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MECS MEMORANDUM
No. 176, s. 1964

NATIONAL CONTEST FOR MOST OUTSTANDING
EDUCATIONAL INNOVATIONS OF THE YEAR

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities

1. The decentralization thrust of Government invests regional directors with substantive authority to make decisions to innovate, i.e., to contribute new ways of thinking alongside new and improved ways of doing things which redound to economy, efficiency and effectiveness in public service.

2. Education can yet more adequately and dynamically respond to the accelerated changes in our society in which new technology, new issues, new ideas, and new social patterns demand new priorities and improved performance from educational administrators, supervisors, and teachers. The urgent demands created by the phenomenal growth of our population, particularly of the schooling Filipino ages 5 to 25 years old, the decreasing ability of the average family to finance schooling, the need for improving learner achievement and participation rates, a myriad other problems and needs vie for priority allocation from our acutely scarce and dwindling resources.

3. To stave off the present and upcoming educational management crises, regional directors are enjoined to encourage, promote and apply innovation in their respective jurisdictions. They are directed to:

- a. provide institutional arrangements and a climate that make for innovativeness, creativity, and adaptiveness. Idea champions, as those who conceptualize and introduce innovative ideas are called, can come from among school teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents or administrators;
- b. prepare and submit a list of completed and on-going innovations in the region during the last five (5) years (See Inclosure No. 1); and
- c. communicate and share with other regions useful information about each innovation through newsletters and publications.

4. Beginning 1965, a yearly award of the Most Outstanding Educational Innovation will be given by this Ministry during Education Week. This national award will be the culmination of a search or competition at different levels.

- a. The most outstanding educational innovation in the district will compete with the other most outstanding innovations of the other districts for the most outstanding innovation in the division. The educational innovation adjudged as the most outstanding in the division will compete with other divisions for the regional award, and the most outstanding educational innovation in the region will compete with other regions for the national award.

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- b. The nominees in our regional competition must be submitted to the Central Office not later than July 31, 1985.

The list of innovations should be classified according to the following beneficiaries:

- (1) for out-of-school youth
- (2) for pupils/students
- (3) for teachers
- (4) for the community

5. The Awards and Incentive Committee of MPCS shall manage the contest through a Special Committee for the "Best Outstanding Educational Innovations of the Year".

6. To merit the regional or national award, each nomination or entry should evince the following attributes:

- a. Innovativeness/creativity - newness or freshness of the idea involved in the innovation including its capacity to initiate changes in educational practice
- b. Replicability - ease of duplicating the innovation
- c. Cost-effectiveness - capacity to reduce costs and at the same time increase the quantity and quality of outcomes
- d. Impact - the degree of effectiveness of the innovation
- e. Acceptability - readiness of implementers and target groups of the innovation to implement it; popularity of the innovation
- f. Timeliness - occurring at a suitable time

7. To facilitate a fair selection of innovations for the competition, it is suggested that committees at the district, division and regional levels be organized for the contest by the superintendent and regional directors, respectively.

8. Prizes will be awarded for the winners at different levels.

9. The selection of national winners for the contest shall be done from July 1 to August 15 of each year. Awards to winners shall be given during Education Week. The following timetable is suggested for the selection committees at different levels:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Inclusive Dates of Selection</u>
School and District	December 1 - January 31
Division	February 1 - March 31
Regional	April 1 - June 30
National	July 1 - August 15

10. Deadline for nominations for the 1985 awards, together with a complete description of each innovation is August 1, 1985. Send the nominations to:

Dr. Minda C. Sutaris
Chairman, Special Committee for the "Outstanding Educational
Innovation of the Year"
Awards and Incentives Committee
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports
Palacio del Gobernador, Intramuros
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11. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is imperative.

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References:

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

^COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT
^CONTEST
^OFFICIALS
^PRIZES or AWARDS
^TEACHERS

(Inclosure to NECS Memorandum No. 176, s. 1934)

LIST OF EDUCATIONAL INNOVATIONS

School _____ District _____ Division _____ Region _____

CATEGORY	Title of Innovation(s)	Brief Description of Each Innovation	Major Innovative Feature(s)	Duration or Inclusive Dates of Implementation	Idea Champion or Innovator (Person, School, Division or Group)
		1. Title	2. Objectives	3. Procedure/Strategies/Activities	4. Evaluation
A.	FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH				
B.	FOR PUPILS/STUDENTS				
C.	FOR TEACHERS				
D.	FOR THE COMMUNITY				



