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MECS MEMORANDUM
No. 175, s. 1984

1985 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 1984-85 will be held at the Zamboanga del Norte National High School, Dipolog City, on February 18-22, 1985, with the Division of Zamboanga del Norte as host.
2. The theme of this year's conference is "The Role of the School Paper in Education for Excellence."
3. All the ten (10) winners in each of the contests held in the regional secondary schools press conferences, one teacher-adviser and school principal from the school of the regional winners, one supervisor/coordinator from the division, two supervisors/coordinators of the region, officers of the National Secondary Schools Editors Association (NSSEA), and officers of the National Secondary School Paper Advisers Association (NSSPAA) are authorized to attend the conference.
4. As mentioned in MECS Memorandum No. 162, s. 1984, the regional office shall submit the names of the regional winners with the names of their schools and divisions to this Office immediately after the holding of the regional press conference; a copy shall be furnished the Schools Superintendent of Zamboanga del Norte. These winners shall participate in the same contests as those where they won on the regional level. Strictly no student observer shall be allowed to attend this conference.
5. Each student-delegate should bring a 1" x 1" picture of himself/herself to be attached to the NSSPC ID card which will be given during the conference. The ID card should be worn by the delegates at all times and in all places during the conference. Except when he/she is not feeling well, no student-delegate or teacher-adviser shall be allowed to stay inside the sleeping quarters during the day sessions.
6. Inclosed is the tentative list of activities and other information relative to the conference.
7. 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.

8. The principal of each school entering the group contests should send, by registered mail, eighteen (18) copies of one (1) issue of the paper published during the school year 1984-1985 to reach this Office not later than January 6, 1985. However, high schools that publish separate English and Filipino papers may send only nine (9) copies of the English paper and nine (9) copies of the Filipino paper. On the wrapper should be indicated the total enrolment of the school. The bundle should be addressed to:

The Minister of Education, Culture and Sports
Attention: The Chief, Information and Publication Service
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports
5th Floor, Palacio del Gobernador
Intramuros, Manila

9. Requests for accommodation should be sent direct to the Schools Superintendent of Zamboanga del Norte, Dipolog City, not later than January 10, 1985. Such requests should include information on the names of the delegates, teacher-adviser, and other school officials; the approximate time and date of arrival of the delegation, and the means of transportation to be taken to Dipolog City. Each delegation should arrange for its own transportation to the conference site and return.

10. Board and lodging at ₱70 a day, a registration fee of ₱70 and ₱10 transportation fee for the educational tour to a development and/or historical site will be charged each delegate. A membership fee of ₱20 for the National Secondary School Paper Advisers Association (NSSPAA) will be collected by the treasurer during the conference. Expenses incident to the attendance by student-delegates, teacher-advisers, and other school officials concerned in the conference shall be charged against the local/division funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules. The private schools may have their own arrangements regarding the expenses of their delegates.

11. No student, teacher or school official 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.

12. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all public and private secondary schools is desired.

(SGD.) JAIME C. LAYA
Minister

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
MECS Memorandum No. 244, s. 1983

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

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

✓ CONFERENCES	✓ OFFICIALS	✓ SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATIONS
✓ CONTESTS	✓ PUBLICATIONS	✓ STUDENTS
✓ NEWSPAPERS	✓ SCHOOL PAPER	✓ TEACHERS

LIST OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NATIONAL SECONDARY
SCHOOLS PRESS CONFERENCE

- I. Addresses by practising journalists and professors of journalism covering various aspects of newspaper work.
- II. 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.)
 - A. Group Contest (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 Development Journalism Reporting
 7. Best Science Reporting
 - B. Individual Contests (English and Filipino)
 1. News Writing
 2. Editorial Writing
 3. Feature Writing
 4. Copyreading and Headline Writing
 5. Sports Reporting
- III. Workshop sessions for teacher-advisers, principals, supervisors, and for student-delegates.
- IV. Educational tour to a few development projects and historic and scenic spots in the province.
- V. 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, on the regional level 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 and Publication Service. A copy of the list of winners shall be furnished the Schools Superintendent of Zamboanga del Norte.
 5. Failure to comply strictly with these rules shall disqualify the participants in the National Secondary Schools Press Conference (NSSPC) contests.

