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A GIFT OF LOVE: QUIZ BEE FOR THE HANDICAPPED

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

1. Quiz Bee International, with the cooperation of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports, is offering a gift of love to blind and deaf children through its Quiz Bee for the Handicapped. This Quiz Bee aims to promote academic excellence and a deeper sense of accomplishment among the country's handicapped children.

2. For school year 1987-88, the contest is open to blind and deaf children in Grades V and VI whose ages range from 11 to 15 years and enrolled in either public or private schools. Below is the schedule of the competition and the subject categories to be tested.

<u>Contest Levels</u>	<u>Date</u>
Regional Level Competition	January 11 to 15
National Level Competition (Pinals)	February 14

Subject Categories

For the Blind - Philippine History and Culture
For the Deaf - Science and History

3. Regional Directors are enjoined to designate a Regional Quiz Bee Coordinator, preferably the Regional Supervisor In-Charge of Special Education to take charge of the implementation of the Quiz Bee in their respective regions.

4. The enclosed Quiz Bee Contest Rules and Procedures will be applied. The organizers reserve the right to modify the said regulations and procedure on the grand finals due to limited television airtime.

5. Contest results at the regional level should be sent by speed airmail 3 days after the competition to Quiz Bee International, 2 West Mayon Drive, Pililla, Quezon City, for publication in the newspapers. The result should include the name and the handicapping condition, school, school address, and photograph, if there is any.

6. Other details of the 1st National Quiz Bee for the Handicapped will be periodically announced in the newspapers.

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7. It is desired that the contents of this Memorandum be immediately given widest publicity to arouse interest and participation in this worthy project.

(SGP) LOUISERS B. AUTCOMBERG
Secretary

Incl.:

As stated

Reference:

DECS Memorandum No. 226, s. 1967

Attachment: 1-2-3-4--(M.O. 1-57)

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

- * COMPIEST
- * PROGRAM, SCHOOL
- * PUPILS
- * SCHOOLS
- * SPECIAL EDUCATION

FIRST NATIONAL QUIZ BEE FOR THE HANDICAPPED (1988)

QUIZ BEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Selection of Candidates

A. Nominations

One (1) qualified blind and one (1) qualified deaf contestants may be nominated by a duly organized public or private special/regular school.

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

B. Certification of Contestants and Coach

Each contestant must fill out and submit the following forms to the regional coordinator of the Quiz Bee.

- a. certification of the contestant signed by the school principal or administrator, to the effect that he/she is a bona-fide Grade five or six pupil whose age ranges from 11 to 15 years; and
- b. certification of parental consent signed by both or either one of his/her parents or guardian.

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

C. Filtration

1. City/Provincial Level

The city or provincial level of the Quiz Bee shall be conducted as an inter-school competition to be scheduled before the regional Quiz Bee by the Schools Superintendent. The Division Supervisor In-Charge of Special Education shall take charge in the implementation of the Quiz Bee in the city/provincial level.

The blind and deaf contestants who garner the highest score shall be the city or provincial contestants, and elevated to the regional Quiz Bee.

2. Regional Level

The city and provincial contestants shall compete in the regional Quiz Bee. Top (3) winners shall be declared in each subject category - first, second and third prize winners. The first prize winner for each category shall be named as the regional contestant and shall represent the region in the national championship.

3. Runners-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 runners-up shall take his place in sequential order of succession.

D. National Championship

The regional contestants shall compete in the national championship of the Quiz Bee to be held at PhilAm Life Auditorium, United Nations Avenue, Manila on February 14, 1986. Expenses incurred by the contestants, coaches and sighted guides shall be borne by Quiz Bee International.

II. Contest Rules and Regulations

A. Philippine History and Culture Category (For the Blind)

1. All contestants will answer the same sets of questions in writing. Braille slates and stylus will be provided to each contestant. Before the question is read, the contestants will raise their stylus.
2. Questions will be read twice in English by the quizmasters. After the 2nd reading, the quizmaster will say "go" - only then will the contestants be allowed to write their answers. Automatically, the 30 seconds time limit will begin with the word "go" by the quizmaster.
3. After the time limit and the buzzer sounds, the contestants will automatically stop writing and raise their stylus.
4. The contestants will be asked to read aloud their answers with the proctors verifying their answers.
5. There will be four rounds in all categories, namely: easy, average, difficult and clincher.
6. In the easy round, 3 easy questions will be asked. A contestant has to correctly answer at least 2 out of 3 to qualify for the average round. Contestants who have correctly answered the first and second questions will not be required to answer the third question.
7. In the average round, 2 questions will be asked. A contestant has to correctly answer at least one out of the two questions to qualify for the difficult round. Contestants who have correctly answered the first question will not be required to answer the second question.
8. In the difficult round, each remaining finalist has to correctly answer each question. One mistake will disqualify him from the competition. As many difficult questions will be asked as are required to bring the number of remaining contestants down to 2.
9. Any contestant who fails to qualify in any round shall automatically be eliminated from the contest. In the event that after any round there is only one contestant left, he will automatically be declared the champion. If all contestants are eliminated, the process will be repeated until 2 remaining contestants or a champion is produced.
10. When there are only 2 remaining contestants, then it will be time for the clincher round. In the clincher round, the 2 finalists will be asked 3 questions. The one who gets the highest number of correct answers wins the championship.

If there is a tie, then 2 more questions will be asked and the first finalist who answers correctly wins. The procedure goes on until a winner emerges.

12. In breaking ties for the runner-up positions, the contestants who correctly answered most of the best questions given will be declared the runner-up.

B. Science and Health Category (for the Deaf)

12. A sign language interpreter to translate the questions and other statements made by the quizmasters will be provided during the contest.
13. All contestants will answer the same sets of questions in writing. Before a question is read, the contestants will raise their pencils or pens.
14. Questions will be read twice in English by the quizmasters while the interpreter does the sign language. After the 2nd reading, the quizmaster/interpreter will say/sign "go" - only then will the contestants be allowed to write their answer. Automatically, the 20 seconds time limit will begin with the word "go" by the quizmaster.
15. After the time limit and the buzzer sounds with red lights blinking the contestants will automatically stop writing and raise their pencils or pens.
16. The contestants will be asked to read orally and/or give in sign language their answers with the proctors verifying their answer.
17. Contest rules Nos. 5 to 11 for the Philippine History and Culture category shall also apply to this category.

C. Other Rules

18. The duly registered coach of the contestant is the only person authorized to make a protest. All protests should be immediately referred to the judges, that is, before the quizmaster reads a new question. No protests will be entertained by the Board of Judges after the quizmaster has read the new question.
19. Only the teacher-coach will act as the champion of the deaf contestant. However, a signed guide is allowed for each deaf contestant besides the teacher-coach.
20. The Board of Judges shall be in complete control of the contest. Their decision shall be final in all questions.
21. Any NCS personnel related by affinity or consanguinity (up to the third degree) to any contestant shall be disqualified in the committees involved in the planning and formulation of questions in the Quiz Bee nor can they act as coaches to any contestants.
22. Any violation of the aforementioned rules shall result in forfeiture of titles, prizes and privileges to any winning contestants concerned.



