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1982-1983 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 Superintendents/Administrators

1. The regional secondary schools press conferences, preparatory to the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC), shall be conducted and managed by every region.
2. The theme of this year's conferences will be "The Involvement of the Student Press in the Combat Against Drug Abuse."
3. The regional conferences, which may be held for three or five days depending upon local needs and resources, may consist of lecture discussions and 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 National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC). The regional winners shall participate on the national level in the same

contests where they won on the regional level. Immediately after the conference, the regional office should submit the names of the regional winners, specifying the contest where they won, and the names of their schools and divisions, to this Office, Attention: Chief, Information Division. Failure to comply with this requirement shall disqualify the contestants of the region in the NSSPC contests.

6. A maximum registration fee of P25 may be charged each delegate and adviser to defray the expenses for the conduct of the conference. It is understood that all the expenses incident to the attendance at the conferences will come from local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules. 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

Incls.:

As stated

Reference:

MEC Memorandum: No. 132, s. 1981

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

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

CONFERENCE  
CONTEST  
OFFICIALS  
PUBLICATIONS

SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL PAPER  
STUDENTS  
TEACHERS

(Inclosure No. 1 to MEC Memorandum No. 193, s.1982)

RULES ON INDIVIDUAL WRITING CONTESTS

1. Participation in the individual writing contests shall be limited to students enrolled in the four-year secondary course.
2. A student may participate in not more than three contests.
3. A school is allowed to enter only one participant in each contest.

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(Inclosure No. 2 to MEC Memorandum No.193,s. 1982)

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

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\*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 )  
Pilipino ) Simultaneous

- 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 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Educational Trip

2:00-3:00 p.m. - Free Time (Shopping for Souvenirs, etc.)

3:00-5:00 p.m. - Cultural Program

Fifth Day

Morning Session

9:00-12:00 Noon - Closing Ceremonies

- Announcement of Winners

- Awarding of Prizes

(Inclosure No. 3 to MEC Memorandum No. 193,s.1982)

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

- 2:30-4:45 - 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

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\* Snacks may be served before the Opening Ceremonies.

Afternoon Session

- 1:30-2:30 - Resource Talk and Open Forum on Sports Writing
- 2:30-2:45 - Snacks
- 2:45-3:45 - Game
- 3:45-4:45 - Contest in Sports Reporting (English)
- 2:45-4:45 - Con't. 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

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