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MECS MEMORANDUM
No. 116, s. 1984

1984 REGIONAL POPULATION QUIZ SHOW

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chiefs of Services and Heads of Units
School 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 Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports (MECS) through its Population Education Program Unit (PEP) is holding the 1984 Regional Population Quiz Show from July to November 1984. The quiz show is a series of nationwide contests on the national population program, population issues and current events. It is open to the members of the graduating class of duly recognized general/vocational high schools in the Philippines, both public and private.

2. Regional directors are enjoined to designate a regional POP quiz show coordinator, preferably the PEP Regional Population Education Executive Officer/coordinator, to take charge of the implementation of the 1984 POP Quiz Show in their respective regions.

3. The MECS regional offices shall coordinate with the Regional Population Offices (RPOs) in the implementation of the project within their respective regions. MECS-NCR shall coordinate with the POPCO-IEC Central in the conduct of the NCR Pop Quiz Show.

4. The guidelines for the 1984 POP Quiz Show, which include objectives, management, selection of contestants, time frame, and contest mechanics, among other things, are inclosed. It is suggested that the regional POP Quiz Show coordinators discuss these guidelines thoroughly with their respective POPCO regional supervising officers to ensure proper and smooth implementation of the quiz show. Staff members from the IECSC Central PEP will visit the regions to give further orientation on the conduct of said quiz show, particularly on the financial provisions.

5. It is desired that this Memorandum be given wide publicity to ensure the nomination of contestants from as many secondary public and private schools as possible and to inform and guide all concerned.

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Officer-in-Charge

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Reference:

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To be included in the Regional Index under the following subjects:

CONTEST

BUREAU & OFFICES

POPULATION EDUCATION

(Inclosure to MECO Memorandum No. 116, s. 1934)

RULES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE
POPQUIZ PROJECT

I. Project Concept

The Commission on Population conceived the Population Quiz Show (POPQUIZ) as 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, particularly in the school community. Specifically, it aims:

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

II. Project Strategy

The Commission on Population through IEC Central sets the POPQUIZ concept and design in alignment with the thrusts and objectives of the population program. It formulates the rules and procedures for the conduct of the contest, and coordinates project implementation at all levels.

The Regional Population Offices (RPOs) shall coordinate regionwide nomination and series of eliminations to identify the regional contestant for the national championship which, in turn, shall be coordinated by IEC Central.

The POPQUIZ is a school-based project and such the lead implementing agency shall be the MECS, through its PEP Unit.

POPCOM-Central will enter into an umbrella contract with the PE Unit of DECS-Central on the implementation of the POPQUIZ at all levels. POPCOM-Central will enter into contract with Population Center Foundation (PCF) for the production of the POPQUIZ national championship.

Other agencies, public or private, especially partner and participating agencies of the population program; youth organizations; civic clubs and organizations; individuals whose talent, skills and expertise facilitate the conduct of the project; and others may be tapped as co-implemeters of the POPQUIZ.

III. Selection of Contestants

A. Nominations

One (1) qualified contestant may be nominated by any duly organized general or vocational high school in the Philippines, both public and private. The POPQUIZ is open only to members of the graduating class. Employees of the Commission on Population whether regular, temporary or contractual, and their relatives to the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified as contestant.

The high school nominating a contestant shall designate in writing an official coach and alternate coach from among its faculty members.

B. Certification of Contestants and Coach

Each contestant must fill out and submit the following forms

- a. certification of the contestant signed by the school principal or administrator, to the effect that he/she is a bonafide fourth year high school student and a member of the graduating class;
- b. certification of parental consent signed by both or either one his parents or guardian;
- c. certification that he is not connected with POPCOM or related to its employees.

The school principal or administrator shall certify the designation of the official coach and the alternate coach.

The above forms shall be made available in all qualified secondary schools by DECS-PEP.

Failure to submit these certifications shall automatically disqualify the contestant and invalidate the designation of the coach.

These certifications shall be presented at each succeeding level of the POPQUIZ that the contestant and coach are able to win.

C. Eliminations

1. City Level

The city level of the population quiz show shall be conducted as an inter-school competition. The contestant who garners the highest score shall be named as the city contestant, and elevated to the regional POPQUIZ.

2. Province Level

The province shall be divided into at least four (4) zones. Eliminations shall be held in each zone and the contestants who garners the highest score will be named as the zone contestant.

The zone contestants, in turn, shall compete in the provincial POPQUIZ and the one who gets the highest score shall be named as the provincial contestant, and elevated to the regional POPQUIZ.

However, inter-school competition shall be followed for islands or provinces whose number of high schools is small enough to make one contest practical and economical e.g. Camiguin Province, Sorsogon Province, Siquijor Island, etcetera).

In cases where an island or an isolated area has only one high school, an elimination contest shall be held among the graduating class. The top scorer shall automatically qualify as contestant to the provincial POPQUIZ.

3. Regional Level

The provincial and city contestants shall compete in the regional population quiz show. Three (3) winners shall be declared - first, second, and third prize winners. The first prize winner shall be named as the regional contestant and shall represent the region in the national championship.

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4. Runner-up

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

C. National Championship

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

Groundwork and coordination activities start in January until June. The nomination of contestants opens in July. Henceforth, the population quiz proceeds to its various contest levels until the regional contestant is selected not later than October 15.

The POPQUIZ 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 the questions for the population quiz show are:

A. The Philippine Population Program, to include:

1. population program thrusts, objectives and strategies
2. partner and participating agencies
3. population concept and messages
4. family planning methods/techniques

B. The Population Education Program, to include:

1. population dynamics and demography
2. human sexuality

