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MECS M E M O R A N D U M  
No. 60 s. 1984

"SUMULAT NG AKLAT SA SARILING SIKAP" NATIONAL TEXTBOOK  
WRITING CONTEST

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. Pursuant to the inclosed President's Letter of Instruction No. 1336, extending the Sariling Sikap concept to the preparation of textbooks, the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports is launching "Sumulat ng Aklat sa Sariling Sikap (SASS)," a national textbook writing contest.
2. SASS shall be open to all teachers in the private and public elementary and secondary schools.
3. For 1984, a call is hereby issued for manuscripts for the different pupils textbooks required in the New Elementary School Curriculum for Grades 4, 5 and 6, as specified in MECS Order No. 6, s. 1982, and Minimum Learning Competencies issued by the Bureau of Elementary Education for each subject.
4. The Manuscripts shall be for the following subjects: Pilipino, English, Science and Health, Mathematics, Civics and Culture (History/ Geography/Civics), Arts and Physical Education, and Home Economics and Livelihood Education.
5. Manuscripts shall be submitted in duplicate preferably in type-written form. Handwritten copies may be accepted, but they should be legible. A teacher or group of teachers may submit more than one entry for each subject and grade level.
6. The Textbook Board shall evaluate the entries on the basis of the following criteria:
  - a. Coverage of curriculum requirements
  - b. Quality of writing
  - c. Suitability of material for target pupils
  - d. Substantive, accurate, up-to-date and interesting content







7. All manuscripts meeting a minimum standard set by the Textbook Board shall entitle their authors to a P2,000-SASS acceptance prize from the Textbook Project.

8. From among those accepted, one manuscript for each subject area and grade level shall be selected by the Textbook Board for each region and recommended to the Minister for the regional prize award of P3,000.

9. From among the Regional prize winners in each subject and grade level, the Textbook Board shall select and recommend to the Minister the National SASS Winners who shall be awarded the following prizes:

First Prize	-	P50,000
Second "	-	10,000
Third "	-	5,000

10. A P1,000-SASS Support prize shall be awarded to each of the Schools Superintendent, District Supervisor and School Principal or Head Teacher of the National SASS Winners.

11. Manuscripts should be submitted on or before the following dates:

Grade 4	-	May 31, 1984
Grade 5	-	October 31, 1984
Grade 6	-	December 31, 1984

Winners shall be announced by the Textbook Board within 60 days from the deadline for submission.

12. SASS entries and inquiries should be addressed as follows:

"Sumulat ng Aklat sa Sariling Sikap Contest"  
Office of the Minister  
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports  
Manila  
Attention: TEXTBOOK BOARD SECRETARIAT

13. This Memorandum shall be immediately disseminated to all public and private schools and given the widest publicity.

(SGD.) JAYME C. LAYA  
Minister

Incl.: As stated

Reference: None

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

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

BOARD or COUNCIL	LEGISLATION
CONTEST	OFFICIALS
Course of Study, ELEMENTARY	PRIZES or AWARDS
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(Inclosure to MECS Memorandum No. 60, s. 1984)

MALACANANG  
Manila

LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1386

EXTENDING THE SARILING SIKAP CONCEPT TO THE PREPARATION OF TEXTBOOKS

To: The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports  
The Chairman, Textbook Board

Whereas, it is the policy of government to assist in the professional development of schoolteachers;

Whereas, the improvement of textbooks and other instructional material is an ongoing activity of the Education Ministry, intended to keep course content pertinent to the needs of the times;

Whereas, the participation of schoolteachers in the textbook program will help improve the quality of textbooks, enhance professional development through book preparation oriented research and add to the income of teachers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law, do hereby Order and Instruct the initiation of the Sariling Sikap Textbook Program ("Sumulat ng Aklat sa Sariling Sikap"):

The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports shall adopt such measures as may be necessary to encourage and assist talented teachers in both public and private schools including teachers in state universities and colleges, in the preparation of manuscripts for consideration and possible use as textbooks in the schools system, along the following lines:

1. Calls for the preparation of textbooks for use in elementary and secondary schools shall be issued from time to time, encouraging the submission of manuscripts by talented schoolteachers;

2. Requirements regarding the form of the entries shall be kept to the minimum in order to encourage as many teachers as possible to submit manuscripts for evaluation at minimum cost to authors. To achieve this aim, manuscripts submitted by schoolteachers shall be evaluated on the basis of substantive content and not on the basis of physical appearance. They need not be submitted in printed or blueprint form but may be submitted in typescript or even longhand and only with descriptions of illustrative material. If necessary, the Textbook Board Secretariat shall retype the manuscripts in such standard format as may be decided upon by the Board for purposes of assuring comparability in the evaluation of manuscripts received;







3. The Textbook Board shall establish the necessary selection mechanism with the approval of the Minister and shall award prizes for the best manuscripts.

4. Prizes shall be awarded, as may be approved by the Minister on recommendation of the Textbook Board. These may include national and regional prizes for winners, acceptance awards for manuscripts meeting minimum standards and support awards to the Division Superintendent, the District Supervisor and the Principal of the school of a prizewinning schoolteacher.

5. Entries shall be the property of government, which shall reserve the right to print copies for the public school system of all or part of prizewinning manuscripts, both individually or in combination with each other in order to combine their best features. In cases where manuscripts are combined, the combined work shall be printed under joint authorship;

6. The Textbook Board Secretariat shall prepare the book design and illustrations for the winning manuscripts or for the composite book combining the best features of prizewinning manuscripts;

7. Copies for use in the public schools shall be printed by pre-qualified printers tendering the lowest bid for such work. The Textbook Board may authorize reputable private publishers or printers to print the approved textbooks for use in the private schools or for sale to individual buyers, in return for payment of a royalty which shall be shared between the government and the authors (in addition to the prizes authorized under in this Letter). This privilege shall be given to private companies making the most attractive bids;

8. Budgetary allocations authorized for the procurement of textbooks may be used for prizes given pursuant to this Letter;

9. The participation of private publishers and non-teachers in textbook contests shall continue to be allowed notwithstanding the initiation of the "Sumulat ng Aklat sa Sariling Sikap" program;

10. Rules and regulations for the implementation of this Letter shall be issued by the Minister of Education, Culture and Sports on recommendation of the Textbook Board.

Done, in the City of Manila, this 20th day of February, nineteen hundred and eighty four.

(SGD.) FERDINAND E. MARCOS  
President of the Philippines

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