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MECS MEMORANDUM
No. 162, s. 1984

1984-1985 REGIONAL 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

1. The Regional Secondary Schools Press Conferences, preparatory to the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC) scheduled for February 1985, will be managed and conducted by every region not later than the first week of November.
2. The theme of the conference will be "The Role of the School Paper in Education for Excellence."
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 Pilipino, on the following areas: news writing, feature writing, editorial writing, copyreading and layout design, and sports reporting.
4. Under the direction of the regional director, the schools superintendent or 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 classes in the host division.
5. The writers of the best ten (10) entries in each contest shall be declared regional winners. Only 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.
6. 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.
7. Enclosed are the rules of the contests. The schedule of activities may be patterned after that of last year's regional conference.
8. 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, 5th floor, Palacio del Gobernador, Intramuros, Manila. Failure to comply with this may prejudice the region's participation in the NSSPC.

9. Because of the Ministry policy to minimize expenses only one teacher-adviser from the school of the regional winners and no student observer shall be allowed to attend the NSSPC this year.

10. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

(SGD.) JAIME C. LAYA
Minister

Incl.:
As stated

Reference: MECS Memorandum: No. 178, s. 1983

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

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

CONFERENCE	OFFICIALS	SCHOOLS	STUDENTS
CONTEST	PUBLICATIONS	SCHOOL PAPER	TEACHERS

(In accordance with MECs Memorandum No. 162, s. 1984)

... 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, Intramuros, 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.

