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MECS MEMORANDUM
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1985 REGIONAL POPULATION QUIZ SHOW

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Chief of Service and Heads of Centers/Units
Schools 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 1985 Regional Population Quiz Show from July to November 1985. 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 and 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 1985 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 POPCOM-NCR IEC Coordinator at POPCOM Central Office in the conduct of the NCR Pop Quiz Show.
4. The guidelines for the 1985 POP Quiz Show, which include objectives, management, selection of contestants, time frame, and contest mechanics, among other things, are enclosed. It is suggested that the regional POP Quiz Show coordinators discuss these guidelines thoroughly with their respective POPCOM regional supervising officers to ensure proper and smooth implementation of the quiz show. Staff members from the MECS Central PEP shall visit the regions to monitor said quiz show and render technical assistance when needed.
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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Incl.:

As stated

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

RULES AND PROCEDURES
FOR THE
POPULATION QUIZ SHOW

I. Project Concept

The Commission on Population (POPCOM) 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

POPCOM, 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 the region-wide nomination and series of eliminations to identify the regional contestant for the national championship. The national championship shall be coordinated by IEC Central.

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

POPCOM-Central will enter into an umbrella contract with the PEP Unit of MECS-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 talents, skills and expertise facilitate the conduct of the project; and others may be tapped as co-implementors of the POPQUIZ.

III. Selection of Contestants

A. Nominations

One (1) qualified contestant may be nominated by any duly recognized general or vocational high school in the Philippines

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both public and private. The POPQUIZ is open to members of the graduating class.

Employees of POPCOX whether regular, temporary or contractual and their relatives to the fourth (4th) degree of consanguinity or affinity are disqualified as contestants.

The high school nominating a contestant shall designate in writing an official coach 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 either one of his/her parents or guardian;
- c. certification that he/she is not connected with POPCOX, 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 level schools by MECS-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 POPQUIZ 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 contestant 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, Siquijor Island, etc.)

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 POPQUIZ. Three (3) winners shall be declared: first, second and third prize winners. The first prize shall be named as the regional contestant and shall represent the region in the national championship.

4. Runners-up

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

5. National Championship

The regional contestants shall compete in the national championship of the POPQUIZ 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 POPQUIZ 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 wherein 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 POPQUIZ are:

- a. The Philippine Population Program, to include:
 1. population program thrusts, objectives and strategies
 2. partner and participating agencies
 3. population concepts and messages
 4. family planning methods/techniques
- b. The Population Education Program, to include:
 1. population dynamics and demography
 2. human sexuality
- c. Population and family planning concept issues and events, new technology and developments.

The Division PEP Coordinator/CFO shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the zone levels; the Division PEP Coordinator/CFO or PPO, for the city and provincial levels.

The Regional PEP Coordinator and the SIC shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the regional level. IEC Central shall prepare the set of questions-and-answers for the national championship. In formulating the questions-and-answers for the POPQUIZ. The technical assistance of partner/participating population agencies may be engaged.

Question formulators who are in any way related to any of the contestants should desist from participating in the formulation of questions.

All Regional PEP Coordinators, through YECS-Central, shall provide IEC Central with a copy of the complete list of POPQUIZ questions, starting from the zone level up to the regional level, immediately after the conduct of the regional POPQUIZ in their respective regions.

VI. Contest Rules

1. English shall be the official language for the rest of the questions-and-answers in the quiz.
2. Coaching in any form is strictly prohibited during the actual quiz proceedings.
3. Coaches and chaperones must keep away from their contestants during the actual quiz proceedings.
4. Contestants shall be provided with pen, and forms or sheets on which to write down their answers.
5. Each questions will be read twice by the quizmaster. Countdown of time during which questions shall be answered will start after a question has been read twice.
6. Contestants will be given a maximum of ten (10) seconds to answer a question. However, questions which require only "true" or "false" and "yes" or "no", as well as multiple choice questions, shall be allowed a maximum of five (5) seconds only.

Each correct answer in the quiz proper shall be given one (1) point.

Mis-spelled answers shall be considered wrong.

No acronyms or abbreviations except those specifically asked for will be allowed. Only full names or titles will be allowed unless otherwise indicated in the questions. Middle initials may or may not be included in full names of persons.

VII. Contest Mechanics

1. A Board of Consultants shall be organized well ahead of the actual quiz proceedings. It shall be composed of a maximum of five (5) consultants including the chairman.

The consultants shall be from public or private agencies involved in the population program. They shall render decisions related to the quiz proceedings.

2. The quizmaster shall ask first ten (5) questions for all levels of the contest.



4. Should a contestant wish to change his answer to any particular question, this answer should be crossed out and the new answer written clearly. A contestant is allowed to change his answer only within the allotted time to answer the particular question.
5. Cumulative scoring shall be followed. The contestant who gets the highest total score points will be declared first prize winner; the one who gets the second highest total score points will be declared second prize winner; and so on for the third prize winner.

At the national level, the first prize winner shall be proclaimed as the national champion.

6. Tie for the first prize at the provincial and city level must be broken in order that there will be only one (1) contestant to represent the province or city in the regional POPQUIZ. Similarly, there must be only one (1) contestant to represent the region in the national level and only one (1) national champion.
7. If two contestants tie for the highest score, the first and second prize winners shall be declared from between the two of them. If three or more contestants tie for the highest score, the first, the second and the third prize winners shall be declared from among them. This procedure applies accordingly to ties in the second or third highest scores.
8. In case of a tie, an enumeration type question shall be asked with one (1) point given for each correct item in the answer. The contestant who gets the highest score points shall be declared the winner.

If the tie still remains unbroken, a computation type question shall be asked and the contestant who gives the correct answer shall be declared the winner.

To prepare for a prolonged tie situation, a set of enumeration and computation type questions shall be prepared beforehand.
9. The following procedure shall be followed in case of a protest or inquiry during the actual quiz proceedings:
 - a. Only the official coach of the contestant is allowed to raise a protest or inquiry.
 - b. The protest or inquiry shall be written and signed by the official coach.
 - c. Any change in the score resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairman of the Board of Consultants at the earliest time during the quiz proceedings.

VIII. Contest Prizes

The city and provincial winners shall be awarded a cash prize of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00) for the first prize; THREE HUNDRED PESOS (P300.00) for the second prize; and TWO HUNDRED PESOS (P200.00) for the third prize.

For the regional POPQUIZ, ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00) shall be awarded to the first prize winner; SEVEN HUNDRED PESOS



For the national championship, a cash prize of SEVEN THOUSAND PESOS (P7,000.00) goes to the national champion; FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) to the first runner-up; and THREE THOUSAND PESOS (P3,000.00) to the second runner-up. Non-winners in the national POPQUIZ shall each be awarded FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.

At the national level, plaques of recognition shall be given to the schools, the MECS-130, and the RPOs represented by the first, second and third prize winners. Official members of the regional delegations shall be given certificates of recognition. Each nominee to the POPQUIZ shall be sent a letter of acknowledgement.

Other prizes and awards may be given from contributions, donations etc., that may be solicited.

IX. Regional Delegations

The official members of the regional delegation of the national POPQUIZ are the following:

1. the regional contestant;
2. the official coach of the regional contestant; if incapacitated, the alternate coach;
3. the regional MECS-PEP Coordinator, who shall act as the official chaperone;
4. the Supervising Information Office of the RPOs, who shall act as the regional delegation head; if incapacitated, another RPO staff member duly designated in writing by the Regional Population Programs Coordinator.

Travelling expenses from residence to Metro Manila and back, plus full board and lodging shall be provided to the above-mentioned members of the regional delegation.

X. National Championship

All regional contestants, through the MECS-PEP Coordinator, should submit the following requirements, not later than October 25, to

THE POPQUIZ NATIONAL SECRETARIAT
Programs Division
Population Center Foundation Bldg.
South Superhighway, Makati
Metro Manila

1. Two (2) black-and-white, 4" x 4", I.D. photos
2. Body measurements for POPQUIZ uniform
3. Certification of contestant
4. Certification of parental consent
5. Certification that he/she is not connected with POPCOM or related to its employees

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, the regional contestant should also signify in writing whether he/she is left-handed or right-handed to allow the POPQUIZ secretariat to make the necessary adjustments in seating arrangements during the national finals.

All MECS-PEP Coordinators are required to submit to the NA-

