicated in the question.

VII. Contest Mechanics

1. A Board of Consultants shall be organized well ahead of the actual quiz proceedings. It shall be composed of a maximum of five (5) consultants including the Chairman. The consultants shall be from public or private agencies involved in the population program. They shall render decisions related to the quiz proceedings.

Decisions of the Board of Consultants are final.

2. The quiz master will ask a minimum of twelve (12) questions.
3. Questions shall be specifically framed and, as much as possible, be categorical so as to require one (1) specific and categorical answer.
4. Should a contestant wish to change his answer to any particular question, this answer should be crossed out and the new answer written below it. A contestant is allowed to change his answer only within the allotted time to answer the particular question.
5. Three (3) winners shall be proclaimed; first, second, and third. Cumulative scoring shall be followed. The contestant who gets the highest total score points will be declared first prize winner; the one who gets the second highest total score points will be declared second prize winner, and so on for the third prize winner. At national level, these three winners shall be proclaimed respectively as national champion, first runner-up, and second runner-up.

6. All ties for the first, second, and third prize should be broken by a set of tie-breaker questions.

The tie-breaker set shall be composed of a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of six (6) questions with value points corresponding to the degree of difficulty of the question.

Thus:

Tie-breaker No. 1	=	3	points
" " 2	=	4	"
" " 3	=	3	"
" " 4	=	4	"
" " 5	=	3	"

The contestant who gets the highest cumulative score shall be adjudged the winner. However, if the tie remains unbroken, tie-breaker question no. 6 shall be asked. The answer shall be an enumeration type, with one (1) point given for each correct item. The contestant who gets the highest score shall be declared the winner.

If the tie still remains unbroken, the Board of Consultants shall decide whether to continue the quiz until the tie is broken, or to declare two or more winners as the case may be. This, however, applies only to the district, provincial, city and national levels. Ties for the first prize at the regional level must be broken, in order that there will be only one (1) regional contestant to represent the particular region in the national championship.

7. If two contestants tie for the highest score, the first and second prize winners shall be declared from the two of them. If three or more contestants tie for the highest score, the first, second, and third prize winners shall be declared from among them.

This procedure shall apply accordingly to ties in the second or third highest scores.

8. The following procedure shall be followed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:

- a) The protest or inquiry shall be addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Consultants.
- b) Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry. For this purpose, a list of the regional contestants and their respective official coaches shall be submitted to the Board of Consultants immediately before the contest.

VIII. Contest Prizes

Prizes, awards and recognition for the various contest levels are:

Municipal/Barangay Level

Each nominee to the population quiz show shall receive a certificate of recognition.
Each participating school shall be given a letter of acknowledgement.

District Level

The first, second, and third prize winners shall each receive a corresponding medal and award certificate.

Provincial and City Level

First Prize	-	P200	and	Plaque
Second Prize	-	P150	and	Plaque
Third Prize	-	P100	and	Plaque

Regional Level

First Prize	-	P500	and	Trophy
Second Prize	-	P300	and	Trophy
Third Prize	-	P200	and	Trophy

National Level

First Prize	-	P5,000	and	Medal
Second Prize	-	P3,000	and	Medal
Third Prize	-	P2,000	and	Medal

Other contestants at the national level shall each be awarded P300 and a plaque of recognition.

Plaques of recognition shall be given to the schools, the MECROs, and the RPOs represented by the first, second, and third prize winners.

Official members of the regional delegations shall be given certificates of recognition.

IX. Regional Delegations

The official members of the regional delegation to the national championship shall be the following:

1. The regional contestant.
2. The official coach of the regional contestant.
In this regard, the original coach of the regional contestant (i.e., the one who coached the contestant starting from the district level of the contest) shall be given first priority to be the official coach in the national championship.
3. The regional PEP Coordinator, who shall act as the official chaperone.
4. The Supervising Information Officer of the RPO, or other duly designated RPO staff member, who shall act as the official regional delegation Head.

Transportation expenses from residence to Metro Manila and back, full board and lodging shall be provided the regional contestant, the official coach and the official chaperone. Transportation expenses of the regional delegation head (POPCOM) shall be provided by the RPO; full board and lodging shall, however, be provided in Metro Manila.

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