



Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary

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SEVENTH NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

To: Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division/City Superintendents
Private Secondary Schools Principals
Vocational High Schools Principals

1. The Philippine Association of Secondary School Administrators (PASSA), in coordination with the Bureau of Secondary Education, announces the holding of its Seventh National Youth Congress at Teachers Camp, Baguio City on October 2-5, 2000. Registration is on October 2. The theme of the congress is "Decision-Making: Keystone of Student Leadership (Remember the Past, Live the Present, Create the Future).
2. The congress aims to help the student council leadership examine their personal strengths and opportunities, as well as the issues currently facing them, so that they may have the courage to make day-to-day responsible decisions. The theme shall be developed through plenary sessions and several workshop deliberations where the delegates are given the opportunity to appreciate the nuances of their major areas of concern: studies, friendships, career and work, and boy-girl relationship. As usual, there will be several cultural interventions, including competitions in music, writing, reading, speaking, and designing among the delegates, with special prizes at stake. Writing and designing are open to everyone, the rest shall be subject to regional eliminations during the congress.
3. Participants to this congress are officers of the student council, preferably from the senior and junior years, from the different PASSA member high schools nationwide. Teacher-advisers of the student councils are authorized to be with their respective student-participants. In case teacher-advisers cannot attend, guidance counselors may be authorized to take their place. Additional participants authorized to attend are the present members of the joint boards of directors of the three federated organizations of PASSA. They will manage the congress and act as resource persons for the workshops.
4. A registration fee of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Pesos (P3,800.00) shall be charged each student participant, guidance counselors, and/or teacher-advisers, members

of the joint board of directors of the three federated organizations of PASSA, and committee members from DECS and government schools, to cover conference materials, board and lodging, and other expenses chargeable against student funds, local school board, or office funds. Meals shall be served from the supper of October 2 until supper of October 5. Members of the different committees, as well as the present PASSA officials and board of directors, are authorized to travel two days before the congress.

5. Participants are requested to bring a documentary report on the Student Council activities and accomplishments for 1999-2000. These will serve as initial bases for a national student council recognition exercise.

6. In view of the educational importance of this gathering to the youth participants, this Office encourages school officials to allow their respective school counselors and/or teacher-advisers of the student council to attend.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum to all concerned is desired.

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