



*Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary*

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DECS MEMORANDUM

No. 306, s. 1999

**PSYSC-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR THE 1999 NATIONAL
SCIENCE CLUB MONTH CELEBRATION**

**TO: Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Heads of Private Schools**

1. The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs, (PSYSC) Inc., in partnership with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), announces the holding of activities, in celebration of, and pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 28 declaring September as the National Science Club Month (NSCM).

2. Consistent with the theme of the 1999 NSCM celebration, "**Science Clubbing for Life Skills Education in the Age of Information Technology**", this year's celebration aims to promote interest in the fields of Computer Science and Information Technology among the youth and to assess their knowledge and competency level in these fields through various activities.

3. Accordingly, this year's PSYSC-sponsored activities are the following:

- a. **1999 NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPICS – The Computer Challenge** shall have a regional elimination to be conducted in all regions. The national competition shall be held from September 23-25, 1999 at the UP ISMED Auditorium, UP Diliman, Quezon City. Participants are all interested secondary students nationwide.
- b. The **MANALO AT MATH-SCI-A-KA PSYSC Trivia Challenge** is a joint activity with ABS-CBN's *Sine'skwela*. The contest shall run from August 16 - September 10, 1999 and is open to all interested elementary pupils.
- c. **1999 NATIONAL SHORT STORY MAKING CONTEST** is open to all interested elementary pupils and the deadline of the submission of entries is on August 31, 1999.

4. Attached are the contest description, rules and mechanics. For more information, please refer to the PSYSC NSCM posters that will be disseminated to all DECS National, Regional and Division offices, DOST National and Regional offices and to all affiliated schools, or call the DECS Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs at Tel. Nos. 636-3603/631-8495 or the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs, Inc. at Tel. Nos. 433-9801/435-2586.

5. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is earnestly desired.

Andrew Gonzalez
ANDREW GONZALEZ, FSC
Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

Reference:
DECS Memorandum: No. 377, s. 1998

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

CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS
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CONTEST MECHANICS

A. 1999 NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPICS - THE COMPUTER CHALLENGE

1. This contest is open to all interested high school students.
2. Two members per science club shall comprise a team.
3. National qualifiers shall be chosen through a written examination to be conducted in the DECS regional or division office by the Regional and Division Science Supervisors.
4. Test questions and application forms shall be mailed by the National Secretariat of the Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs, Inc directly to the DECS personnel concerned.
5. Upon personal request of interested science club members, the DECS regional or division science supervisor concerned shall issue an application form and test question to each of the members of the team with a mark on the appropriate space of the time and date of receipt thereof. The DECS personnel shall also sign the application forms issued on the space provided.
6. The team shall answer the test questions separately and mail the same and the application form immediately on the same date as noted by the DECS personnel concerned. Failure to send the same on the reckoning date shall invalidate the entry.
7. Entries must be mailed (registered mail) to the NSCM '99 National Secretariat, Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs, Inc., 4-C VS1 Bldg., # 34 Kalayaan Avenue, 1101 Diliman, Quezon City.
8. Deadline of submission of entries (duly accomplished test questions and application forms) shall be on September 6, 1999.
9. Scoring shall be done by adding the respective scores of the members of the team. The team with the highest score shall be declared winner and shall represent the region in the National Science Olympics. A letter notifying the team winner shall be sent through mail.
10. The 1999 National Science Olympics – The Computer Challenge shall be composed of two phases, namely: a computer programming competition using the Pascal programming language and a quiz show competition.

B. MANALO AT MATH-SCI-A-KA - PSYSC Trivia Challenge

1. This contest is open to all *bonafide* pupils from Grades 4 to 6.
2. There will be three questions for every week.

Week 1	August 16 – 20, 1999
Week 2	August 23 – 27, 1999
Week 3	August 27 – September 3, 1999
Week 4	September 6 – 10, 1999
3. These questions will be flashed on TV after a *Sine'skwela* episode of ABS-CBN.
4. The pupil is required to answer one question in a week depending on his/her grade level (Grade 4 – Wednesday, Grade 5 - Thursday and Grade 6 – Friday).
5. Answers should be written on a sheet of paper with this format:

Name _____ Grade _____
School _____
School Address _____
Name of Science Club _____
Science Club Adviser _____
ANSWER _____

6. On the back of the envelope, write sender's name and the week number you intend to join.
7. Participants can send many entries but can win only once.
8. Send your entries to:

Manalo at Math-Sci-A-Ka

Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs
4-C VS1 Bldg, #34 Kalayaan Avenue, Diliman
1128 Quezon City

9. Entries received after September 24, 1999 will not be accepted.
10. There will be one winner for each week and one Grand Prize Winner.
11. There will only be one draw to determine all the winners on September 25, 1999 to coincide with the NSCM Awarding Ceremonies.

C. 1999 NATIONAL SHORT STORY MAKING CONTEST

1. This contest is open to all interested elementary science club members.
2. There will be two categories: English and Filipino.
3. The short story should revolve around computers or anything under information technology.
4. The entry should contain at least 500 words and a maximum of 1000 words.
5. A participant can send only one entry.
6. The entry should be on a standard short bond paper, typewritten or computyped and double-spaced.
7. Each entry should be prepared in 4 copies and should be submitted to the address:

1999 National Short Story Making Contest

Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs
4-C VS1 Bldg, #34 Kalayaan Avenue, Diliman
1101 Quezon City

Indicate school, grade, school address, science club and science club adviser.

8. The deadline for submission of entries is on August 31, 1999.
9. There will be two winners for each category.