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MEMO MEMORANDUM
No. 178, s. 1983

1983-1984 REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCES

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

1. The Regional Secondary Schools Press Conferences, preparatory to the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC) scheduled for February 1984, will be managed and conducted by every region not later than December 1, 1983.
2. The theme of the conference will be "The School Paper and the Ideology for Filipinos."
3. These regional conferences which may be held for three to 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, in English and in Filipino, on the following areas: news writing, feature writing, editorial writing, copyreading and headline writing and sports reporting.
4. Added features in the group contests of the NSSPC are the selection of the ten (10) best science-oriented school newspapers and the ten (10) best sports page in Filipino.
5. Under the direction of the regional director, the schools superintendent of the most 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 classes in the host division.

6. The writers of the best ten (10) entries in each contest shall be declared regional winners. These winners are authorized to attend the NSSPC. The regional winners shall participate on the national level in the same contests where they won on the regional level.
7. The administration officials of the regional press conferences may decide on the amount of registration fee that 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.
8. Inclosed are the rules of the contests and sample programs of activities of the regional conferences.
9. Immediately after the conference, the regional coordinator should submit the names of the regional winners together with the names of their schools and divisions to this Office, Attention: Chief, Information Division, IPS. Failure to comply with this may prejudice the region's participation in the NSSPC.
10. This year, only one teacher-adviser from the school of the regional winners shall be allowed to attend the NSSPC and only one supervisor/coordinator may represent each region. Because of a Ministry policy to minimize expenses as much as possible, no observer shall be allowed on the national level this year.
11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

(SGD.) ONOFRE B. CUEPUEZ
Minister

Incls.:

As stated

Reference:

MECS Memorandum: No. 193, s. 1982

Allotment: 1-2-3-4—(D.O. 1-75)

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

CONFERENCE	OFFICIALS	SCHOOLS	STUDENTS
CONTEST	PUBLICATIONS	SCHOOL PAPER	TEACHERS

(Inclosure No. 1 to MECS Memorandum No. 176, s. 1983)

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 newspaper is allowed to enter only one participant in each contest.
4. The names of the ten (10) winners in each contest, both in English and in Filipino, shall be sent directly and immediately to the: Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports, Arroyo, Manila, Attention: The Chief, Information Division, Information and Publication Service.
5. Failure to comply strictly with these rules shall disqualify the participants in the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC) Contests.

(Inclosure No. 2 to MECS Memorandum No. 178, s. 1983)

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 } Simultaneous
 - Filipino }
- 3:30 - 3:45 - Snacks
- 3:45 - 4:45 - Contests in Feature Writing
 - English } Simultaneous
 - Filipino }
- 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 } Simultaneous
 - Filipino }
- 11:00 - 12:00 - Contests in Copyreading and Headline Writing
 - English } Simultaneous
 - Filipino }
- 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 - Cases
- 3:45 - 4:45 - Contest in Sports Reporting (English and Filipino)
- 2:45 - 4:45 - Workshop Sessions for Teacher-Advisers

Third Day

Morning Session

- 7:00 - 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 contest should be over on the third day to give ample time for the judges to select the winners.

(Inclosure No. 3 to MECS Memorandum No. 176, s. 1983)

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 } Simultaneous
- Pilipino }
- 3:30 - 3:45 - Snacks
- 3:45 - 4:45 - Contests in Feature Writing
- English } Simultaneous
- Pilipino }
- 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 } Simultaneous
- Pilipino }
- 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 - NECS 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 - Games

10:15 - 11:15 - Contests in Sports Reporting (English and Filipino)

- 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

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