



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
DECS Complex, Meralco Avenue
Pasig City

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

February 5, 1999

DECS MEMORANDUM
No. 59, s. 1999

NATIONAL CONFERENCES ON SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Principals

1. The Department of Education, Culture and Sports through the Special Education Division of the Bureau of Elementary Education in coordination with the Philippine Association for the Retarded (PAR), Christoffel Blindenmission and Council of Oral Educators will hold two National Conferences on Special Needs Education as part of its commitment to the Asian Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002. These Conferences are:

- ◆ Second National Congress on Special Needs Education: Access and Quality, May 10-12, 1999, Teachers Camp, Baguio City with the theme "Breaking Barriers for Effective Inclusion"
- ◆ Third National Convention on Deaf Education May 13-15, 1999, Bulwagan sa Princesa, Puerto Princesa, Palawan with the theme "Challenges of Change in Deaf Education"

The Conferences aim to:

- a. provide educators and other practitioners opportunity to share experiences on educational practices that improve access and quality education among children with special needs;
- b. discuss the innovative ways of operationalizing inclusive education based on the Philippine situation and culture; and
- c. strengthen partnership among the educators, parents and other service providers in the education of children with special needs.

"Together Let Us Build This Nation Through Education"

3. Special education and regular teachers and school administrators from public and private schools, Education Supervisors in SPED at the division and regional offices, Chiefs/Asst. Chiefs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Divisions, Supts./Asst. Supts., and representatives from the Parents Organization of Children with Special Needs, National Council for the Welfare of Disabled Persons, other GOs and NGOs working for children with special needs are invited to attend on official time.
4. Participants to the Convention on Deaf Education shall be charged a registration fee of Two Thousand Two Hundred Pesos (P2,200) but the first 100 registrants (teachers, administrators and supervisors actually involved in the education of deaf children) shall only pay One Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Pesos (P1,750). Those attending the Congress on Special Needs Education shall pay a registration fee of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pesos (P2,700.00).
5. Travel and board and lodging expenses of foreign speakers and honoraria for local speakers will be borne by the sponsoring NGOs.
6. Program of activities are found in Inclosure No. 1A and B while the pre-registration form is found in Inclosure No. 2. Pre-registration is encouraged to facilitate the preparation of materials and should be sent to the Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education, DECS, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City.
7. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incls.: As stated

**Reference: DECS Memorandum No. 67, s. 1997
DECS Memorandum No. 357, s. 1997**

Allotment: 1--(D.O. 90-97)

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

**/CONFERENCES
/SPECIAL EDUCATION**

2nd NATIONAL CONGRESS ON SPECIAL NEEDS EDUCATION
Theme: Breaking Barriers for Effective Inclusion
10-12 May 1999, Teachers Camp, Baguio City

Day 1, Monday, 10 May 1999

Morning session

- 7:30 - 9:00 Registration
9:00 - 9:30 Break
9:30 - 10:00 Opening Program
- Keynote Address: *Legislative Agenda: Strategy for Quality Special Needs Education for Children with Disabilities*

Theme 1: Breaking Barriers Through Collaborative Efforts

- 10:00 - 12:00 Inclusion: Reality in Special Needs Education
12:00 - 1:00 Break

Afternoon session

- 1:00 - 3:30 Panel Discussion
- *Education* - Access and Quality
 - *Welfare and Social Services* - Equalization of Opportunity
 - *Medical* - Intervention Towards Full Participation
 - *Labor and Employment* - Vision for Productive Life
- 3:30 - 4:00 Break
4:00 - 5:00 Parent Message to Educators

Day 2, Tuesday, 11 May 1999

Morning session

Theme 2: Policy Directions Towards Full Inclusion

- 8:00 - 9:00 The Role of National Government
9:00 - 12:00 Panel Discussion
- The Role of Organization of PWDs
 - Advocacy
 - Community Support System
- 12:00 - 1:00 Break

Afternoon session

Theme 3: Barrier-Free Inclusive Education

- 1:00 - 3:00 Sub-theme A: Issues and Approaches to Children with Special Needs in Inclusive Education
- Sensory Difficulties
 - Intellectual Disabilities
 - Gifted/Talented
 - Physically Multiply Handicapped
- 3:00 - 3:30 Break
3:30 - 5:00 Sub-theme B: Trends in Inclusive Education
- Including CSNs in the World of Sports and Recreation
 - Early Intervention as a Tool
 - PASS: Parent Affecting School Process
 - Career Development Strategies and Transition

Day 3, Wednesday, 12 May 1999

Morning session

- 8:00 - 12:00 Panel Discussion
- The Child with Special Needs in an Inclusive Community
 - The Role of UNESCO in Promoting Inclusive Education
 - Information Technology in Inclusive Schools
- 12:00 - 1:00 Break
1:00 - 5:00 Presentation of Issues/Recommendations
Reactions/Ratification
Closing Ceremony

Afternoon Session:

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| 1:00 - 2:00 | Development of Learning to Learn Skills Among Deaf Children |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Focused Group Discussions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Early Intervention Program Towards Inclusion2. Developing Deaf Learners to Become Better Readers and Writers3. Speech Development of Deaf Children4. Performing/Theater Arts for the Deaf5. Music and Song Interpretations6. Integrating Signing, Reading and Writing Into the Different Learning Areas7. Advanced Sign Language for Secondary Teachers |
| 3:00 - 3:30 | Coffee Break |
| 3:30 - 4:30 | Focused Group Discussions (Continued) |
| 4:30 - 5:00 | Open Forum |
| 6:00 - 7:00 | Dinner |
| 7:00 - 9:00 | Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parents- Educators |

Day 3 - May 15 (Saturday)

Morning Session:

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| 8:00 - 8:15 | Opening Activities |
| 8:15 - 9:15 | Mobile Clinic for the Deaf |
| 9:15 - 10:00 | Career Opportunities for the Hearing Impaired |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | Break |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Deaf Adolescents and their Needs |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Convention Synthesis |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | Closing Program |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Lunch |
| 2:00 - 3:00 | Check out |
| 4:00 - 5:00 | HOMEWARD Bound |

Inclosure No. 2

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Conference(s) To Be Attended (Please check)

_____ Second National Congress on Special Needs Education
10-12 May 1999
Teachers Camp, Baguio City

_____ Third National Convention on Deaf Education
13-15 May 1999
Bulwagan sa Princesa, Puerto Princesa City
Palawan

Name: _____ Position: _____
School/Office: _____ Tel. No. _____
Division: _____ Region: _____
Residence: _____

If you are interested, please mail this back to the Special Education Division, Bureau of Elementary Education, 2/F Bonifacio Building, DECS Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City. Deadline for submission is April 30, 1999.