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No. 288, s. 1997

1997 NATIONAL POPULATION QUIZ
(PopQuiz '97)

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents
Regional PEP Coordinators
Divisional PEP Coordinators

1. In consonance with the celebration of the Population and Development (POPDEV) Week and the Silver Anniversary of the Population Education Program, this Department is launching the National Population Quiz (PopQuiz '97) with the theme: "Reproductive Health and Rights for the New Generation".

2. The contest aims to:

- a. generate awareness and interest in population issues and matters among the in-school youth, community influentials and the general public;
- b. convey population education concepts/messages to students and eventually make them realize the importance of making rational decisions on population issues that concern them; and
- c. promote values supportive of population education among in-school youth.

3. The participants to this contest are fourth year high school students from public, private and laboratory schools of state colleges and universities nationwide.

4. The PopQuiz '97 shall follow this time frame:

July-August	-	School level contest
September	-	Divisional level contest
October	-	Regional level contest

5. The national level contest will be held on November 27, 1997 in Zamboanga City.


6. At the national level, the activity shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of officials from DECS and cooperating agencies such as the POPCOM, CHED, TESDA, DOH, NEDA, DILG, DENR, PIA/KBP and others. This committee shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group composed of Population Education Program and selected POPCOM staff who shall oversee program implementation at all levels. To ensure the success of the activity, the regions are encouraged to set up a structure of similar composition.

7. In the context of institutionalization, the divisional and regional level contests shall be the responsibility of the divisions and regions concerned. The official delegates to the national level contest shall charge their transportation to local divisional/regional funds, while their board and lodging expenses shall be charged to PEP-BSE funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. Regional PEP Coordinators concerned are requested to submit a brief update tracing the whereabouts of the past National Level PopQuiz Champions on or before the first week of September 1997.

9. Attached are the guidelines and other details of the contest.

10. Full cooperation of all concerned is enjoined and wide and immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.


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Secretary

Incls.: As stated

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under the following subjects:

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GUIDELINES FOR THE 1997 POPULATION QUIZ

I. Selection and Elimination

1. School/Division/Regional Level Contests
 - a. The Regional Committee shall determine the mode of conduct and contest mechanics at these levels.
 - b. The regional winner shall be declared to represent the region at the national level following criteria set by local committees.
2. National Level Contest
 - a. A national champion shall be declared from among the competing regional participants.

II. Time Frame

July - August	-	School level POPQUIZ
September	-	Divisional level POPQUIZ
October	-	Regional level POPQUIZ
November 27, 1997	-	National level POPQUIZ

III. Formulation of Questions

1. Local contest committees shall prepare the questions which will be used in their respective contest levels in accordance with general test construction principles.
2. Content of questions will be based on the Population Education Core Messages/Key Concepts such as:
 - a. Family Life and Responsible Parenthood
 - b. Gender and Development
 - c. Population and Reproductive Health
 - d. Population, Environment, Resources and Sustainable Development
3. Review materials will be provided by the POPCOM and the Population Education Program, DECS.

IV. **Contest Rules and Mechanics: *National Level***

1. Contestants shall be provided with pen and writing sheets for their use during the contest.
2. English and Filipino shall be the official languages used in the conduct of the quiz.
3. There will be a total of 20 questions to be given, 6 of which are "easy" questions, 7 are of "average" difficulty, and 7 are "difficult."
4. Each question shall be read twice by the quizmaster. Count down will start after a question has been read twice.
5. Contestants shall be given a maximum of twenty (20) seconds to answer a question. However, questions which will not require computations will only be given five seconds.
6. Should a contestant wish to change an answer that he/she has written down, this answer should be crossed out and the new answer written clearly. A contestant is allowed to change his/her answer within the allotted time to answer a particular question.
7. Points for every correct answer shall be:

One (1) point for an "easy" question
Two (2) points for an "average" question
Three (3) points for a "difficult" question
8. A national champion shall be proclaimed based on a cumulative scoring system.
9. All ties shall be broken by tie-breaker questions from the "difficult category."
10. The following procedures shall be observed 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 addressed orally to the Chairperson of the Board of Judges who shall recognize the protest or inquiry.
 - c. Decisions resulting from the protest or inquiry shall be announced by the Chairperson of the Board of Judges at the earliest appropriate time during the contest.

V. Board of Judges: National Level

The Board of Judges shall be composed of three experts in population and other development concerns. A chairperson shall be selected from among the members of the Board. The decision of the Board shall be final.

VI. Contest Prizes: National Level

Champion	-	P	10,000 and a trophy
Contestants	-	P	2,000 and a plaque of recognition

Coaches of all contestants - Plaque of recognition

The local organizing committees may solicit donations/contributions for additional prizes from various donors.

VII. Official Delegations

1. The members of the regional delegation to the national contest are the following:

- a. the regional contestant
- b. the official coach of the regional contestant
- c. the Divisional PEP Coordinator of the regional contestant
- d. the DECS Regional PEP Coordinator
- e. the Regional POPCOM officer (RPO)

2. Board and Lodging

The official delegates shall charge their transportation to local funds while their board and lodging expenses shall be charged to PEP-BSE funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The POPCOM delegates shall charge their transportation and board and lodging expenses to POPCOM local funds.

Members of the official delegation are expected to register at the contest site a day before the contest.