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MECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 244, s. 1983

1984 NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

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 National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC) for the school year 1983-84 will be held at the Lomery Pilot Elementary School, Lomery, Batangas on February 20-24, 1984.
2. The theme of this year's conference will be "The School Paper and the Ideology for Filipinos."
3. All the ten (10) winners in each of the contests held in the regional secondary schools press conferences, one school paper adviser from the school of regional winners, and only one supervisor/coordinator may represent the region at the NSSPC. Officers of the National Secondary Schools Student Editors and the Paper Advisers Associations are also authorized to attend. As mentioned in MECS Memorandum No. 178, s. 1983, the regional office should submit the names of the regional winners with the names of their schools and division to this Office immediately after the holding of the regional press conference. These winners shall participate in the same contests as those where they won on the regional level. No observers will be allowed.
4. Each student-delegate should bring a 1" x 1" picture of himself/herself to be attached to the NSSPC ID card to be given during the conference. The ID card should be worn by the delegates at all times and in all places during the conference.
5. Inclosed is the tentative list of activities and other information relative to the conference.
6. For purposes of the group contests, school papers are bracketed into two: A and B. The bracketing is based on the school population, the school paper's location and printing facilities available to it, and its performance in the last two national press conferences.







7. The principal of each school entering the group contests should send, by registered mail, sixteen (16) copies of one (1) issue of the paper published during the school year 1983-1984 to reach this office not later than January 3, 1984. However, high schools that publish separate English and Filipino papers may send only eight (8) copies of the English paper and eight (8) copies of the Filipino paper. Or the wrapper should be indicated the total enrollment of the school. The bundle should be addressed to:

The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports  
Attention:  
The Chief  
Information Division, IFS  
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports  
Armedros, Manila

8. Requests for accommodation should be sent direct to the Schools Division Superintendent of Balangas, not later than January 21, 1984. Such requests should include information on the list of delegates, approximate time and date of arrival of the delegation, and the means of transportation to be taken to Lemery, Batangas. Each delegation should arrange for its own transportation to the conference site and return.

9. Board and lodging at ₱40 a day, a registration fee of ₱45 and ₱5.00 transportation fee for the educational tour to a development project site will be charged each delegate. A membership fee of ₱10 for the National Secondary School Paper Advisers Association (NSSPAA) will be collected by the treasurer during the conference. Expenses incident to the attendance in the conference shall be charged against local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules. The private schools may have their own arrangements regarding the expenses of their delegates.

10. Each delegate/adviser should bring his own blanket, towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, plastic glass or cup, and other personal belongings. No teacher or student who is not in good health should be included in the delegation. Student delegates should have written permission of their parents/guardians before making the trip to the conference.

11. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned, in both public and private schools, is desired.

(SGD.) GREGORIO D. CORPUZ  
Minister

Incl.: As stated

Reference: MEC's Memorandum No. 260, s. 1982

Allotment: 1-2-3-4-5 (D.O. 1-76)

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

CONFERENCES	SCHOOLS
CONTESTS	SCHOOL PAPERS
NEWSPAPERS	SOCIETY or ASSOCIATIONS
OFFICIALS	STUDENTS
PUBLICATIONS	TEACHERS









(Inclosure to MECS Memorandum No. 244, s. 1983)

LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NATIONAL SECONDARY  
SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

Addresses by practising journalists and professors  
of journalism covering various aspects of newspaper work.

Contests - group and individual. (The group contests  
are open to every secondary school newspaper, printed in whole,  
whether or not it is represented by delegates at the conference.

GROUP CONTESTS (English and Filipino)

1. Best Layout or Makeup
2. Best Editorial of the Year
3. Best News Page
4. Best Features-Literary Page
5. Best Sports Page
6. Best Reporting on Development Communication
7. Best Science Reporting

INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS (English and Filipino)

1. News Writing
2. Editorial Writing
3. Feature Writing
4. Copyreading and Headline Writing
5. Sports Reporting

Workshop sessions for teacher-advisers and supervisors,  
and for student-delegates.

Educational tour to a few development projects and  
historic and scenic spot in the province.

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